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Foreword

This document (EN 50379-3:2012) has been prepared by CLC/TC 216 "Gas detectors".

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This document supersedes EN 50379-3:2004.

EN 50379-3:2012 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50379-3:2004:

- 5.5.7 considers calibration curves for sensors with nonlinear signal;
- 5.5.8 considers influence of pressure variations;
- 5.5.9 considers the influence of water vapour on the gas signal;
- 5.7.2 for calculated values was amended;
- 5.9.1 was amended to cover measurement at the circular orifice.

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Introduction

This European Standard covers apparatus for measuring gas concentrations and other combustion parameters, as used in the installation and maintenance of heating appliances. It forms a specification for portable electrical apparatus designed to measure combustion flue gas parameters of heating appliances, and includes the following parts under the generic title *Specification for portable electrical apparatus designed to measure combustion flue gas parameters of heating appliances*:

Part 1: General requirements and test methods;

Part 2: Performance requirements for apparatus used in statutory inspections and assessments;

Part 3: Performance requirements for apparatus used in non-statutory servicing of gas fired heating appliances.

EN 50379-1 specifies general requirements for the construction, testing and performance of portable spot reading apparatus, designed to give an assessment of specific combustion flue gas parameters such as concentration of gaseous compounds, temperature and/or pressure, to check the combustion performance of heating appliances for domestic residential and commercial applications using commercially available fuels.

EN 50379-2 is for apparatus intended to be used for statutory measurement. In several European countries, legal requirements exist for the performance of heating appliances. Authorised inspectors use these apparatus to measure the flue gas parameters, in order to test the compliance with national regulations. Due to the legal consequences resulting from the measurement there are strict requirements regarding the measuring uncertainty of these apparatus. Therefore EN 50379-2 includes maximum values for measuring uncertainty of the apparatus. Tests with real flue gases form a key part of the verification of the performance of the apparatus for statutory measurement. The measuring uncertainty has to be justified by internationally accepted methods over the whole measuring range.

EN 50379-3 is for apparatus intended to be used for non-statutory applications. There are reduced performance requirements, because the apparatus are designed to decide whether maintenance for a gas fired appliance is required, and for adjusting the appliance during maintenance. There will be no determination of the measuring uncertainty for the apparatus.

1 Scope

This European Standard covers apparatus designed for checking the performance of heating appliances by measuring flue gas parameters of gas fired heating appliances for domestic residential and commercial applications.

The apparatus may consist of different functional modules which may be tested separately for complying with this standard, and will be combined in different ways according to the different applications. Part 1 of EN 50379 specifies the general requirements and is supplemented by the requirements in EN 50379-2 and/or EN 50379-3.

This European Standard specifies the performance requirements of portable spot reading apparatus designed to detect specific combustion flue gas parameters, such as concentration of gaseous compounds, temperature and/or pressure, to be used to decide if maintenance for the appliance is required and for adjusting the appliance during maintenance.

This European Standard excludes apparatus for

- checking appliances using fuels other than gas,
- continuous emission, safety monitoring and control, and
- use in vessels with an international load line.

NOTE 1 When this apparatus is used in industrial premises, national regulations should be observed.

NOTE 2 Apparatus may contain functional modules which are not covered by this standard e.g. measurement of smoke spot number (see EN 267:2009+A1:2011, Annex A) and/or measurement of indoor ambient air (see EN 50543).

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.

EN 50270:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility – Electrical apparatus for the detection and measurement of combustible gases, toxic gases or oxygen*

EN 50271:2010, *Electrical apparatus for the detection and measurement of combustible gases, toxic gases or oxygen – Requirements and tests for apparatus using software and/or digital technologies*

EN 50379-1:2012, *Specification for portable electrical apparatus designed to measure combustion flue gas parameters of heating appliances – Part 1: General requirements and test methods*

EN 60335-1:2002, *Safety of household and similar electrical appliances – Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60335-1:2001, mod.)*

EN 60529:1991, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529:1989)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 50379-1:2012 apply.

4 General requirements

Unless otherwise stated, the general requirements of EN 50379-1:2012 are applicable and shall be checked by visual inspection.

5 Test methods and performance requirements

5.1 General requirements for tests

5.1.1 General

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.1.1 are applicable.

5.1.2 Samples and sequence of tests

For the purposes of type testing, for each sample the first test to be carried out shall be the initial performance test (5.5.3). One sample of the apparatus shall be subjected to the relevant tests given in 5.3 and 5.4. The mechanical tests of 5.3 shall be carried out before the tests of 5.4 to 5.9. After finishing the mechanical tests of 5.3 the initial performance test (5.5.3) shall be repeated at room temperature.

NOTE Due to the use of different calibration gases at pre-calibration by the manufacturer and type testing according to this standard the instruments may show a discrepancy. In this case, it is permissible to make minor adjustments to the apparatus during the initial performance test (5.5.3).

The EMC testing according to 5.4.1 may be carried out independently from all other tests of the standard.

The tests within 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 may be performed in any sequence, but 5.6 to 5.9 shall be performed in the sequence listed in this standard, where relevant.

