
Fire detection and alarm systems —
Part 6:
Carbon monoxide fire detectors using
electro-chemical cells

Systemes de détection et d'alarme d'incendie —

*Partie 6: Détecteurs de monoxyde de carbone pour la détection
d'incendie utilisant des cellules électro-chimiques*



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Foreword

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ISO 7240 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Fire detection and alarm systems*:

- *Part 1: General and definitions*
- *Part 2: Control and indicating equipment*
- *Part 3: Audible alarm devices*
- *Part 4: Power supply equipment*
- *Part 5: Point-type heat detectors*
- *Part 6: Carbon monoxide fire detectors using electro-chemical cells*
- *Part 7: Point-type smoke detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization*
- *Part 8: Carbon monoxide fire detectors using an electro-chemical cell in combination with a heat sensor*
- *Part 9: Test fires for fire detectors* [Technical Specification]
- *Part 10: Point-type flame detectors*
- *Part 11: Manual call points*
- *Part 12: Line type smoke detectors using a transmitted optical beam*
- *Part 13: Compatibility assessment of system components*

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- *Part 14: Guidelines for drafting codes of practice for design, installation and use of fire detection and fire alarm systems in and around buildings [Technical Report]*
- *Part 15: Point type fire detectors using scattered light, transmitted light or ionization sensors in combination with a heat sensor*
- *Part 16: Sound system control and indicating equipment*
- *Part 17: Short-circuit isolators*
- *Part 18: Input/output devices*
- *Part 19: Design, installation, commissioning and service of sound systems for emergency purposes*
- *Part 20: Aspirating smoke detectors*
- *Part 21: Routing equipment*
- *Part 22: Smoke-detection equipment for ducts*
- *Part 24: Sound-system loudspeakers*
- *Part 25: Components using radio transmission paths*
- *Part 27: Point-type fire detectors using a scattered-light, transmitted-light or ionization smoke sensor, an electrochemical-cell carbon-monoxide sensor and a heat sensor*
- *Part 28: Fire protection control equipment*

A part 23 dealing with visual alarm devices and a part 29 dealing with video fire detectors are under development.

Introduction

This part of ISO 7240 has been drawn up by ISO/TC 21/SC 3 and is based on a standard prepared by Standards Australia International Technical Committee FP-002 “*Fire detection, warning, control and intercom systems*”.

A fire detection and fire alarm system is required to function satisfactorily not only in the event of a fire, but also during and after exposure to conditions that the system is likely to meet in practice, such as corrosion, vibration, direct impact, indirect shock and electromagnetic interference. Some tests specified are intended to assess the performance of the fire detectors under such conditions.

The performance of fire detectors is assessed from results obtained in specific tests; this part of ISO 7240 is not intended to place any other restrictions on the design and construction of such detectors.

Carbon monoxide (CO) fire detectors can react promptly to slow, smouldering fires involving carbonaceous materials because CO does not depend solely on convection, but also moves by diffusion, and CO fire detectors can be better suited to applications where other fire detection techniques are prone to false alarms, i.e. due to dust, steam and cooking vapours.

Whilst CO gas has greater mobility than smoke, it can be diluted by ventilation systems and can be affected by convection currents. Hence, it is necessary to take into account the same considerations as for point smoke detectors. Recirculating systems confined to a single room have little effect on dilution, as this is similar to the natural diffusion of the CO gas.

CO fire detectors can be less affected by stratification than other types of fire detectors.

It is important that the location of CO fire detectors take into account areas where false operation or non-operation is likely. CO fire detectors might not be suitable for detecting fires involving

- clean-burning liquids,
- PVC-insulated cables,
- combustible metals,
- certain self-oxidizing chemicals,
- non-carbonaceous materials.

Some typical locations where it is important to carefully evaluate the use of CO fire detectors are areas where CO gas can be present from exhausts and normal manufacturing processes.

EXAMPLES Car parks, car-park return air plenums, loading docks.

Generally, cigarette smoke does not contain sufficient CO to cause alarms, even though smoke can be clearly visible. However, in heavy smoking or incense-burning areas, it is important to measure the CO concentration before installing CO fire detectors.

This part of ISO 7240 includes a number of Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) immunity requirements. The details for these requirements have been taken from EN 50130-4.

Fire detection and alarm systems —

Part 6: Carbon monoxide fire detectors using electro-chemical cells

1 Scope

This part of ISO 7240 specifies requirements, test methods and performance criteria for point fire detectors using electro-chemical cells that operate using carbon-monoxide detection principles for use in fire detection and alarm systems installed in buildings (see ISO 7240-1).

For the testing of other types of CO fire detectors working on different principles, this part of ISO 7240 can be used only for guidance. Fire detectors with special characteristics and developed for specific risks are not covered by this part of ISO 7240.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 209, *Aluminium and aluminium alloys — Chemical composition*

ISO 7240-1, *Fire detection and alarm systems — Part 1: General and definitions*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing — Part 2-1: Tests — Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing — Part 2-2: Tests — Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing — Part 2-30: Tests — Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing — Part 2-42: Tests — Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing — Part 2-78: Tests — Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

EN 50130-4, *Alarm systems — Part 4: Electromagnetic compatibility — Product family standard: Immunity requirements for components of fire, intruder and social alarm systems*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and symbols given in ISO 7240-1 and the following apply.

3.1 response threshold value

CO concentration in the proximity of the specimen at the moment that it enters an alarm state when tested as specified in 5.1.5

NOTE The response threshold value can depend on signal processing in the detector and in the control and indicating equipment.

4 Requirements

4.1 Compliance

In order to comply with this part of ISO 7240, the detector shall meet the requirements of this clause, which shall be verified by visual inspection or engineering assessment, shall be tested as specified in Clause 5 and shall meet the requirements of the tests.

4.2 Individual alarm indication

Each detector shall be provided with an integral red visual indicator, by which the individual detector that released an alarm can be identified, until the alarm condition is reset. Where other conditions of the detector can be visually indicated, these shall be clearly distinguishable from the alarm indication, except when the detector is switched into a service mode. For detachable detectors, the indicator may be integral with the base or the detector head.

The visual indicator shall be visible from a distance of 6 m in an ambient light intensity up to 500 lx at an angle of up to

- a) 5° from the axis of the detector in any direction, and
- b) 45° from the axis of the detector in at least one direction.

4.3 Connection of ancillary devices

The detector may provide for connections to ancillary devices (e.g. remote indicators, control relays, etc.), but open- or short-circuit failures of these connections shall not prevent the correct operation of the detector.

4.4 Monitoring of detachable detectors

For detachable detectors, a means shall be provided for a remote monitoring system (e.g. the control and indicating equipment) to detect the removal of the head from the base, in order to give a fault signal.

4.5 Manufacturer's adjustments

It shall not be possible to change the manufacturer's settings except by special means (e.g. the use of a special code or tool), or by breaking or removing a seal.

4.6 On-site adjustment of response behaviour

If there is provision for on-site adjustment of the response behaviour of the detector, then

- a) for all of the settings at which the manufacturer claims compliance with this part of ISO 7240, the detector shall comply with the requirements of this part of ISO 7240 and access to the adjustment means shall be possible only by the use of a code or special tool, or by removing the detector from its base or mounting;
- b) any setting(s) at which the manufacturer does not claim compliance with this part of ISO 7240 shall be accessible only by the use of a code or special tool, and it shall be clearly marked on the detector or in the associated data that, if these setting(s) are used, the detector does not comply with this part of ISO 7240.

These adjustments may be carried out at the detector or at the control and indicating equipment.

4.7 Rate-sensitive response behaviour

The response threshold value of the detector can depend on the rate of change of the CO concentration in the vicinity of the detector. Such behaviour may be incorporated in the detector design to improve the discrimination between ambient CO concentrations and those generated by a fire. If such rate-sensitive behaviour is included, then it shall not lead to a significant reduction in the sensitivity of the detector to fires, nor shall it lead to a significant increase in the probability of unwanted alarms.

