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- *Part 1: Metabolic rates and respiratory flow rates*
- *Part 2: Anthropometrics*
- *Part 3: Physiological responses and limitations of oxygen and limitations of carbon dioxide in the breathing environment*
- *Part 4: Work of breathing and breathing resistance: Physiologically based limits*
- *Part 5: Thermal effects*
- *Part 6: Psycho-physiological effects*
- *Part 7: Hearing and speech*
- *Part 8: Ergonomic factors*

Introduction

This part of ISO/TS 16976 addresses the psychological factors that can trigger physiological effects (psycho-physiology effects) that contribute to user acceptance, or the ability to tolerate wearing respiratory protective devices (RPD) for the duration needed. This part of ISO/TS 16976 takes the position that the psychological state has a physiological correlate (e.g. anxiety is accompanied by an increase in heart rate) and that the physiological responses to wearing an RPD have an impact on the psychology of the wearer (e.g. difficulty in breathing will result in anxiety). The following sections focuses on a separate psycho-physiological situation that can impact user acceptance or contribute to the likelihood of the wearer removing the RPD prematurely and, thus, being exposed to a respiratory hazard. The physiological responses to wearing an RPD is addressed first followed by a discussion on the psychological responses to wearing RPD. The discussion then turns to the methodologies used to measure the psycho-physiological responses and how these measurements are used to predict whether an individual will have difficulty wearing an RPD. Finally, this part of ISO/TS 16976 addresses the selection criteria that can be used to determine who is best suited to engage in an occupation requiring the use of RPD.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/TS 16976 provides information on the psycho-physiological effects related to the wearing of respiratory protective devices (RPD) and it is intended for the preparation of standards for selection and use of RPD.

It specifies for the writers of RPD standards, principles relating to

- the interaction between RPD and the human physiological and psychological perception,
- the acceptance by the wearer, and
- the need for training to improve acceptance of the RPD by the wearer.

This part of ISO/TS 16976 does not cover requirements related to the specific hazard for which the RPD is designed.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 16972, *Respiratory protective devices — Terms, definitions, graphical symbols and units of measurement*

3 Terms and definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16972 and the following apply.

3.1

aetiopathology

cause of the pathological state or disorder, pathogenesis

3.2

anxiety

state of being uneasy, apprehensive, or worried about what might happen, misgiving

3.3

BP

arterial blood pressure (mmHg)

3.4

cardiac arrhythmia

variation from the normal rhythm of the heart beat

3.5

claustrophobia

abnormal fear or dread of being in an enclosed or confined space