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Part 6: Test protocol for false floors and false ceilings for automatic nozzle systems

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The UK committee also has a concern to the degree of reliance on the design, installation, operation and maintenance (DIOM) manual to constrain critical parameters with regard to the whole EN 14972 series of documents.

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- *Part 4: Test protocol for non-storage occupancies for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 5: Test protocol for car garages for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 6: Test protocol for false floors and false ceilings for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 7: Test protocol for commercial low hazard occupancies for automatic nozzle systems;*
- *Part 8: Test protocol for machinery in enclosures exceeding 260 m³ for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 9: Test protocol for machinery in enclosures not exceeding 260 m³ for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 10: Test protocol for atrium protection with sidewall nozzles for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 11: Test protocol for cable tunnels for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 12: Test protocol for commercial deep fat cooking fryers for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 13: Test protocol for wet benches and other similar processing equipment for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 14: Test protocol for combustion turbines in enclosures exceeding 260 m³ for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 15: Test protocol for combustion turbines in enclosures not exceeding 260 m³ for open nozzle systems;*
- *Part 16: Test protocol for industrial oil cookers for open nozzle systems;*
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