Since it is not practical to make tests with all possible rates of increase in CO concentration, an assessment of the rate sensitivity of the detector shall be made by analysis of the circuit/software and/or physical tests and simulations.

The detector shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this clause if this assessment shows that

- a) for any rate of increase in CO concentration less than 1 $\mu\text{l/l}/\text{min}$, the detector signals an alarm condition before the CO concentration reaches 60 $\mu\text{l/l}$, and
- b) the detector does not produce an alarm condition when subjected to a step change in CO concentration of 10 $\mu\text{l/l}$, superimposed on a background concentration of between 0 $\mu\text{l/l}$ and 5 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

4.8 Marking

Each detector shall be clearly marked with the following information:

- a) number of this part of ISO 7240 (i.e. ISO 7240-6);
- b) name or trademark of the manufacturer or supplier;
- c) model designation (type or number);
- d) wiring-terminal designations;
- e) some mark(s) or code(s) (e.g. serial number or batch code), by which the manufacturer can identify, at least, the date or batch and place of manufacture, and the version number(s) of any software contained within the detector;
- f) life-expectancy of the electro-chemical cell under normal operating conditions.

For detachable detectors, the detector head shall be marked with items a), b), c), e) and f), and the base shall be marked with at least item c), i.e. its own model designation, and d).

Where any marking on the device uses symbols or abbreviations not in common use, these should be explained in the data supplied with the device.

The markings shall be visible during installation of the detector and shall be accessible during maintenance.

The markings shall not be placed on screws or other easily removable parts.

4.9 Data

Detectors shall either be supplied with sufficient technical, installation and maintenance data to enable their correct installation and operation or, if all of these data are not supplied with each detector, reference to the appropriate data sheet shall be given on or with each detector.

To enable correct operation of the detectors, these data should describe the requirements for the correct processing of the signals from the detector. This may be in the form of a full technical specification of these signals, a reference to the appropriate signalling protocol or a reference to suitable types of control and indicating equipment, etc.

Installation and maintenance data shall include reference to an *in situ* test method to ensure that detectors operate correctly when installed.

NOTE Additional information can be required by organizations certifying that detectors produced by a manufacturer conform to the requirements of this part of ISO 7240.

4.10 Requirements for software controlled detectors

4.10.1 General

The requirements of 4.10.2, 4.10.3 and 4.10.4 shall apply to detectors that rely on software control in order to fulfil the requirements of this part of ISO 7240.

4.10.2 Software documentation

4.10.2.1 The manufacturer shall submit documentation that gives an overview of the software design. This documentation shall be in sufficient detail that the design can be inspected for compliance with this part of ISO 7240 and shall include, at least, the following:

- a) functional description of the main program flow (e.g. as a flow diagram or schema), including the following:
 - 1) a brief description of the modules and the functions that they perform;
 - 2) the way in which the modules interact;
 - 3) the overall hierarchy of the program;
 - 4) the way in which the software interacts with the hardware of the detector;
 - 5) the way in which the modules are called, including any interrupt processing;
- b) description of which areas of memory are used for the various purposes (e.g. the program, site-specific data and running data);
- c) designation, by which the software and its version can be uniquely identified.

4.10.2.2 The manufacturer shall prepare and maintain detailed design documentation. This shall be available for inspection in a manner that respects the manufacturers' rights for confidentiality. It shall be comprised of at least the following:

- a) overview of the whole system configuration, including all software and hardware components;
- b) description of each module of the program, containing at least
 - 1) the name of the module,
 - 2) a description of the tasks performed,
 - 3) a description of the interfaces, including the type of data transfer, the valid data range and the checking for valid data;
- c) full source-code listings, as hard copy or in machine-readable form (e.g. ASCII-code), including all global and local variables, constants and labels used, and sufficient comment for the program flow to be recognized;
- d) details of any software tools used in the design and implementation phase (e.g. CASE-Tools, Compilers, etc.).

NOTE This detailed design documentation can be reviewed at the manufacturers' premises.

4.10.3 Software design

In order to ensure the reliability of the detector, the following requirements for software design shall apply.

- a) The software shall have a modular structure.
- b) The design of the interfaces for manually and automatically generated data shall not permit invalid data to cause error in the program operation.
- c) The software shall be designed to avoid the occurrence of deadlock of the program flow.

4.10.4 Storage of programs and data

The program necessary to comply with this part of ISO 7240 and any preset data, such as manufacturer's settings, shall be held in non-volatile memory. Writing to areas of memory containing this program and data shall be possible only by the use of some special tool or code and shall not be possible during normal operation of the detector.

Site-specific data shall be held in memory that can retain data for at least two weeks without external power to the detector, unless provision is made for the automatic renewal of such data, following loss of power, within 1 h of power being restored.

5 Test methods

5.1 General

5.1.1 Atmospheric conditions for tests

Unless otherwise stated in a test procedure, the testing shall be carried out after the test specimen has been allowed to stabilize in the standard atmospheric conditions for testing as specified in IEC 60068-1 as follows:

- temperature: (15 to 35) °C;
- relative humidity: (25 to 75) %;
- air pressure: (86 to 106) kPa.

The temperature and humidity shall be substantially constant for each environmental test where the standard atmospheric conditions are applied.

5.1.2 Operating conditions for tests

If a test method requires a specimen to be operational, then the specimen shall be connected to suitable supply and monitoring equipment with characteristics as required according to the manufacturer's data. Unless otherwise specified in the test method, the supply parameters applied to the specimen shall be set within the manufacturer's specified range(s) and shall remain substantially constant throughout the tests. The value chosen for each parameter shall normally be the nominal value, or the mean of the specified range. If a test procedure requires monitoring a specimen to detect any alarm or fault signals, then connections shall be made to any necessary ancillary devices (e.g. through wiring to an end-of-line device for conventional detectors) to allow a fault signal to be recognized.

The details of the supply and monitoring equipment and the alarm criteria used shall be given in the test report (Clause 6).

5.1.3 Mounting arrangements

The specimen shall be mounted by its normal means of attachment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If these instructions describe more than one method of mounting, then the method considered to be most unfavourable shall be chosen for each test.

5.1.4 Tolerances

Unless otherwise stated, the tolerances for the environmental test parameters shall be as given in the basic reference standards for the test (e.g. the relevant part of IEC 60068).

If a specific tolerance or deviation limit is not specified in a requirement or test procedure, then a deviation limit of $\pm 5\%$ shall be applied.

5.1.5 Measurement of response threshold value

5.1.5.1 Install the specimen for which the response threshold value is being measured in the gas test chamber, as specified in Annex A, in its normal operating position, by its normal means of attachment. The orientation of the specimen, relative to the direction of gas flow, shall be the least sensitive orientation as determined in the directional dependence test, unless otherwise specified in the test procedure.

5.1.5.2 Before commencing each measurement, the gas test chamber shall be purged to ensure that the carbon monoxide concentration is less than $1\ \mu\text{l/l}$ prior to each test.

5.1.5.3 The air velocity in the proximity of the specimen shall be $(0,2 \pm 0,04)\ \text{m/s}$ during the measurement, unless otherwise specified in the test procedure.

5.1.5.4 Unless otherwise specified in the test procedure, the air temperature in the gas test chamber shall be $(23 \pm 5)\ ^\circ\text{C}$ and shall not vary by more than $5\ \text{K}$ for all the measurements on a particular detector type.

5.1.5.5 Connect the specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2, and allow it to stabilize for a period of at least $15\ \text{min}$, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

5.1.5.6 Introduce carbon monoxide gas into the chamber such that the rate of increase of gas concentration is between $1\ \mu\text{l/l/min}$ and $6\ \mu\text{l/l/min}$ to a concentration of $18\ \mu\text{l/l}$.

5.1.5.7 For detectors whose response is rate-sensitive, the manufacturer may specify a rate of increase within this range to ensure that the measured response threshold value is representative of the static response threshold value of the detector. The rate of increase in CO concentration shall be similar for all measurements on a particular detector type.

5.1.5.8 Allow the detector to stabilize at a concentration of 18 $\mu\text{l/l}$ for a period of 10 min. The detector shall not respond with an alarm to this concentration. Report the results.

