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The main changes are as follows:

- equipment for RPD headforms specified to use illuminated eyes;
- mounting the RPD in [8.3](#) more specified;
- [Figure 1](#) changed to use headforms according to ISO 16900-5;
- in [Table 1](#) the total visual field score (VFS) and the number of critical dots were added;
- application of uncertainty of measurement former [Annex A](#) was deleted;
- figures revised where appropriate.

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Introduction

This document is intended as a supplement to the respiratory protective devices (RPD) performance standards. Test methods are specified for complete devices or parts of devices. If deviations from the test method given in this document are necessary, these deviations will be specified in the performance standards.

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Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment —

Part 11: Determination of field of vision

1 Scope

This document specifies the laboratory test method for determining the field of vision for a respiratory protective device (RPD).

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 16972, *Respiratory protective devices — Vocabulary and graphical symbols*

ISO 16900-5:2016/Amd 1:2018, *Respiratory protective devices — Methods of test and test equipment — Part 5: Breathing machine, metabolic simulator, RPD headforms and torso, tools and verification tools — Amendment 1: RPD headforms front and side view*

ISO 17420-3, *Respiratory protective devices — Performance requirements — Part 3: Thread connection*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16972 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardisation at the following addresses:

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

3.1

apertometer

extended hemispherical dome for measuring the angular area of the field of vision (peripheral isopter) of an RPD when mounted on a headform

3.2

peripheral isopter

field of vision while wearing an RPD

Note 1 to entry: The peripheral isopter is indicated by the lighted area.

Note 2 to entry: The peripheral isopter is measured by a solid line connecting the points.