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**Compressed air — Contaminant  
measurement —**

Part 2:  
**Oil aerosol content**

*Air comprimé — Mesurage de contaminants —  
Partie 2: Teneur en aérosols d'huile*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 8573-2:2007), which has been technically revised.

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## Introduction

This document requires the use of solvents to extract the oil captured on the sampling disc used in the sampling process. As a result of world-wide agreements such as the Montreal Protocol on the reduction of ozone depleting substances, a number of solvents used, for example 1,1,2 trichlorotrifluoroethane (TCTFE) have become subject to application restrictions. The revision of this document in 2007 did not identify a solvent but indicated the required characteristics.

This revision introduces the use of equipment that does not require the use of specific solvents and also an alternative solvent with reduced properties for the current method.

This revision will also include guidance to methods which provide an indication of oil aerosol content in compressed air.

# Compressed air — Contaminant measurement —

## Part 2: Oil aerosol content

### 1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for the sampling and quantitative analysis of liquid oil and oil aerosols that can typically be present in compressed air. Test methods for oil vapour are excluded from this document as they are covered by ISO 8573-5.

Two different methods are described, Method A and Method B. Method B is subdivided into two parts to clearly distinguish between procedures for obtaining the quantity of oil for analysis.

Method A describes an oil collection technique using inline coalescing filters whereas Method B utilizes sampling discs in a holder from which the collected oil is extracted with a solvent and analysed by infrared spectrometry or gas chromatography with flame ionization detection.

This document also includes descriptions of alternative oil aerosol detection by the use of indicator type devices, see [Annex E](#).

### 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 8573-5, *Compressed air — Part 5: Test methods for oil vapour and organic solvent content*

ISO 12500-1, *Filters for compressed air — Test methods — Part 1: Oil aerosols*

DIN 32645, *Chemical analysis — Decision limit, detection limit and determination limit under repeatability conditions - Terms, methods, evaluation*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

### 4 Units

General use of SI units as given throughout this document is recommended, see ISO 80000-1. However, in agreement with accepted practice in the pneumatic field, some non-preferred SI units, accepted by ISO, are also used.