5.1.5.9 Increase the carbon monoxide gas concentration at a rate of between 1 $\mu\text{l/l/min}$ and 6 $\mu\text{l/l/min}$ until either the specimen has entered an alarm state or the concentration has reached 100 $\mu\text{l/l}$. Record the time and carbon monoxide concentration at the moment the specimen gives an alarm. This shall be taken as the response threshold value, S .

5.1.6 Provision for tests

The following shall be provided for testing compliance with this part of ISO 7240:

- a) for detachable detectors, 20 detector heads and bases; for non-detachable detectors, 20 specimens;
- b) data required in 4.10.

NOTE Detachable detectors are comprised of at least two parts: a base (socket) and a head (body). If the specimens are detachable detectors, then the two or more parts together are regarded as a complete detector.

The specimens submitted shall be deemed representative of the manufacturer's normal production with regard to their construction and calibration. This implies that the mean response threshold value of the 16 specimens found in the reproducibility test (5.4) should also represent the production mean, and that the limits specified in the reproducibility test should also be applicable to the manufacturer's production.

5.1.7 Test schedule

Test the specimens in accordance with the test schedule in Table 1. Number the specimens 1 to 20 arbitrarily.

Table 1 — Test schedule

Test	Subclause	Specimen no(s).
Repeatability	5.2	one chosen arbitrarily
Directional dependence	5.3	one chosen arbitrarily
Reproducibility	5.4	all specimens
Exposure to chemical agents at environmental concentrations	5.5	one chosen arbitrarily
Long-term stability	5.6	1
Saturation	5.7	one chosen arbitrarily
Exposure to chemical agents which may be present during a fire	5.8	one chosen arbitrarily
Variation in supply parameters	5.9	2
Air movement	5.10	3
Dry heat (operational)	5.11	4
Cold (operational)	5.12	5
Damp heat, cyclic (operational)	5.13	6
Damp heat, steady state (endurance)	5.14	7
Low humidity, steady state (endurance)	5.15	8
Sulfur dioxide SO ₂ corrosion (endurance)	5.16	9
Shock (operational)	5.17	10
Impact (operational)	5.18	11
Vibration, sinusoidal (operational)	5.19	12
Vibration, sinusoidal (endurance)	5.20	12
Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) immunity tests (operational)	5.21	
a) electrostatic discharge		13 ^a
b) radiated electromagnetic fields		14 ^a
c) conducted disturbance induced by electromagnetic fields		15 ^a
d) fast transient bursts		16 ^a
e) slow high-energy transients		17 ^a
Fire sensitivity	5.22	18, 19, 20, 21

^a In the interests of test economy, it is permitted to use the same specimen for more than one EMC test. In this case, the intermediate functional test(s) on the specimen(s) used for more than one test can be deleted, and the full functional test conducted at the end of the sequence of tests. However, it should be noted that in the event of a failure, it might not be possible to identify which test exposure caused the failure.

5.1.8 Test report

The test results shall be reported in accordance with Clause 6.

5.2 Repeatability

5.2.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to show that the detector has stable behaviour, with respect to its sensitivity, even after a number of alarm conditions.

5.2.2 Test procedure

Measure the response threshold value of the specimen to be tested six times as specified in 5.1.5.

The orientation of the specimen relative to the direction of airflow is arbitrary, but it shall be the same for all six measurements.

Designate the maximum response threshold value as S_{\max} and the minimum value as S_{\min} .

5.2.3 Requirements

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall be not greater than 1,6.

5.3 Directional dependence

5.3.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to confirm that the sensitivity of the detector is not unduly dependent on the direction of airflow around the detector.

5.3.2 Test procedure

Measure the response threshold value of the specimen to be tested eight times as specified in 5.1.5, the specimen being rotated 45° about its vertical axis between each measurement, so that the measurements are taken for eight different orientations relative to the direction of airflow.

Designate the maximum response threshold value as S_{\max} and the minimum value as S_{\min} .

Record the least sensitive and the most sensitive orientations. The orientation for which the maximum response threshold is measured is referred to as the *least sensitive* orientation, and the orientation for which the minimum response threshold is measured is referred to as the *most sensitive* orientation.

5.3.3 Requirements

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall be not greater than 1,6.

5.4 Reproducibility

5.4.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to show that the sensitivity of the detector does not vary unduly from specimen to specimen and to establish response threshold value data for comparison with the response threshold values measured after the environmental tests.

5.4.2 Test procedure

Measure the response threshold value of each of the test specimens as specified in 5.1.5.

Calculate the mean of these response threshold values, which shall be designated \bar{S} .

Designate the maximum response threshold value as S_{\max} and the minimum value as S_{\min} .

5.4.3 Requirements

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:\bar{S}$ shall not be greater than 1,33, and the ratio of the response threshold values $\bar{S}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,5.

5.5 Exposure to chemical agents at environmental concentrations

5.5.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to withstand the effects of exposure to atmospheric pollutants or chemicals that can be encountered in the service environment.

5.5.2 Test procedure

Install the specimen being tested in the gas test chamber, as specified in Annex A, in its normal operating position, by its normal means of attachment. Orient the specimen, relative to the direction of gas flow, to the most sensitive orientation, as determined in the directional dependence test.

Before commencing each measurement, purge the gas test chamber to ensure that the carbon monoxide concentration and test gas concentration are less than 1 $\mu\text{l/l}$ prior to each test.

The air velocity in the proximity of the specimen shall be $(0,2 \pm 0,04)$ m/s during the measurement.

The air temperature in the tunnel shall be (23 ± 5) °C and shall not vary by more than 5 K for all the measurements on the specimen.

Connect the specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2, and allow the specimen to stabilize for a period of at least 15 min, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

Introduce a single gas into the gas test chamber such that the gas concentration reaches the required concentration as specified in Table 2 within 10 min. Allow the detectors to stabilize for a period of 1 h at the elevated gas concentration. Where the response threshold value is adjustable, the cross-sensitivity shall be tested at the maximum sensitivity setting provided.

Purge the gas test chamber at the completion of each test period.

5.5.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signals shall be given during the conditioning. Report the results.

Table 2 — Gas and vapour concentrations

Test	Chemical agent	Concentration ($\mu\text{l/l}$)	Exposure period (h)	Recovery period (h)
1	carbon monoxide	$15 \pm 10 \%$	24	1 to 2
2	nitrogen dioxide	$5 \pm 10 \%$	96	1 to 2
3	sulfur dioxide	$5 \pm 10 \%$	96	1 to 2
4	chlorine	$2 \pm 10 \%$	96	1 to 2
5	ammonia	$50 \pm 10 \%$	1	1 to 2
6	heptane	$100 \pm 10 \%$	1	1 to 2
7	ethanol	$500 \pm 10 \%$	1	24 to 25
8	acetone	$1\ 500 \pm 10 \%$	1	24 to 25

5.6 Long-term stability

5.6.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to confirm that the response of the detector is stable over long periods of time.

5.6.2 Test procedure

Connect the detector to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2 and operate in standard atmospheric conditions for a period of 84 d.

Measure the CO response threshold value, as described in 5.1.5, at 28 d, 56 d and 84 d from the start of the test.

Designate the greater of the response threshold values measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.6.3 Requirements

No alarm signal or fault signal attributable to the stability test shall be given during the test.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.7 Saturation

5.7.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to show that the detector suffers no significant changes to its response behaviour after exposure to high levels of carbon monoxide gas.

5.7.2 Test procedure

Install the specimen for which the saturation sensitivity is being measured in the gas test chamber specified in Annex A, in its normal operating position, by its normal means of attachment. The orientation of the specimen, relative to the direction of gas flow, shall be the least sensitive orientation, as determined in the directional dependence test.

Before commencing each measurement, purge the gas test chamber to ensure that the carbon monoxide concentration and test gas concentration is less than 1 $\mu\text{l/l}$ prior to each test.

The air velocity in the proximity of the specimen shall be $(0,2 \pm 0,04)$ m/s during the measurement.

