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## Introduction

Particles are a common contaminant in compressed air and this document details the correct sampling methodology and assists the user in selecting equipment and instrumentation and the determination of particle size and concentration.

In addition, it is to be used to assess compressed air purity such that the purity class can be stated in accordance with ISO 8573-1 for particles of Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and can be used only by agreement between consenting parties when measurements to purity Class 0 are to be performed.

This document does not detail the methods to be used to determine the mass concentration of particles as required for the particle purity Classes of 6, 7 and *X* as detailed in ISO 8573-1 of the series, for which ISO 8573-8 is required.

Historically it was the intention to only consider solid particles for the purposes of the particle purity class measurement. The detection methods detailed here however are not substance selective and thus this standard reports all particles present in the compressed air within the size ranges measured.

By reference to the other standards in the ISO 8573 series the component parts of the particle concentration can be assessed e.g. oil, water or solid particles. Solid particles may also include debris, carbonaceous matter and viable microorganisms.

The annexes of this document provide general guidance to the types of equipment available to the user for the measurement of particle concentration in compressed air.