
**Protective clothing — Protection
against liquid chemicals —
Measurement of repellency, retention,
and penetration of liquid pesticide
formulations through protective
clothing materials**

*Vêtements de protection — Protection contre les produits chimiques
liquides — Mesurage de la répulsion, de la rétention et de la
pénétration des formulations de pesticides liquides à travers les
matériaux des vêtements de protection*



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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22608:2004), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- thickness of the specimen holder;
- test condition;
- extraction procedure options and extraction efficiency requirement;
- inclusion of an [Annex A](#) for repeatability and reliability.

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Introduction

The health and safety of workers involved in the mixing, loading and application of liquid pesticides can be affected by dermal exposure to liquid pesticide formulations. Use of protective clothing can assist in minimizing the danger of contact with potentially harmful pesticides

The movement of liquid pesticides through these materials is primarily due to penetration through spaces between fibres and interstices between yarns. As these materials provide protection either by repelling or retaining liquid pesticides, the measurement of these properties is also important. This test method is used to measure the repellency, retention, and penetration of liquid pesticides through protective clothing materials.

For repeatability and reliability, see [Annex A](#).

Protective clothing — Protection against liquid chemicals — Measurement of repellency, retention, and penetration of liquid pesticide formulations through protective clothing materials

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to measure the repellency, retention and penetration of a known volume of liquid pesticide when applied to a protective clothing material. No external hydrostatic or mechanical pressure is applied to the test specimen during or after the application of the liquid pesticide.

The degree of contamination depends on numerous factors such as the type of exposure, application technique, and pesticide formulation. As the level of exposure can vary considerably, this method is designed to rate the relative performance of personal protective equipment (PPE) materials at two levels of contamination. Low level of contamination is achieved by applying 0,1 ml of liquid formulation and high level by applying 0,2 ml.

This test method does not measure the resistance to permeation or degradation.

This test method is suitable for field strength and concentrated pesticide formulations. This method may not be suitable for testing protective clothing materials against volatile pesticide formulations.

This document is applicable to the evaluation of materials that are new or those that have undergone treatment such as laundering or simulated abrasion. Details of the treatment shall be reported. This test method can also be used to determine the resistance provided by protective clothing materials against penetration of new pesticide formulations.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes — Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

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