
**Compressed air — Contaminant
measurement —**

**Part 4:
Particle content**

*Air comprimé — Mesurage des polluants —
Partie 4: Teneur en particules*



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8573-4:2001), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical corrigendum ISO 8573-4:2001/Cor.1:2002.

A list of all parts in the ISO 8573 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

Particles are a common contaminant in compressed air and this document details the correct sampling methodology and assists the user in selecting equipment and instrumentation and the determination of particle size and concentration.

In addition, it is to be used to assess compressed air purity such that the purity class can be stated in accordance with ISO 8573-1 for particles of Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and can be used only by agreement between consenting parties when measurements to purity Class 0 are to be performed.

This document does not detail the methods to be used to determine the mass concentration of particles as required for the particle purity Classes of 6, 7 and *X* as detailed in ISO 8573-1 of the series, for which ISO 8573-8 is required.

Historically it was the intention to only consider solid particles for the purposes of the particle purity class measurement. The detection methods detailed here however are not substance selective and thus this standard reports all particles present in the compressed air within the size ranges measured.

By reference to the other standards in the ISO 8573 series the component parts of the particle concentration can be assessed e.g. oil, water or solid particles. Solid particles may also include debris, carbonaceous matter and viable microorganisms.

The annexes of this document provide general guidance to the types of equipment available to the user for the measurement of particle concentration in compressed air.

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Part 4: Particle content

1 Scope

This document provides a method for sampling compressed air and a guide for choosing suitable measuring equipment to determine its particle size and concentration by number (to be referenced as “concentration” throughout this document). It also describes the limitations of the various measurement methods and describes the evaluation and uncertainty considerations.

This document will report the particle size and concentration of all types of particle combined and does not aim to be able to segregate the separate solid and liquid particle fractions. When it is required that the concentration of a specific fraction is to be determined then recourse to the relevant standard method from the ISO 8573 series is recommended.

NOTE 1 The test methods described in this document are those suitable for determining the purity classes given in ISO 8573-1.

NOTE 2 Particle content determined as concentration by mass is dealt with in ISO 8573-8.

NOTE 3 This document does not address instances where non-isothermal conditions exist, and separate arrangements should be made where particles may be formed by vapour condensation or lost through evaporation.

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 3857-4, *Compressors, pneumatic tools and machines — Vocabulary — Part 4: Air treatment*

ISO 8573-1, *Compressed air — Part 1: Contaminants and purity classes*

ISO 21501-1, *Determination of particle size distribution — Single particle light interaction methods — Part 1: Light scattering aerosol spectrometer*

ISO 21501-4, *Determination of particle size distribution — Single particle light interaction methods — Part 4: Light scattering airborne particle counter for clean spaces*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3857-4 and ISO 8573-1 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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