The air temperature in the tunnel shall be (23 ± 5) °C and shall not vary by more than 5 K for all the measurements on the specimen.

Connect the specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2, and allow it to stabilize for a period of at least 15 min, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

Introduce carbon monoxide gas into the chamber such that the rate of increase of gas concentration is 50 $\mu\text{l/l/min}$ to a concentration of 500 $\mu\text{l/l}$. Maintain the gas concentration for a period of 2 h.

During the last five minutes of the conditioning, reset the detector in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

After a recovery period of 4 h at the standard atmospheric conditions, reset the detector and measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{max} and the lesser as S_{min} .

5.7.3 Requirements

The detector shall remain in the alarm condition during the conditioning and shall generate an alarm signal within 1 min of being reset at the end of the conditioning period.

The lower response threshold value, S_{min} , shall be not less than 25 µl/l.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{max}:S_{min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.8 Exposure to chemical agents that can be present during a fire

5.8.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate that chemical agents that can be present during a fire do not unduly affect the ability of the detector to detect the CO produced by the fire, nor cause permanent changes in sensitivity.

5.8.2 Test procedure

Install the specimen for which the response threshold value is being measured in the gas test chamber specified in Annex A, in its normal operating position, by its normal means of attachment. The orientation of the specimen, relative to the direction of gas flow, shall be the least sensitive orientation, as determined in the directional dependence test.

Before commencing each measurement, purge the gas test chamber to ensure that the carbon monoxide concentration is less than 1 µl/l prior to each test.

The air velocity in the proximity of the specimen shall be $(0,2 \pm 0,04)$ m/s during the measurement.

The air temperature in the tunnel shall be (23 ± 5) °C and shall not vary by more than 5 K for all the measurements on a particular detector type.

Connect the specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2, and allow it to stabilize for a period of at least 15 min, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

Introduce a single gas into the gas test chamber such that the gas concentration reaches the required concentration as specified in Table 3 within 10 min. Allow the detectors to stabilize for the duration of the exposure period in Table 3 at the elevated gas concentration.

Purge the gas test chamber at the completion of each test period and reset the detector.

Table 3 — Gas

Substance	Concentration µl/l	Exposure period h
carbon dioxide	5 000	1
nitrogen dioxide	50	0,5
sulfur dioxide	50	0,5

Following each exposure, after a recovery period of between 1 h and 2 h at the standard laboratory conditions, the response threshold value shall be measured as described in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.8.3 Requirements

No fault signal shall be given during the conditioning.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.9 Variation in supply parameters

5.9.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to show that, within the specified range(s) of the supply parameters (e.g. voltage), the sensitivity of the detector is not unduly dependent on these parameters.

5.9.2 Test procedure

Measure the response threshold value of the specimen being tested as specified in 5.1.5, at the upper and lower limits of the supply parameter (e.g. voltage) range(s) specified by the manufacturer.

Designate the maximum response threshold value as S_{\max} and the minimum value as S_{\min} .

NOTE For collective (conventional) detectors, the supply parameter is the dc voltage applied to the detector. For other types of detector (e.g. analogue addressable), it can be necessary to consider the signal levels and timing. If necessary, the manufacturer can be requested to provide suitable supply equipment to allow changing the supply parameters as required.

5.9.3 Requirements

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.10 Air movement

5.10.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to show that the sensitivity of the detector is not unduly affected by the rate of the airflow.

5.10.2 Test procedure

Measure the response threshold value of the specimen to be tested as specified in 5.1.5 in the most and least sensitive orientations as determined in 5.3. Designate these as $S_{(0,2)\min}$ and $S_{(0,2)\max}$, respectively.

Repeat these measurements, but with an air velocity in the proximity of the detector of $(1 \pm 0,2)$ m/s. Designate the response threshold values in the most and least sensitive orientations in these tests as $S_{(1,0)\min}$ and $S_{(1,0)\max}$, respectively.

NOTE These exposures can be generated by plunging the specimen being tested into air with the appropriate velocity for the required time.

Record any signal.

5.10.3 Requirements

The inequality in Equation (1) shall apply:

$$0,625 \leq \frac{S_{(0,2)\max} + S_{(0,2)\min}}{S_{(0,1)\max} + S_{(0,1)\min}} \leq 1,6 \quad (1)$$

The detector shall not emit either a fault signal or an alarm signal during the test with gas-free air.

5.11 Dry heat (operational)

5.11.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to function correctly at high ambient temperatures appropriate to the anticipated service environment.

5.11.2 Test procedure

5.11.2.1 Reference

Use the test apparatus and perform the procedure as specified in IEC 60068-2-2, Test Bb, and in 5.11.2.2 to 5.11.2.5.

5.11.2.2 State of specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen being tested in the gas test chamber as specified in 5.1.3 (see Annex A), in its least sensitive orientation, and connect it to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2.

5.11.2.3 Conditioning

Apply the following conditioning:

- temperature: starting at an initial air temperature of $(23 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$, increase the air temperature to $(55 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$;
- duration: maintain this temperature for 2 h.

NOTE Test Bb specifies rates of change of temperature of $\leq 1\text{ K/min}$ for the transitions to and from the conditioning temperature.

5.11.2.4 Measurements during conditioning

Monitor the specimen during the conditioning period to detect any alarm or fault signals.

5.11.2.5 Final measurements

Measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5, but at a temperature of $(55 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.11.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signals shall be given during the period that the temperature is increasing to the conditioning temperature or during the conditioning period until the response threshold value is measured.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 μl .

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.12 Cold (operational)

5.12.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to function correctly at low ambient temperatures appropriate to the anticipated service environment.

5.12.2 Test procedure

5.12.2.1 Reference

The test apparatus and procedure shall be as specified in IEC 60068-2-1, Test Ab, and in 5.12.2.2 to 5.12.2.5.

5.12.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen to be tested as specified in 5.1.3 and connect it to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2.

5.12.2.3 Conditioning

Apply the following conditioning:

- temperature: $(-10 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$;
- duration: 16 h.

NOTE Test Ab specifies rates of change of temperature of ≤ 1 K/min for the transitions to and from the conditioning temperature.

5.12.2.4 Measurements during conditioning

Monitor the specimen during the conditioning period to detect any alarm or fault signals.

5.12.2.5 Final measurements

Measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5, except that the air temperature in the gas test chamber shall be $(-10 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.12.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signals shall be given during the transition to the conditioning temperature or during the period at the conditioning temperature until the response threshold value is measured.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 μl .

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.13 Damp heat cyclic (operational)

5.13.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to function correctly at high relative humidity (with condensation), which can occur for short periods in the anticipated service environment.

5.13.2 Test procedure

5.13.2.1 Reference

The test apparatus and procedure shall be as described in IEC 60068-2-30, Test Db, using the Variant 1 test cycle, and in 5.13.2.2 to 5.13.2.5.

5.13.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen being tested as described in 5.1.3 and connect it to supply and monitoring equipment as described in 5.1.2.

5.13.2.3 Conditioning

Apply the following conditioning (IEC 60068-2-30 Severity 1):

- minimum temperature: $(25 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$;
- maximum temperature: $(40 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$;
- relative humidity:
 - at minimum temperature: $\geq 95 \%$,
 - at maximum temperature: $(93 \pm 3) \%$;
- number of cycles: 2;
- duration: 2 d.

5.13.2.4 Measurements during conditioning

Monitor the specimen during the conditioning period to detect any alarm or fault signals.

5.13.2.5 Final measurements

After a recovery period of between 1 h and 2 h at the standard atmospheric conditions, measure the CO response threshold value as described in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.13.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signal shall be given during the conditioning until the response threshold value is measured.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max} : S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.14 Damp heat, steady state (endurance)

5.14.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to withstand the long-term effects of humidity in the service environment (e.g. changes in electrical properties of materials, chemical reactions involving moisture, galvanic corrosion, etc.).

5.14.2 Test procedure

5.14.2.1 Reference

Use the test apparatus and perform the procedure as specified in IEC 60068-2-78, Test Cab, and in 5.14.2.2 to 5.14.2.4.

