
**Fans — Vocabulary and definitions of
categories —**

**Part 2:
Categories**

*Ventilateurs — Vocabulaire et définitions des catégories —
Partie 2: Catégories*



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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- document split into two parts: Vocabulary and Categories;
- [Clause 3](#) revised to refer to ISO 13349-1;
- positions of the illustrations modified;
- editorial errors corrected.

A list of all parts in the ISO 13349 series can be found on the ISO website.

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Introduction

This document reflects the importance of a standardized approach to the terminology of fans.

The need for an International Standard has been evident for some considerable time. To take just one example, the coding of driving arrangements differs from manufacturer to manufacturer. What one currently calls arrangement no. 1 can be known by another as arrangement no. 3. The confusion for the customer is only too apparent. For similar reasons, it is essential to use standardized nomenclature to identify particular parts of a fan.

Wherever possible, in the interests of international comprehension, this document is in agreement with similar documents produced by Eurovent, AMCA, VDMA (Germany), AFNOR (France) and UNI (Italy). They have, however, been built on where the need for amplification was apparent.

Use of this document will lead to greater understanding among all parts of the air-moving industry. This document is intended for use by manufacturers, consultants and contractors.

Fans — Vocabulary and definitions of categories —

Part 2: Categories

1 Scope

This document defines categories in the field of fans used for all purposes.

It is not applicable to electrical safety.

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 5801, *Fans — Performance testing using standardized airways*

ISO 13349-1, *Fans — Vocabulary and definitions of categories — Part 1: Fans—Vocabulary*

ISO 13351, *Fans — Dimensions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 5167-1, ISO 5801 and ISO 13349-1 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/>

4 Symbols and units

4.1 Symbols

The following symbols and primary units for the parameters listed apply.

Parameter	Symbol	Unit
Volume flow rate	q_V	m ³ /s
Fan pressure	p_F	Pa
Power	P	W
Torque	τ	Nm

NOTE 1 For sound units, see ISO 13347-1.

NOTE 2 For efficiency units, see ISO 5801.