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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 94, *Personal safety — Protective clothing and equipment*, Subcommittee SC 15, *Respiratory protective devices*.

ISO 16900 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment*:

— *Part 1: Determination of inward leakage*

— *Part 2: Determination of breathing resistance*

— *Part 3: Determination of particle filter penetration*

— *Part 4: Determination of gas filter capacity and migration, desorption and carbon monoxide dynamic testing*

— *Part 5: Breathing machine, metabolic simulator, RPD headforms and torso, tools and verification tools*

— *Part 6: Mechanical resistance/strength of components and connections*

— *Part 7: Practical performance test methods*

— *Part 8: Measurement of RPD air flow rates of assisted filtering RPD*

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— *Part 11: Determination of field of vision*

— *Part 12: Determination of volume-averaged work of breathing and peak respiratory pressures*

— *Part 13: RPD using regenerated breathable gas and special application mining escape RPD; Consolidated test for gas concentration, temperature, humidity, work of breathing, breathing resistance, elastance and duration*

— *Part 14: Measurement of sound level*

Introduction

This test method, as part of ISO 16900, is specified for respiratory protective devices (RPD) or parts of RPD that are intended to comply with RPD performance standards. If deviations from the test method given in this part of ISO 16900 are necessary, these deviations will be specified in the performance standards.

The following definitions apply in understanding how to implement an ISO International Standard and other normative ISO deliverables (TS, PAS, IWA):

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Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment —

Part 6: Mechanical resistance/strength of components and connections

1 Scope

This part of ISO 16900 specifies the method of test for the mechanical resistance and strength of components of respiratory protective devices.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 16972, *Respiratory protective devices — Terms, definitions, graphical symbols and units of measurement*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16972 and the following apply.

3.1
ready for assembly state
components with seals, plugs or other environmental protective means, if applicable, still in place

3.2
ready for use state
state of the complete, but not necessarily fully assembled RPD, which allows the immediate start of the donning procedure as described by the manufacturer

4 Prerequisites

In order to implement this part of ISO 16900, the following parameters should at least be specified in the relevant performance standard.

— Test method(s) to be used (reference taken from Table 1).

— Number of specimens.

— Status of samples or specimen for testing, e.g. preconditioned, as received, ready for use state.

— Any deviations from the test methods.

5 General test requirements

Unless otherwise specified, the values stated in this part of ISO 16900 are expressed as nominal values. Except for temperature limits, values which are not stated as maxima or minima shall be subject to a tolerance of ±5 %. Unless otherwise specified, the ambient conditions for testing shall be between 16 °C