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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Whole vehicle test chamber — Specification and method for the determination of volatile organic compounds in cabin interiors*
- *Part 2: Screening method for the determination of the emissions of volatile organic compounds from vehicle interior parts and materials — Bag method*
- *Part 3: Screening method for the determination of the emissions of volatile organic compounds from vehicle interior parts and materials — Micro-scale chamber method*
- *Part 4: Screening method for the determination of the emissions of volatile organic compounds from vehicle interior parts and materials — Small chamber method*

The following part is under preparation:

- *Part 5: Screening method for the determination of the emissions of volatile organic compounds from vehicle interior parts and materials — Static chamber method*

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Introduction

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are widely used in industry and may be emitted by many everyday products and materials. They have attracted attention in recent years because of their impact on indoor air quality. After homes and workplaces, people spend a lot of time in their vehicles. It is important to determine the material emissions of interior parts and to reduce them to an acceptable level, if required. Therefore it is necessary to obtain comprehensive and reliable information about the types of organic compounds in the interior air of vehicles and also their concentrations.

Monitoring emissions from vehicle trim components can be performed in several ways and the approach selected depends upon the desired outcome and the material type. For example, to obtain emissions data from complete assemblies (e.g. a dashboard or seat), it is necessary to employ emissions chambers or bags that have sufficient volume to house the complete assembly (typically $>1 \text{ m}^3$). Such tests may take several hours or even days to perform, depending on specified equilibration times and the requirements of the relevant test protocol.

This part of ISO 12219 outlines a method of measuring the types and levels of VOCs emitted using micro-scale chambers (References [2]–[4]). These allow qualitative and semiquantitative screening of product emissions after only minutes, rather than hours or days, of equilibration. Their capacity is limited so they are best suited to small assemblies or representative samples of homogeneous vehicle interior parts and materials. Multiple test specimens can also be readily evaluated from the same sample if required. Micro-scale chambers can provide an ideal quick screening tool for quality control of production and other in-house tests by manufacturers. They offer a complementary approach to large chamber or sampling bag approaches.

ISO 16000-3, ISO 16000-5,^[5] ISO 16000-6, ISO 16000-9,^[6] ISO 16000-10,^[7] ISO 16000-11,^[8] ISO 16000-24,^[9] ISO 16000-25,^[10] as well as ISO 16017-1^[11] and ISO 16017-2,^[12] also focus on VOC measurements.