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and separation of welding fume —**

**Part 2:
Requirements for testing and marking
of separation efficiency**

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Foreword

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Introduction

It is common practice in the fabrication industry to control exposure to welding fume using local exhaust ventilation equipment that, following capture and separation of the fume, returns the extracted air to the workplace or exhausts it to the atmosphere. It is important that such equipment has high separation efficiency so that as little fume as possible is recirculated or exhausted. This document has therefore been developed to specify a test method for determining the efficiency of welding fume separation equipment and the requirements of the test method.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for testing equipment for the separation of welding fume in order to determine whether its separation efficiency meets specified requirements.

The method specified does not apply to testing of filter cartridges independent of the equipment in which they are intended to be used.

This document applies to equipment that is manufactured after its publication.

NOTE General ventilation systems are excluded from the Scope of ISO 21904-1.

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 2602:1980, *Statistical interpretation of test results — Estimation of the mean — Confidence interval*

ISO 15011-1:2009, *Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Laboratory method for sampling fume and gases — Part 1: Determination of fume emission rate during arc welding and collection of fume for analysis*

ISO 21904-1:2020, *Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Equipment for capture and separation of welding fume — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 21904-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1

free-standing unit

separation equipment with an integrated fan

3.2

modular system

separation equipment consisting of a scaleable filter system with the same filter elements and conditions normally connected to a single fan