5.14.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen as specified in 5.1.3. Do not supply it with power during the conditioning.

5.14.2.3 Conditioning

The following conditioning shall be applied:

- temperature: $(40 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$;
- relative humidity: $(93 \pm 3) \%$;
- duration: 21 d.

5.14.2.4 Final measurements

After a recovery period of between 1 h and 2 h in standard atmospheric conditions, measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{max} and the lesser as S_{min} .

5.14.3 Requirements

No fault signal, attributable to the endurance conditioning, shall be given on reconnection of the specimen.

The lower response threshold value, S_{min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\text{max}}:S_{\text{min}}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.15 Low humidity, steady state (endurance)

5.15.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to withstand long periods of low humidity in the service environment (i.e. to evaluate its resistance to the drying out of electrolyte in the electrochemical cell).

5.15.2 Test procedure

5.15.2.1 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen to be tested as described in 5.1.3. Do not supply it with power during the conditioning.

5.15.2.2 Conditioning

Apply the following conditioning:

- temperature: (25 ± 3) °C;
- relative humidity: (11 ± 1) %;
- duration: 21 d.

NOTE The relative humidity specified for this test can be maintained using a saturated solution of lithium chloride inside a sealed enclosure.

5.15.2.3 Final measurements

After a recovery period of between 1 h and 2 h in standard atmospheric conditions, measure the CO response threshold value as described in 5.1.5.

The greater of the CO response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test shall be designated S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.15.3 Requirements

No fault signal attributable to the endurance conditioning shall be given on reconnection of the specimen.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 µl/l.

The ratio of the CO response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.16 Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) corrosion (endurance)

5.16.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to withstand the corrosive effects of sulfur dioxide as an atmospheric pollutant.

5.16.2 Test procedure

5.16.2.1 Reference

Use the test apparatus and perform the procedure generally as specified in IEC 60068-2-42, Test Kc, but carry out the conditioning as specified in 5.16.2.3.

5.16.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen as specified in 5.1.3. Do not supply it with power during the conditioning, but equip it with untinned copper wires, of the appropriate diameter, connected to sufficient terminals to allow making the final measurement without making further connections to the specimen.

5.16.2.3 Conditioning

The following conditioning shall be applied:

- temperature: (25 ± 2) °C;
- relative humidity: (93 ± 3) %;

- SO₂ concentration: (25 ± 5) µl/l;
- duration: 21 d.

5.16.2.4 Final measurements

Immediately after the conditioning, subject the specimen to a drying period of 16 h at (40 ± 2) °C, ≤ 50 % RH, followed by a recovery period of at least 1 h at the standard atmospheric conditions. After this, measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.16.3 Requirements

No fault signal, attributable to the endurance conditioning, shall be given on reconnection of the specimen.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 µl/l.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.17 Shock (operational)

5.17.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the immunity of the detector to mechanical shocks, which are likely to occur, albeit infrequently, in the anticipated service environment. This test is not performed on specimens with a mass > 4,75 kg.

5.17.2 Test procedure

5.17.2.1 Reference

Use the test apparatus and perform the procedure generally as specified in IEC 60068-2-27, Test Ea, but carry out the conditioning as specified in 5.17.2.3.

5.17.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen to be tested as specified in 5.1.3 to a rigid fixture, and connect to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2.

5.17.2.3 Conditioning

For specimens with a mass ≤ 4,75 kg, the following conditioning shall be applied:

- shock pulse type: half sine;
- pulse duration: 6 ms;
- peak acceleration: $10 \times (100 - 20M) \text{ m/s}^2$ (where M is the mass of the specimen in kilograms);
- number of directions: 6;
- pulses per direction: 3.

5.17.2.4 Measurements during conditioning

Monitor the specimen during the conditioning period and for a further 2 min to detect any alarm or fault signals.

5.17.2.5 Final measurements

After the conditioning, measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.17.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signals shall be given during the conditioning period or the additional 2 min.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.18 Impact (operational)

5.18.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the immunity of the detector to mechanical impacts upon its surface, which it can sustain in the normal shipping, installation and service environments, and which it can reasonably be expected to withstand.

5.18.2 Test procedure

5.18.2.1 Apparatus

The test apparatus shall consist of a swinging hammer incorporating a rectangular-section aluminium alloy head (aluminium alloy Al Cu4SiMg complying with ISO 209-1:1989, solution-treated and precipitation-treated condition) with the plane-impact face chamfered to an angle of 60° to the horizontal when in the striking position (i.e. when the hammer shaft is vertical). The hammer head shall be (50 ± 2,5) mm high, (76 ± 3,8) mm wide and (80 ± 4) mm long at mid-height. The test apparatus is specified further in Annex B.

5.18.2.2 State of specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen being tested rigidly to the apparatus by its normal mounting means and position it so that it is struck by the upper half of the impact face when the hammer is in the vertical position (i.e. when the hammerhead is moving horizontally). Choose the azimuthal direction and the position of impact relative to the specimen as that most likely to impair the normal functioning of the specimen. Connect the specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2.

5.18.2.3 Conditioning

Use the following test parameters during the conditioning:

- impact energy: (1,9 ± 0,1) J;
- hammer velocity: (1,5 ± 0,13) m/s;
- number of impacts: 1.

5.18.2.4 Measurements during conditioning

Monitor the specimen during the conditioning period and for a further 2 min to detect any alarm or fault signals.

5.18.2.5 Final measurements

After the conditioning, measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.18.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signals shall be given during the conditioning period or the additional 2 min.

The impact shall not detach the smoke alarm from its base, or the base from the mounting.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.19 Vibration, sinusoidal (operational)

5.19.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the immunity of the detector to vibration at levels considered appropriate to the normal service environment.

5.19.2 Test procedure

5.19.2.1 Reference

Use the test apparatus and perform the procedure as specified in IEC 60068-2-6, Test Fc, and in 5.19.2.2 to 5.19.2.5.

5.19.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen being tested on a rigid fixture as specified in 5.1.3 and connect it to its supply and monitoring equipment as specified in 5.1.2. Apply the vibration in each of three mutually perpendicular axes in turn, and so that one of the three axes is perpendicular to the normal mounting plane of the specimen.

5.19.2.3 Conditioning

Apply the following conditioning:

- frequency range: (10 to 150) Hz;
- acceleration amplitude: 5 m/s^2 ($\approx 0,5 \text{ gn}$);
- number of axes: 3;
- sweep rate: 1 octave/min;
- number of sweep cycles: 1 per axis.

The vibration operational and endurance tests may be combined such that the specimen is subjected to the operational test conditioning followed by the endurance test conditioning for one axis before changing to the next axis. It is necessary to make only one final measurement.

5.19.2.4 Measurements during conditioning

Monitor the specimen during the conditioning period to detect any alarm or fault signals.

5.19.2.5 Final measurements

The final measurements, as specified in 5.19.2.4, are normally made after the vibration endurance test and it is necessary to make them here only if the operational test is conducted in isolation.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.19.3 Requirements

No alarm or fault signals shall be given during the conditioning.

Neither internal nor external mechanical damage shall result.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.20 Vibration, sinusoidal (endurance)

5.20.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to demonstrate the ability of the detector to withstand the long-term effects of vibration at levels appropriate to the service environment.

5.20.2 Test procedure

5.20.2.1 Reference

Use the test apparatus and perform the procedure as specified in IEC 60068-2-6, Test Fc, and 5.20.2.2 to 5.20.2.4.

5.20.2.2 State of the specimen during conditioning

Mount the specimen being tested on a rigid fixture as specified in 5.1.3, but do not supply it with power during conditioning. Apply the vibration in each of three mutually perpendicular axes in turn, and so that one of the three axes is perpendicular to the normal mounting axis of the specimen.

5.20.2.3 Conditioning

Apply the following conditioning:

- frequency range: (10 to 150) Hz;
- acceleration amplitude: 10 m/s^2 ($\approx 1,0 \text{ gn}$);
- number of axes: 3;
- sweep rate: 1 octave/min;
- number of sweep cycles: 20 per axis.

