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*Partie 2: Acides volatils, sauf acide fluorhydrique (acide chlorhydrique,
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- *Part 1: Non volatile acids (sulfuric acid and phosphoric acid)*
- *Part 2: Volatile acids, except hydrofluoric acid (hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid and nitric acid)*
- *Part 3: Hydrofluoric acid and particulate fluorides*

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Introduction

The health of workers in many industries is at risk through exposure by inhalation of volatile inorganic acids. Industrial hygienists and other public health professionals need to determine the effectiveness of measures taken to control workers' exposure, and this is generally achieved by making workplace air measurements. This part of ISO 21438 has been published in order to make available a method for making valid exposure measurements for volatile inorganic acids in use in industry, such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid and nitric acid, but excluding hydrofluoric acid. It is intended to be of benefit to: agencies concerned with health and safety at work; industrial hygienists and other public health professionals; analytical laboratories; industrial users of hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid and nitric acid and their workers, etc.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this part of ISO 21438 that the execution of its provisions and the interpretation of the results obtained are entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people.