5.1.3 Preparation of samples

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.1.3 are applicable.

5.1.4 Test facility

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.1.4 are applicable.

5.2 Normal conditions for tests

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.2 are applicable.

5.3 Mechanical tests

5.3.1 General

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.3.1 are applicable

5.3.2 Degree of protection

The enclosure of the apparatus shall provide at least an IP40 degree of protection when all probes etc. are connected, in accordance with EN 60529:1991, Clauses 12 and 14. If an apparatus is designed for outdoor use it shall provide at least an IP42 degree of protection when connected similarly.

5.3.3 Impact strength

The apparatus shall meet the requirements specified in EN 60335-1:2002, Clause 21, as modified by EN 50379-1:2012, 5.3.3. The function of the apparatus shall not be affected after the test. Visible damage to parts of the housing are acceptable, providing the functionality remains unimpaired.

5.3.4 Vibration

The function of the apparatus shall not be affected after the test. Visible damage to parts of the housing are acceptable, providing the functionality remains unimpaired.

5.3.5 Drop

The function of the apparatus shall not be affected after the test. Visible damage to parts of the housing are acceptable, providing the functionality remains unimpaired.

5.3.6 Flow indicator (if fitted)

If an apparatus is fitted with an integral flow proving device, after the simulation of the blockage function of the integral flow indicator shall be checked by visual inspection.

5.3.7 Dust filter and water trap

After measuring times of 1 h the dust filter shall still be usable, as specified in the manufacturer's instruction manual, and the maximum level of the condensate separator shall not be reached.

The flow of the apparatus shall continuously be above the minimum flow, specified by the manufacturer, within the 1 h testing period.

5.4 Electrical and software tests

5.4.1 Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

The apparatus, including the probe and any interconnecting wiring and tubing, shall meet the requirements for electromagnetic compatibility in accordance with EN 50270 for Type 1 (domestic) and shall meet the requirements of EN 50270:2006, Table 5.

5.4.2 Supply voltage variations (not applicable to battery powered apparatus)

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.4.3 Battery fault condition (applicable only to battery powered apparatus)

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.4.4 Battery reversal (applicable only to battery powered apparatus)

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.4.5 Software and digital techniques

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.4.5 are applicable.

5.5 Tests with test gases

5.5.1 General

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.5.1 are applicable.

5.5.2 Unpowered storage

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.5.3 Initial performance test

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.5.4 Response time

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for response time listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1 for each relevant test gas.

5.5.5 Cold start

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1 for each relevant test gas.

5.5.6 Zero reading

The display reading for each gas (except CO₂ calculation from O₂ measurement or O₂ calculation from CO₂ measurement) shall be below the detection limit listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.5.7 Calibration curve for sensors with non-linear signal

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1 for each relevant test gas at each test point.

5.5.8 Pressure variation

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1 for each relevant test gas.

5.5.9 Influence of water vapour

The maximum deviation for the relevant gas mixture shall be within the detection limits listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1 for each relevant indication range.

5.6 Tests with real flue gases

5.6.1 General

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.6.1 are applicable.

5.6.2 Measurement uncertainty

Not applicable.

5.6.3 Low temperature (applicable only to apparatus designed for outdoor use)

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1 for each gas the apparatus is intended to measure.

5.6.4 Stability under practical conditions

On completion, the apparatus shall comply with 5.6.5 and 5.6.6.

The heating appliance chosen to generate the flue gas shall be a gas burner for 2 000 cycles.

5.6.5 Test of filter capacity

The display indication(s) for CO shall be within the detection limit(s) listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.6.6 Final test with cylinder gases

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.6.7 Sensor replacement (where applicable)

The apparatus shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.7 Calculated values

5.7.1 General

The requirements specified in EN 50379-1:2012, 5.7.1 are applicable.

5.7.2 Calculation of CO₂ gas volume ratio from O₂ measurement or vice versa

The calculation method shall be checked in accordance with EN 50271. The apparatus shall display the calculated O₂ or CO₂ value within the accuracies listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.7.3 CO/CO₂ ratio

When provided with a facility for displaying the CO/CO₂ ratio, the calculation method shall be checked in accordance with EN 50271, and the results shall be within the accuracies listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.7.4 O₂ and CO on heating installations burning solid fuels

Not applicable.

5.8 Temperature

5.8.1 Temperature measurement (flue gas)

In each case, the displayed reading at the end of the exposure period shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.8.2 Flue gas temperature response time

Response time shall be as listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.8.3 Temperature measurement (inlet air)

In each case, the displayed reading at the end of the exposure period shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.8.4 Inlet air temperature response time

Response time shall be as listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.8.5 Cold start

The displayed reading at the end of the exposure period shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.8.6 Thermocouple compensation

The displayed reading shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.8.7 High temperature

Not applicable.

5.9 Pressure

5.9.1 Pressure measurement (draught or circular orifice measurement)

In each case, the displayed reading at the end of the exposure period shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

5.9.2 Pressure measurement (differential)

In each case, the displayed reading at the end of the exposure period shall meet the requirements for accuracy listed in EN 50379-1:2012, Table 1.

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