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## Introduction

Welding and allied processes generate fume and gases, which, if inhaled, can be harmful to human health. Control is often required to maintain exposure at acceptable levels and this can be achieved by capturing the fume and gases using local exhaust ventilation (LEV), which consists of a capture device, such as a captor hood or nozzle, connected, via ducting, to an exhaust system.

The plume of welding fume rises at a velocity of about 0,3 m/s and the air draughts commonly encountered in workshops are of the same order and can be higher. Effective capture of welding fume and gases can only be achieved when the extracted air velocity at the emission point exceeds the resulting velocity of the draught and the plume, so a velocity of 0,4 m/s has been selected for testing. For a particular capture device, this capture velocity can only be achieved by applying a minimum air volume flow rate, which is dependent upon the aspect ratio, the cross-sectional area of the device and its distance from the emission point. Consequently, capture devices need to be used with exhaust systems that provide, at least, the minimum air volume flow rate.

The design of capture devices can be very different. Aspect ratios range from those applicable to circular hoods to those of slots, so the size and shape of the area (capture zone) where fume and gases are captured, while using the minimum air volume flow rate, also varies considerably. Therefore, this part of ISO 15012 requires manufacturers of capture devices to measure the minimum air volume flow rate at measurement points selected to give an estimate of the size and shape of the capture zone.

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## Part 2: Determination of the minimum air volume flow rate of captor hoods and nozzles

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15012 specifies a method for establishing the minimum air volume flow rate required for captor hoods and nozzles to effectively capture fume and gases from welding and allied processes. The method can be used with capture devices of any aspect ratio and cross-sectional area, but it is not applicable to on-gun extraction systems and down draught tables.

This part of ISO 15012 also specifies the test data to be marked on the capture devices.

### 2 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.

ISO 12100-1, *Safety of machinery — Basic concepts, general principles for design — Part 1: Basic terminology, methodology*

ISO 12100-2, *Safety of machinery — Basic concepts, general principles for design — Part 2: Technical principles*