
Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments —

**Part 14:
Assessment of suitability for use
of equipment by airborne particle
concentration**

Salles propres et environnements maîtrisés apparentés —

*Partie 14: Évaluation de l'aptitude à l'emploi des équipements par
la détermination de la concentration de particules en suspension
dans l'air*



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Foreword

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Introduction

Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments provide for the control of contamination to levels appropriate for accomplishing contamination-sensitive activities. Products and processes that benefit from the control of contamination include those in such industries as aerospace, microelectronics, optics, nuclear and life sciences (pharmaceuticals, medical devices, food and healthcare).

This part of ISO 14644 links the cleanroom classification of air cleanliness by particle concentration to the suitability of equipment for use in cleanrooms and associated controlled environments.

Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments —

Part 14:

Assessment of suitability for use of equipment by airborne particle concentration

1 Scope

This part of ISO 14644 specifies a methodology to assess the suitability of equipment (e.g. machinery, measuring equipment, process equipment, components and tools) for use in cleanrooms and associated controlled environments, with respect to airborne particle cleanliness as specified in ISO 14644-1. Particle sizes range from 0,1 μm to equal to or larger than 5 μm (given in ISO 14644-1).

NOTE Where regulatory agencies impose supplementary guidelines or restrictions, appropriate adaptation of the assessment methodology can be required.

The following items are not covered by this part of ISO 14644:

- assessment of suitability with respect to biocontamination;
- testing for suitability of decontamination agents and techniques;
- cleanability of equipment and materials;
- requirements on design of equipment and selection of materials;
- physical properties of materials (e.g. electrostatic, thermal properties);
- optimizing performance of equipment for specific process applications;
- selection and use of statistical methods for testing;
- protocols and requirements for local safety regulations.

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 14644-1:2015, *Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments — Part 1: Classification of air cleanliness by particle concentration*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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cleanliness

condition not exceeding a specified level of contamination