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**Gaseous fire-extinguishing systems —  
Physical properties and system  
design —**

**Part 10:  
HFC 23 extinguishant**

*Systèmes d'extinction d'incendie utilisant des agents gazeux —  
Propriétés physiques et conception des systèmes —*

*Partie 10: Agent extincteur HFC 23*



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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 14520-10:2005), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- added reference to [Table 8](#) and [Table 9](#) for 41 bar and 70 bar systems in [6.1](#);
- added [Table 9](#) for 70 bar storage container characteristics data;
- added [Figure 2](#), pressure vs temperature chart for 70 bar system;
- added [Clause 7](#).

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# Gaseous fire-extinguishing systems — Physical properties and system design —

## Part 10: HFC 23 extinguishant

### 1 Scope

This document contains specific requirements for gaseous fire-extinguishing systems, with respect to the HFC 23 extinguishant. It includes details of physical properties, specification, usage and safety aspects and is applicable to systems operating at a nominal pressure of 41 bar without nitrogen superpressurization and 70 bar superpressurized with nitrogen.

### 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 14520-1:2015, *Gaseous fire-extinguishing systems — Physical properties and system design — Part 1: General requirements*.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14520-1 apply.

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

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

### 4 Characteristics and uses

#### 4.1 General

Extinguishant HFC 23 shall comply with the specification shown in [Table 1](#).

HFC 23 is a colourless, almost odourless, electrically non-conductive gas with a density approximately 2,4 times that of air.

The physical properties are shown in [Table 2](#).

HFC 23 extinguishes fires mainly by physical means, also by some chemical means.