The vibration operational and endurance tests may be combined such that the specimen is subjected to the operational test conditioning followed by the endurance test conditioning in one axis before changing to the next axis. It is necessary to make only one final measurement.

5.20.2.4 Final measurements

After the conditioning, measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.

Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .

5.20.3 Requirements

No fault signal, attributable to the endurance conditioning, shall be given on reconnection of the specimen.

The lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$.

The ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.21 Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) immunity test (operational)

5.21.1 The following EMC immunity tests shall be carried out as specified in EN 50130-4:

- a) electrostatic discharge;
- b) radiated electromagnetic fields;
- c) conducted disturbances induced by electromagnetic fields;
- d) fast transient bursts;
- e) slow high-energy voltage surges.

5.21.2 For these tests, the criteria for compliance as specified in EN 50130-4 and the following shall apply.

- a) The functional test, called for in the initial and final measurements, shall be as follows.
 - Measure the response threshold value as specified in 5.1.5.
 - Designate the greater of the response threshold value measured in this test and that measured for the same specimen in the reproducibility test as S_{\max} and the lesser as S_{\min} .
- b) The required operating condition shall be as specified in 5.1.2.

The acceptance criteria for the functional test after the conditioning shall be that

- the lower response threshold value, S_{\min} , shall be not less than 25 $\mu\text{l/l}$,
- the ratio of the response threshold values $S_{\max}:S_{\min}$ shall not be greater than 1,6.

5.22 Fire sensitivity

5.22.1 Object of test

The object of the test is to show that the detector has adequate sensitivity to a broad spectrum of smoke types as required for general application in fire detection systems for buildings.

5.22.2 Test procedure

5.22.2.1 Principle of test

The specimens being tested are mounted in a standard fire test room (see Annex C) and exposed to a series of test fires designed to produce smoke representative of a wide spectrum of types of smoke and smoke flow conditions.

5.22.2.2 Test fires

Subject the specimens to the three test fires TF2, TF3 and TF9. The type, quantity and arrangement of the fuel and the method of ignition are specified in Annexes D to F for each test fire, along with the end-of-test condition and the required profile curve limits.

In order for a test fire to be valid, the development of the fire shall be such that the profile curves of m against y and m against time, t , (for TF2 and TF3) and S against m and S against time, t (for TF9) fall within the specified limits, up to the time when all of the specimens have generated an alarm signal or the end-of-test condition is reached, whichever is the earlier. If these conditions are not met, then the test is invalid and shall be repeated. It is permissible, and can be necessary, to adjust the quantity, condition (e.g. moisture content) and arrangement of the fuel to obtain valid test fires.

5.22.2.3 Mounting of specimens

Mount the four specimens (Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20) on the fire test room ceiling in the designated area (see Annex C) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, such that they are in the least sensitive orientation relative to an assumed airflow from the centre of the room to the specimen.

Connect each specimen to its supply and monitoring equipment, as specified in 5.1.2, and allow it to stabilize in its quiescent condition before the start of each test fire.

Detectors that dynamically modify their sensitivity in response to varying ambient conditions can require special reset procedures and/or stabilization times. The manufacturer's guidance should be sought in such cases to ensure that the state of the detectors at the start of each test is representative of their normal quiescent state.

5.22.2.4 Initial conditions

IMPORTANT — The stability of the air and temperature affects the smoke flow and gas flow within the room. This is particularly important for the test fires that produce low thermal lift for the smoke (e.g. TF2 and TF3). Therefore, the difference between the temperature near the floor and the ceiling should be < 2 °C, and local heat sources that can cause convection currents (e.g. lights and heaters) should be avoided. If it is necessary for people to be in the room at the beginning of a test fire, they should leave as soon as possible, taking care to produce the minimum disturbance to the air.

Before each test fire, ventilate the room with clean air until it is free from smoke, so that the conditions given below can be obtained.

Switch off the ventilation system and close all doors, windows and other openings. Then allow the air in the room to stabilize and the following conditions to be obtained before the test is started:

- air temperature: $T = (23 \pm 5)$ °C;
- air movement: negligible;
- smoke density (ionization): $y \leq 0,05$;
- smoke density (optical): $m \leq 0,02$ dB/m;
- CO concentration: $S \leq 5$ µl/l.

5.22.2.5 Recording of the fire parameters and response values

During each test fire, record the fire parameters given in Table 4 as a function of time from the start of the test. Record each parameter continuously or at least once per second.

Table 4 — Fire parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Unit
temperature change	ΔT	°C
smoke density (ionization)	y	(dimensionless)
smoke density (optical)	m	dB/m
carbon monoxide concentration	S	µl/l

The alarm signal given by the supply and monitoring equipment shall be taken as the indication that a specimen has responded to the test fire.

Record the time of response (alarm signal) of each specimen, along with ΔT_a , y_a , m_a and S_a , the fire parameters at the moment of response. A response of the smoke alarm after the end-of-test condition is to be ignored.

5.22.3 Requirements

All four specimens shall generate an alarm signal, in each test fire, before the specified end-of-test condition is reached.

6 Test report

The test report shall contain, as a minimum, the following information:

- a) identification of the alarm tested;
- b) reference to this part of ISO 7240 (i.e. ISO 7240-6:2011);
- c) results of the test: the individual response threshold values and the minimum, maximum, and arithmetic mean values, where appropriate;
- d) conditioning period and the conditioning atmosphere;
- e) temperature and the relative humidity in the test room throughout the test;
- f) details of the supply and monitoring equipment and the alarm criteria;
- g) details of any deviation from this part of ISO 7240 or from the International Standards to which reference is made, and details of any operations regarded as optional.

Annex A (normative)

Gas test chamber for response threshold value and cross-sensitivity measurements

The following specifies those properties of the gas test chamber that are of primary importance for making repeatable and reproducible measurements of response threshold values of fire detectors. However, since it is not practical to specify and measure all parameters that can influence the measurements, the background information in Annex G should be carefully considered and taken into account when a gas test chamber is designed and used to make measurements in accordance with this part of ISO 7240.

The gas test chamber shall have a horizontal working section containing a working volume. The working volume is a defined part of the working section where the air temperature and airflow are within the required test conditions. Conformance with this requirement shall be regularly verified under static conditions, by measurements at an adequate number of points distributed within and on the imaginary boundaries of the working volume. The working volume shall be large enough to fully enclose the detector being tested and the sensing parts of the measuring equipment. The detector being tested shall be mounted in its normal operating position on the underside of a flat board aligned with the airflow in the working volume. The board shall be of such dimensions that the edge(s) of the board are at least 20 mm from any part of the detector. The detector mounting arrangement shall not unduly obstruct the airflow between the board and the tunnel ceiling.

Means shall be provided for creating an essentially laminar airflow at the required velocities [i.e. $(0,2 \pm 0,04)$ m/s or $(1,0 \pm 0,2)$ m/s] through the working volume. It shall be possible to maintain the temperature at the required values and to increase the temperature at a rate not exceeding 1 K/min from -10 °C to 55 °C.

The response threshold of CO fire detectors is characterized by the concentration of CO in air measured in the proximity of the detector at the moment that it generates an alarm signal. Gas concentration measurements, S , shall be made in the working volume in the proximity of the detector.

The sensors shall have a measuring accuracy of at least 1 μ l/l or 5 %, whichever is greater. The response time of the instrument shall be such that it does not cause a measurement error of greater than 5 μ l/l at the highest rate of increase used for tunnel measurements.

Means shall be provided for the introduction of the test gas such that a homogeneous gas concentration is obtained in the working volume.

Only one detector shall be mounted in the chamber, unless it has been demonstrated that measurements made simultaneously on more than one detector are in close agreement with measurements made by testing detectors individually. In the event of a dispute, the value obtained by individual testing shall be accepted.

