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*Partie 1: Classification, essais de performance et marquage*



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## Foreword

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ISO 29463-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 142, *Cleaning equipment for air and other gases*.

ISO 29463 consists of the following parts, under the general title *High-efficiency filters and filter media for removing particles in air*.

- *Part 1: Classification, performance, testing and marking*
- *Part 2: Aerosol production, measuring equipment, particle-counting statistics*
- *Part 3: Testing flat sheet filter media*
- *Part 4: Test method for determining leakage of filter element — Scan method*
- *Part 5: Test method for filter elements*

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## Introduction

ISO 29463 (all parts) is derived from EN 1822 (all parts) with extensive changes to meet the requests from non-EU p-members. It contains requirements, fundamental principles of testing and the marking for high-efficiency particulate air filters with efficiencies from 95 % to 99,999 995 % that can be used for classifying filters in general or for specific use by agreement between users and suppliers.

ISO 29463 (all parts) establishes a procedure for the determination of the efficiency of all filters on the basis of a particle counting method using a liquid (or alternatively a solid) test aerosol, and allows a standardized classification of these filters in terms of their efficiency, both local and overall efficiency, which actually covers most requirements of different applications. The difference between ISO 29463 (all parts) and other national standards lies in the technique used for the determination of the overall efficiency. Instead of mass relationships or total concentrations, this technique is based on particle counting at the most penetrating particle size (MPPS), which, for micro-glass filter mediums, is usually in the range of 0,12 µm to 0,25 µm. This method also allows testing ultra-low penetration air filters, which was not possible with the previous test methods because of their inadequate sensitivity. For membrane filter media, separate rules apply; they are described in ISO 29463-5:2011, Annex B. Although no equivalent test procedures for testing filters with charged media is prescribed, a method for dealing with these types of filters is described in ISO 29463-5:2011, Annex C. Specific requirements for test method, frequency, and reporting requirements can be modified by agreement between supplier and customer. For lower-efficiency filters (group H, as described below), alternate leak test methods noted in ISO 29463-4:2011, Annex A, can be used by specific agreement between users and suppliers, but only if the use of these other methods is clearly designated in the filter markings as noted in ISO 29463-4:2011, Annex A. Although the methods prescribed in this part of ISO 29463 can be generally used to determine filter performance for nano-size particles, testing or classification of filters for nano-size particles is beyond the scope of this part of ISO 29463 (see Annex A for additional information).

There are differences between ISO 29463 (all parts) and other normative practices common in several countries. For example, many of these rely on total aerosol concentrations rather than individual particles. For information, a brief summary of these methods and their reference standards are provided in ISO 29463-5:2011, Annex A.