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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Arizona test dust*
- *Part 2: Aluminium oxide test dust*

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- *Part 3: Soot aerosol*

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Introduction

This part of 12103 specifies four grades of test dusts made from Arizona desert sand composed of naturally occurring compounds which motor vehicles are commonly subjected to. These test dusts are used to determine performance of filtration systems. Due to the abrasive characteristics of these materials, they have also been used in wear studies involving bearings, internal combustion engines and fuel injection systems, seals, fan blades, windshield wipers, etc.

This part of ISO 12103 specifies particle size distribution of four grades of test dust by volume percent as opposed to number characterization.

Dusts complying with volume distribution specified in this part of ISO 12103 are not appropriate for calibration of particle counters. For this purpose, refer to ISO 11171.

This is an Arizona Test Dust standard, not other region document. Other dusts and documents can be brought forward to the committee to be developed into a standard.