Annex B (normative)

Apparatus for impact test

The apparatus (see Figure B.1) consists essentially of a swinging hammer comprising a rectangular section head (striker) with a chamfered impact face, mounted on a tubular steel shaft. The hammer is fixed into a steel boss, which runs on ball bearings on a fixed steel shaft mounted in a rigid steel frame, so that the hammer can rotate freely about the axis of the fixed shaft. The design of the rigid frame is such as to allow complete rotation of the hammer assembly when the specimen is not present.

The striker has overall dimensions of 76 mm (width) \times 50 mm (depth) \times 94 mm (length) and is manufactured from aluminium alloy (Al Cu4SiMg as specified in ISO 209-1), which has been solution- and precipitation-treated. It has a plane-impact face chamfered at $(60 \pm 1)^\circ$ to the long axis of the head. The tubular steel shaft has an outside diameter of $(25 \pm 0,1)$ mm with a wall thickness of $(1,6 \pm 0,1)$ mm.

The striker is mounted on the shaft so that its long axis is at a radial distance of 305 mm from the axis of rotation of the assembly, the two axes being mutually perpendicular. The central boss is 102 mm in outside diameter and 200 mm long, and is mounted coaxially on the fixed steel pivot shaft, which is approximately 25 mm in diameter; however, the precise diameter of the shaft depends on the bearings used.

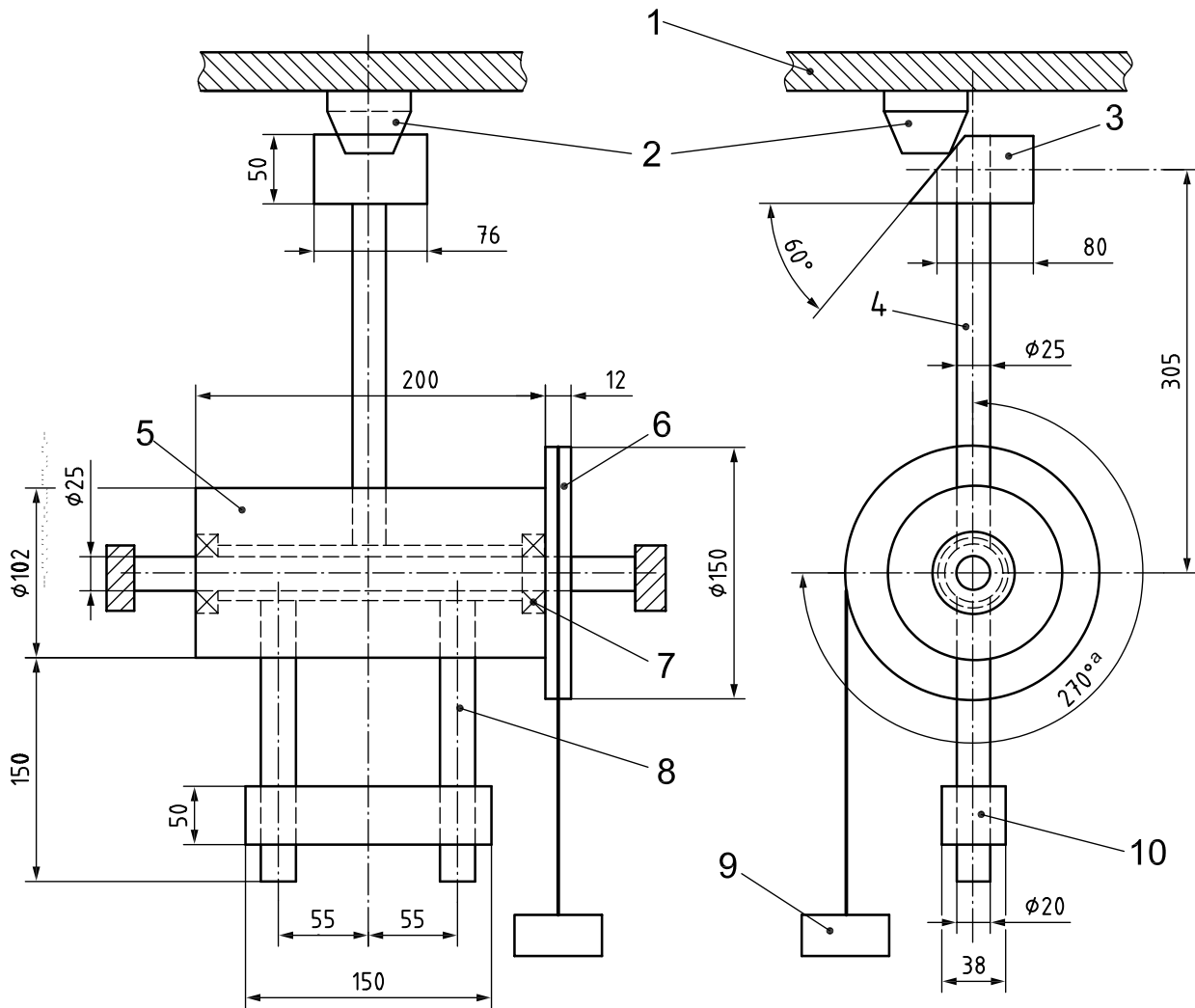
Diametrically opposite the hammer shaft are two steel counter-balance arms, each 20 mm in outside diameter and 185 mm long. These arms are screwed into the boss so that the length of 150 mm protrudes. A steel counter-balance weight is mounted on the arms so that its position can be adjusted to balance the mass of the striker and arms, as in Figure B.1. On the end of the central boss is mounted a 150 mm diameter aluminium alloy pulley, 12 mm wide, and around this is wound an inextensible cable, with one end fixed to the pulley. The other end of the cable supports the operating weight.

The rigid frame also supports the mounting board on which the specimen is mounted by its normal fixings. The mounting board is adjustable vertically so that the upper half of the impact face of the hammer strikes the specimen when the hammer is moving horizontally, as shown in Figure B.1.

To operate the apparatus, the position of the mounting board with the specimen is first adjusted as shown in Figure B.1 and the mounting board is then secured rigidly to the frame. Next the hammer assembly is balanced carefully by adjustment of the counter-balance weight with the operating weight removed. The hammer arm is then drawn back to the horizontal position ready for release and the operating weight is reinstated. On release of the assembly, the operating weight spins the hammer and arm through an angle of $3\pi/2$ rad to strike the specimen. The mass, in kilograms, of the operating weight to produce the required impact energy of 1,9 J equals $0,388/(3\pi r)$ kg, where r is the effective radius of the pulley, expressed in metres. This equals approximately 0,55 kg for a pulley radius of 75 mm.

As this part of ISO 7240 requires a hammer velocity at impact of $(1,5 \pm 0,13)$ m/s, the mass of the hammer head shall be reduced by drilling the back face sufficiently to obtain this velocity. It is estimated that a head of mass of about 0,79 kg is required to obtain the specified velocity, but it is necessary to determine this by trial and error.

Dimensions in millimetres unless otherwise specified



Key

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 mounting board | 6 pulley |
| 2 detector | 7 ball bearings |
| 3 striker | 8 counter-balance arms |
| 4 striker shaft | 9 operating weight |
| 5 boss | 10 counter-balance weight |

a 270° angle of movement.

NOTE The dimensions shown are for guidance, apart from those relating to the hammer head.

