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distribution and number concentration
using differential electrical mobility
analysing systems**

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Foreword

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Introduction

Within occupational hygiene, aerosol concentrations have been traditionally measured in terms of mass concentrations. For some ultrafine aerosols and nanoaerosols, other exposure metrics such as the number and surface area concentration are likely to become important for predicting health effects, depending on chemical and physical properties. This International Standard provides a method for determining the number concentration and size distribution of ultrafine aerosols and nanoaerosols at workplaces by using differential mobility analysing systems (DMASs). This can be used by occupational hygienists and researchers to measure the concentration at some workplaces. The system is generally not suitable for personal exposure measurements.