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Introduction

Volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds (VOCs and SVOCs) are widely used in industry and may be emitted by many everyday products and materials. They have attracted attention in recent years because of their impact on indoor air quality. After homes and workplaces, people spend a lot of time in their vehicles. It is important to determine the material emissions of interior parts and to reduce them to an acceptable level, if required. Therefore, it is necessary to obtain comprehensive and reliable information about the types of organic compounds in the indoor air of vehicles and their concentrations as well as an odour impression.

Since olfactory assessment is based on very subjective impressions, it is necessary to make this subjectivity comparable by means of a standardized procedure. This document describes a controlled olfactory examination of the interior air of road vehicles and the chamber air of trim components.

This document adopts the general requirements already specified in the International Standards of the ISO 16000 series which deal with the determination of odour emissions from building products using test chambers (see ISO 16000-28) and with sensory testing of indoor air (see ISO 16000-30), but uses different odour evaluation schemes developed for the automotive industry.

A risk assessment should be carried out to clarify that no harmful compounds are present in the room. In some countries, an ethics committee may require this.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a standardized and objective process to analyse and determine the olfactory behaviour of components, semi-finished products and materials fitted in the interior of road vehicles. The odour determination is either performed by using samples from the interior air of road vehicles or from emission test chamber air. This document describes an olfactory screening method based on different scales for the olfactory assessment which are described in the annexes. Other olfactory assessments, e.g. according to ISO 16000-28, are also possible but are not the focus of this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8589, *Sensory analysis — General guidance for the design of test rooms*

ISO 12219-1, *Interior air of road vehicles — Part 1: Whole vehicle test chamber — Specification and method for the determination of volatile organic compounds in cabin interiors*

ISO 12219-4:2013, *Interior air of road vehicles — Part 4: Method for the determination of the emissions of volatile organic compounds from vehicle interior parts and materials — Small chamber method*

ISO 16000-28:2012, *Indoor air — Part 28: Determination of odour emissions from building products using test chambers*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12219-1, ISO 12219-4, ISO 16000-28 and the following apply.

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3.1.1
odour
pleasant or unpleasant smell caused by chemical compounds emitting to indoor air from a building product or material, automotive part or whole vehicle interior

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.1, modified — The phrase "automotive part or whole vehicle interior" has been added.]

3.1.2
sensory odour panel
group of trained or untrained assessors performing the sensory assessment of the odour emission from building products or materials, automotive parts or whole vehicle interior

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.9, modified — The phrase "automotive parts or whole vehicle interior" has been added.]

3.1.3
panel member
<odour determination>person who is accepted to assess the *odours* (3.1.1)

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.11]

3.1.4
panel leader
person whose primary duties are to manage panel activities and recruit, train and monitor the assessors

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.10]

3.1.5
panel selection
procedure to determine which persons are qualified to serve as *panel members* (3.1.3)

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.5]

3.1.6
sensory adaptation
temporary modification of the sensitivity of a sense organ due to continued and/or repeated stimulation, which is reversible

[SOURCE: ISO 5492:2008, 2.6, modified — The phrase "which is reversible" has been added.]

3.1.7
sensory fatigue
form of *sensory adaptation* (3.1.6) in which a decrease in sensitivity occurs

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.6]

3.1.8
anosmia
lack of sensitivity to some olfactory stimulus due to physiological defects, which is not reversible

[SOURCE: ISO 5492:2008, 2.32, modified]

3.1.9
clean air
odourless air

[SOURCE: ISO 16000-28:2012, 3.1.23]

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