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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 8178-1:2017), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- addition of provision to use alternative systems for ammonia analysis;
- improvement of weighing chamber and analytical balance specifications;
- insertion of general section on measurement instruments;
- revision of particle number measurement system requirements;
- addition concentration and expiration date for analytical gases;
- revision of the annex on carbon flow check;
- addition of the 1980 international gravity formula.

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## Introduction

This document is intended for use as a measurement procedure to determine the gaseous and particulate emission levels of reciprocating internal combustion (RIC) engines for non-automotive use. Its purpose is to provide an engine's emissions characteristics which, through use of proper weighting factors and test cycles, can be used as an indication of that engine's emission levels under various applications and for different fuels. The emission results are expressed in units of grams per kilowatt-hour and represent the rate of emissions per unit of work accomplished.

Many of the procedures described in this document are detailed accounts of laboratory methods, since determining an emissions value requires performing a complex set of individual measurements, rather than obtaining a single measured value. Thus, the results obtained depend as much on the process of performing the measurements as they depend on the engine and test method.

Evaluating emissions from non-road engines is more complicated than the same task for on-road engines due to the diversity of non-road applications. For example, on-road applications primarily consist of moving a load from one point to another on a paved roadway. The constraints of the paved roadways, maximum acceptable pavement loads and maximum allowable grades of fuel, narrow the scope of on-road vehicle and engine sizes. Non-road engines and vehicles include a wider range of size, including the engines that power the equipment. Many of the engines are large enough to preclude the application of test equipment and methods that were acceptable for on-road purposes. In cases where the application of dynamometers is not possible, testing at site or under appropriate conditions can be a viable alternative.

In limited instances, the engine can be tested on the test bed in accordance with ISO 8178-2, to test in field conditions. This can only occur with the agreement of the parties involved. It should be recognized that data obtained under these circumstances may not agree completely with previous or future data obtained under the auspices of this document.

For engines used in machinery covered by additional requirements (e.g. occupational health and safety regulations, regulations for power plants), additional test conditions and special evaluation methods may apply.

Where it is not possible to use a test bed or where information is required on the actual emissions produced by an in-service engine, the site test procedures and calculation methods specified in ISO 8178-2 are appropriate.