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Foreword

This European Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee CEN/TC 79 “*Respiratory Protective Devices*”, the Secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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Introduction

A given respiratory protective device can only be approved when the individual components satisfy the requirements of the test specification which may be a complete standard or part of a standard, and practical performance tests have been carried out on complete apparatus where specified in the appropriate standard. If for any reason a complete apparatus is not tested then simulation of the apparatus is permitted provided the respiratory characteristics and weight distribution are similar to those of the complete apparatus.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the performance requirements, test methods and marking requirements for valved filtering half masks incorporating either gas or combined filters as respiratory protective devices except for escape purposes. It does not cover gas filtering half masks which do not have valves or are fitted only with exhalation valves. It does not cover devices designed for use in circumstances where there is or might be an oxygen deficiency (oxygen less than 17 % by volume).

Laboratory and practical performance tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements.

2 Normative references

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EN 132, *Respiratory protective devices; Definitions.*

EN 136, *Respiratory protective devices; Full face masks; Requirements, testing, marking.*

EN 140, *Respiratory protective devices; Half masks and quarter masks; Requirements, testing, marking.*

EN 141, *Respiratory protective devices; Gas filters and combined filters; Requirements, testing, marking.*

EN 143, *Respiratory protective devices; Particle filters; Requirements, testing, marking.*

EN 149, *Respiratory protective devices; Filtering half masks to protect against particles; Requirements, testing, marking.*

EN 371, *Respiratory protective devices; AX filters and combined filters against low boiling compounds; Requirements, testing, marking.*

EN 372, *Respiratory protective devices; SX gas filters and combined filters against specific named substances; Requirements, testing, marking.*

3 Definitions and classification

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard the definitions in EN 132 apply together with the following.

3.1.1

valved filtering half mask

a valved filtering half mask is one that covers the nose and mouth and possibly the chin and has both inhalation and exhalation valves and

- a) consists entirely or substantially of filter material or,
- b) comprises a facepiece in which the gas/vapour filter(s) form(s) an inseparable part of the device and where particle filters may be replaceable if appropriate to extend the life of the gas/vapour device(s) to its rated duration.

it provides adequate sealing for the intended use on the face of the wearer against the ambient atmosphere, when the skin is dry or moist and when the head is moved

inhalation air enters through the filter material and through an inhalation valve(s). Exhaled air passes through an exhalation valve(s) to the ambient atmosphere

in addition to providing protection against gases these devices can be designed to protect against solid and water-based aerosols only or against both solid and liquid aerosols. A solid aerosol is defined as a suspension of solid particles in air, a liquid aerosol is defined as a suspension of liquid droplets in air and a water-based aerosol is defined as one which is produced from solutions and/or suspensions of solid materials in water such that the only hazardous component is attributable to the solid material

the term "gases" is taken to include vapours
gas filters remove specified gases and vapours.
Combined filters remove dispersed solid and/or liquid particles and specified gases and vapours

3.2 Classification

3.2.1 General

According to their application and protection capacity, gas and combined filters are classified into types and classes.

3.2.2 Types of gas filtering half masks

Type FFA — for use against certain organic gases and vapours with a boiling point higher than 65 °C as specified by the manufacturer.

Type FFB — for use against certain inorganic gases and vapours as specified by the manufacturer (excluding carbon monoxide).

Type FFE — for use against sulfur dioxide and other acid gases and vapours as specified by the manufacturer.

Type FFK — for use against ammonia and organic ammonia derivatives as specified by the manufacturer.

Type FFAX — for use against certain low boiling organic compounds as specified by the manufacturer.

Type FFSX — for use against specific named gases and vapours.

3.2.3 Classes of gas filtering half masks

Valved filtering half masks may incorporate gas filters of types listed in 3.2.2 and combinations of these types, belonging to one of the two following classes relating to their capacity:

Class 1 — low capacity FFGas1 filtering half mask e.g. FFA1;

Class 2 — medium capacity FFGas2 filtering half mask e.g. FFB2.

The protection provided by Class 2 devices includes that provided by the corresponding Class 1 device of the same type.

3.2.4 Types of combined filtering half masks

There are two types of valved combined filtering half masks described in this European Standard: one with integral particle filter(s), the second one with replaceable particle filter(s). Examples of classifications are:

FFA1P1; FFA1P2; FFA1P3.

4 Requirements

4.1 Materials

4.1.1 Materials used shall be suitable to withstand handling and wear over the period for which the valved filtering half mask is designed to be used. After undergoing the treatment described in 5.2.2 none of the devices shall have suffered mechanical failure of the facepiece body or straps.

4.1.2 Any material of the filter media or any gaseous products that may be released by the air flow through the filter shall not constitute a hazard or nuisance for the wearer.

4.1.3 The use of aluminium, magnesium and titanium or alloys containing such proportions of these metals, as will, on impact, give rise to frictional sparks capable of igniting flammable gas mixtures, for exposed parts, i.e. those which may be subjected to impact during use of the device, shall be restricted to a minimum.

4.1.4 Where the device can be used for more than a single shift (single-use), the materials used shall withstand the cleaning and disinfecting agents recommended by the manufacturer.

4.2 Packaging

The device shall be offered for sale packaged and individually sealed to prevent contamination before use.

4.3 Practical performance test

The device shall undergo practical performance tests under realistic conditions. These general tests serve the purpose of checking the equipment for imperfections that cannot be determined by the tests described elsewhere in this standard.

Where, in the opinion of the test station, approval is not granted because practical performance tests show the apparatus has imperfections related to wearer's acceptance, the test station shall provide full details of those parts of the practical performance tests which revealed these imperfections. This will enable other test stations to duplicate the tests and the results thereof.

Testing in accordance with 5.3.

4.4 Leakage

When the valved gas filtering half mask is tested in accordance with 5.4, the values of inward leakage including valve leakage shall comply with the following.

For valved filtering half masks fitted in accordance with the instructions for use, at least 46 out of the 50 individual results for the inward leakage over each of the exercise periods as defined in 5.4.7 (i.e. 10 subjects × 5 exercise periods) shall be not greater than

5 %

and, in addition, at least 8 out of the 10 individual wearer arithmetic means (10 subjects) for the inward leakage, averaged over all exercise periods shall be not greater than

2 %

NOTE The test specimen, depending upon design, may require modification in order to ensure that the measurements taken, are those corresponding to face seal leakage. This is done by modifying the test specimen (as per examples provided in 5.4.6) to ensure that any contribution to inward leakage, attributable to filter penetration, will be negligible.