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**Information technology — Office  
equipment — Determination of chemical  
emission rates from electronic equipment**

*Technologies de l'information — Équipement de bureau —  
Détermination des taux d'émission chimique d'un équipement  
électronique*

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 28360:2012), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

Globally, governmental agencies, academic institutions, environmental organizations and manufacturers have developed methods to determine chemical emissions from electronic equipment. These attempts however, resulted in a range of tests from which the results are not necessarily comparable, either qualitatively or quantitatively.

Following the publications of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of ECMA-328 and the “Test method for the determination of emissions from Hard Copy Devices” (RAL-UZ 122), experts from the BAM and Ecma have collaborated to harmonise methods to determine the chemical emission rates from ICT & CE equipment in this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

In addition to stricter test procedures, the second edition uses generalised emission formulae, and their derivations developed in Annex C, to calculate emission rates from concentrations of analytes that are measured in Emission Test Chambers.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was fully aligned with the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of ISO/IEC 28360:2007 adopted under ISO/IEC JTC 1's fast track procedure and published in September 2007.

In addition, the 4<sup>th</sup> edition fixes a number of errata on ISO/IEC 28360:2007 that JTC 1/SC 28 identified.

Following the publications of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of ECMA-328 and the “Test method for the determination of emissions from Hard Copy Devices” (RAL-UZ 122), experts from the BAM, WKI, JBMIA and Ecma have collaborated to harmonise methods to determine the Fine Particle (FP) and Ultrafine Particle (UFP) emissions from hard copy devices in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition.

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of ECMA-328 was aligned with the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of ISO/IEC 28360:2012, and it added a new ozone calculation method. “Test method for the determination of emission from Hard Copy Devices” (RAL-UZ 122) has been replaced by “Test method for the determination of emission from Hard Copy Devices” (RAL-UZ 171) published in January 2013. Therefore, “RAL-UZ 122 option” is replaced with “RAL-UZ 171 option” in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition.

# Information technology — Office equipment — Determination of chemical emission rates from electronic equipment

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods to determine chemical emission rates of [Analyte](#) from [ICT & CE equipment](#) during intended operation in an Emission Test Chamber ([ETC](#)).

The methods comprise preparation, sampling (or monitoring) in a controlled ETC, storage and analysis, calculation and reporting of emission rates.

This International Standard includes specific methods for equipment using consumables, such as printers, and equipment not using consumables, such as monitors and PC's. Annex A specifies monochrome and colour print patterns for use in the operating phase of EUT using [consumables \(e.g. paper\)](#).

Examples of EUT that do not use consumables are:

- Monitors and TV sets (CRT, Plasma, LCD, Rear projector, Beamer).
- Video (VCR, DVD Player/Recorder, Camcorder).
- SAT Receiver (Set-Top Box).
- Audio units (CD Player/Recorder, Home theatre Systems, Audio Home Systems, Micro-/Mini, Midi Systems, Amplifier, Receiver).
- Portable Audio (CD Player, MP 3 Player, Radio recorder, Clock radio etc).
- Computer (desktop, tower, server), portable computers (Notebooks).

Emission rates from EUT using consumables may also be determined according to additional requirements identified by "RAL-UZ 171 Option".

Calculations use the generalised model and approximations thereof as developed in Annex C.

The emission rates determined with this method may be used to compare equipment in the same class.

Predictions of "real indoor" *concentrations* from the determined *emission rates* are outside the scope of this International Standard.

## 2 Conformance

Determinations of emission rates and total number of emitted particles conform to this International Standard when:

1. Executed using a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Quality Assurance and Quality Control as specified in ISO 16000-9;
2. Tested in a controlled ETC as specified in [Clause 7](#);
3. Sampled/monitored and calculated as specified in [Clause 8](#) and Annex B;

4. Reported as specified in [Clause 9](#).

For EUT using consumables, determinations according to additional requirements identified by “RAL-UZ 171 Option” herein conform to the RAL-UZ 171 Option.

### 3 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ECMA-74, *Measurement of Airborne Noise emitted by Information Technology and Telecommunications Equipment*

ISO 554:1976, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing – Specifications*

ISO 13655:1996, *Graphic technology – Spectral Measurements and colorimetric computation for graphic arts images*

ISO 16000-3:2001, *Indoor air – Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds – Active sampling method*

ISO 16000-6:2011, *Indoor air – Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and chamber air by active sampling on TENAX TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS/FID*

ISO 16000-9:2006, *Indoor air – Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing – Emission test chamber method*

ISO 16017-1:2000, *Indoor ambient and workplace air - Sampling and analysis of volatile organic compounds by sorbent tube / thermal desorption / capillary gas chromatography – Part 1: Pumped sampling*

EN 55013:2013, *Sound and Television Broadcast Receivers and associated equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods for measurement*

CIE 15:2004, *Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage – Colorimetry, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition*

### 4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 4.1

##### **averaged concentration time series**

simple Moving Average of total particle number concentration (Cp) over 31±3 seconds

#### 4.2

##### **averaged ozone concentration time series**

Simple Moving Average of ozone concentration (Co3) over 80±5 seconds

#### 4.3

##### **aerosol**

[suspension](#) of fine [solid](#) particles and/or [liquid](#) droplets in a [gas](#)

#### 4.4

##### **aerosol measuring system**

##### **AMS**

device for measuring the total number concentration of aerosol particles within a size range at a certain frequency