
**High-efficiency filters and filter media
for removing particles in air —**

**Part 5:
Test method for filter elements**

*Filtres à haut rendement et filtres pour l'élimination des particules
dans l'air —*

Partie 5: Méthode d'essai des éléments filtrants



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 29463-5:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- normative references have been updated;
- [Annex C](#) has been revised.

A list of all parts in the ISO 29463 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

The ISO 29463 series is derived from the EN 1822 series with extensive changes to meet the requests from non-European participating members (P-members). It contains requirements, fundamental principles of testing and the marking for high-efficiency particulate air filters with efficiencies from 95 % to 99,999 995 % that can be used for classifying filters in general or for specific use by agreement between users and suppliers.

The ISO 29463 series establishes a procedure for the determination of the efficiency of all filters on the basis of a particle counting method using a liquid (or alternatively a solid) test aerosol, and allows a standardized classification of these filters in terms of their efficiency, both local and overall efficiency, which actually covers most requirements of different applications. The difference between the ISO 29463 series and other national standards lies in the technique used for the determination of the overall efficiency. Instead of mass relationships or total concentrations, this technique is based on particle counting at the MPPS, which is, for micro-glass filter mediums, usually in the range of 0,12 µm to 0,25 µm. This method also allows testing ultra-low-penetration air filters, which was not possible with the previous test methods because of their inadequate sensitivity. For membrane filter media, separate rules apply and are described in [Annex B](#). Although no equivalent test procedures for testing filters with charged media is prescribed, a method for dealing with these types of filters is described in [Annex C](#). Specific requirements for testing method, frequency, and reporting requirements can be modified by agreement between users and suppliers. For lower-efficiency filters (group H, as described in [4.2](#)), alternate leak test methods are described in ISO 29463-4:2011, Annex A.

There are differences between the ISO 29463 series and other normative practices common in several countries. For example, many of these rely on total aerosol concentrations rather than individual particles. For information, a brief summary of these methods and their reference standards are provided in [Annex D](#).

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Part 5: Test method for filter elements

1 Scope

This document specifies the test methods for determining the efficiency of filters at their most penetrating particle size (MPPS). It also gives guidelines for the testing and classification for filters with an MPPS of less than 0,1 μm ([Annex B](#)) and filters using media with (charged) synthetic fibres ([Annex C](#)). It is intended for use in conjunction with ISO 29463-1, ISO 29463-2, ISO 29463-3 and ISO 29463-4.

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 5167-1, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 1: General principles and requirements*

ISO 16890-4, *Air filters for general ventilation — Part 4: Conditioning method to determine the minimum fractional test efficiency*

ISO 21501-4, *Determination of particle size distribution — Single particle light interaction methods — Part 4: Light scattering airborne particle counter for clean spaces*

ISO 29463-1:2017, *High efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles from air — Part 1: Classification, performance, testing and marking*

ISO 29463-2:2011, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 2: Aerosol production, measuring equipment and particle-counting statistics*

ISO 29463-3, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 3: Testing flat sheet filter media*

ISO 29463-4:2011, *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air — Part 4: Test method for determining leakage of filter elements-Scan method*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 29463-1, ISO 29463-2, ISO 29463-3, ISO 29463-4, and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>