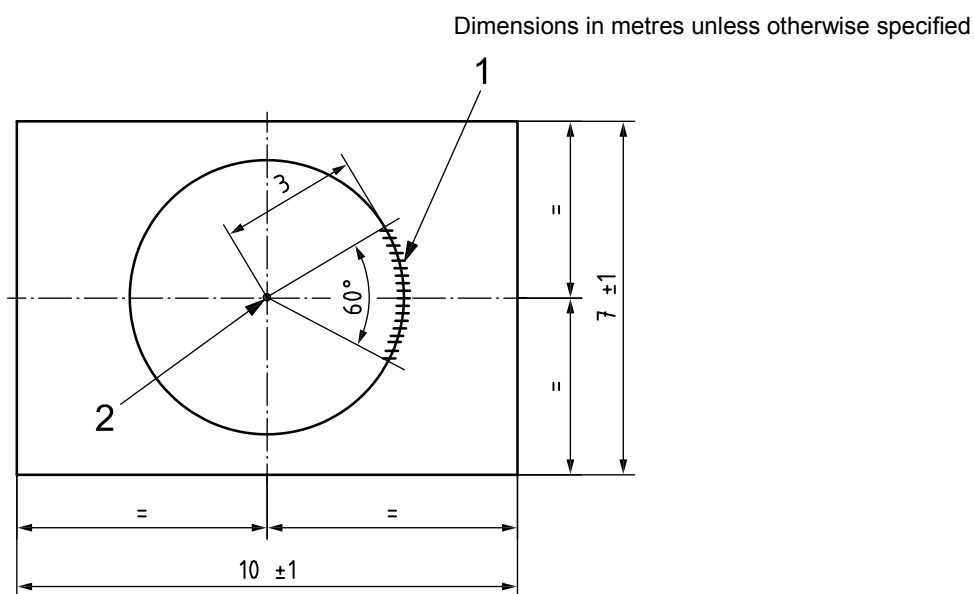
Figure B.1 — Impact apparatus

Annex C (normative)

Fire test room

The specimens being tested, the measuring ionization chamber (MIC), the temperature probe and the measuring part of the obscuration meter shall all be located within the volume shown in Figures C.1 and C.2. Details of the smoke measuring instruments are contained within ISO 7240-7.

The specimens, the MIC and the mechanical parts of the obscuration meter shall be at least 100 mm apart, measured to the nearest edges. The centreline of the beam of the obscuration meter shall be at least 35 mm below the ceiling.

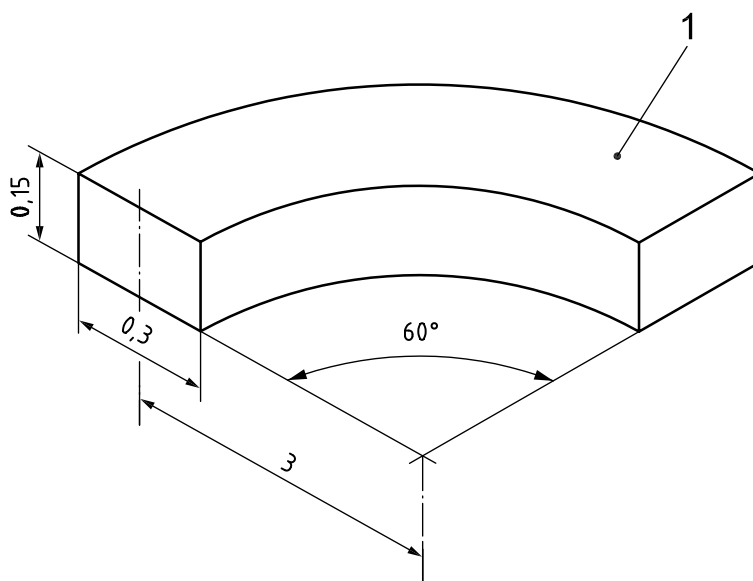


Key

- 1 specimens and measuring instruments (see Figure C.2)
- 2 position of test fire

Figure C.1 — Plan view of fire test room and position of specimens and monitoring instruments

Dimensions in metres unless otherwise specified



Key

1 ceiling

Figure C.2 — Mounting position

Annex D (normative)

Smouldering (pyrolysis) wood fire (TF2)

D.1 Material

D.1.1 Fuel, approximately 10 dried beechwood sticks (moisture content $\approx 5\%$), each stick having dimensions of 75 mm \times 25 mm \times 20 mm.

D.2 Apparatus

D.2.1 Hotplate, with a 220 mm diameter grooved surface with eight concentric grooves with a distance of 3 mm between grooves. Each groove shall be 2 mm deep and 5 mm wide, with the outer groove 4 mm from the edge. The hotplate shall have a rating of approximately 2 kW.

The temperature of the hot plate shall be measured by a sensor attached to the fifth groove, counted from the edge of the hotplate, and secured to provide a good thermal contact.

D.3 Arrangement

The sticks shall be arranged radially on the grooved hotplate surface, with the 20 mm side in contact with the surface such that the temperature probe lies between the sticks and is not covered, as shown in Figure D.1.

D.4 Heating rate

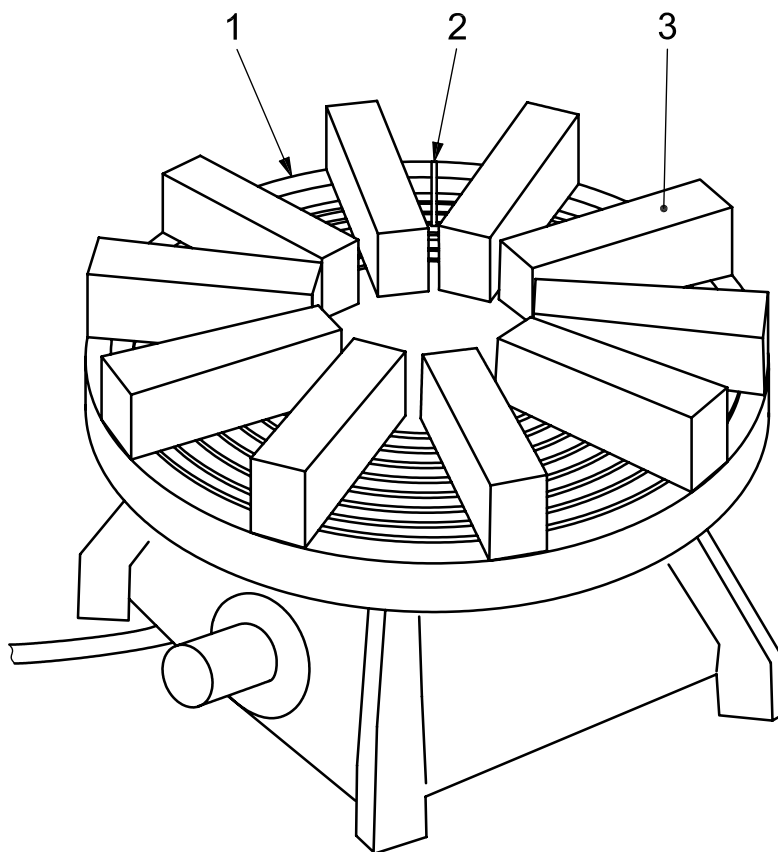
The hotplate shall be powered such that its temperature rises from ambient to 600 °C in approximately 11 min.

D.5 End-of-test condition

The end-of-test condition, m_E , shall be when $m = 2$ dB/m or all of the specimens have generated an alarm signal, whichever is the earlier.

D.6 Test validity criteria

No flaming shall occur before the end-of-test condition has been reached. The development of the fire shall be such that the curves of m against y , and m against time, t , fall within the hatched areas shown in Figures D.2 and D.3, respectively. That is, $1,23 \leq y \leq 2,05$ and $570 \leq t \leq 840$ at the end-of-test condition $m_E = 2$ dB/m.



Key

- 1 grooved hotplate
- 2 temperature sensor
- 3 wooden sticks

Figure D.1 — Arrangement of sticks on hotplate

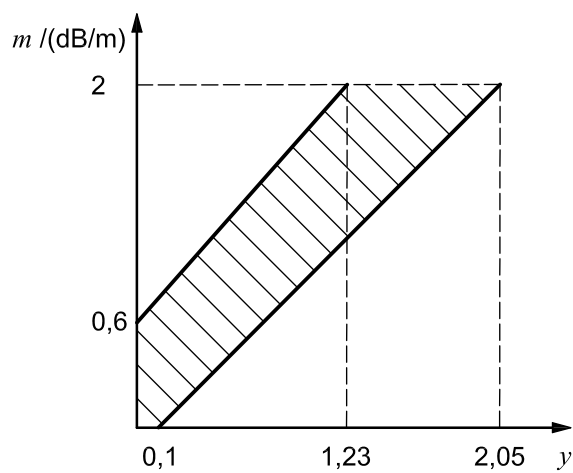


Figure D.2 — Limits for m against y , Fire TF2

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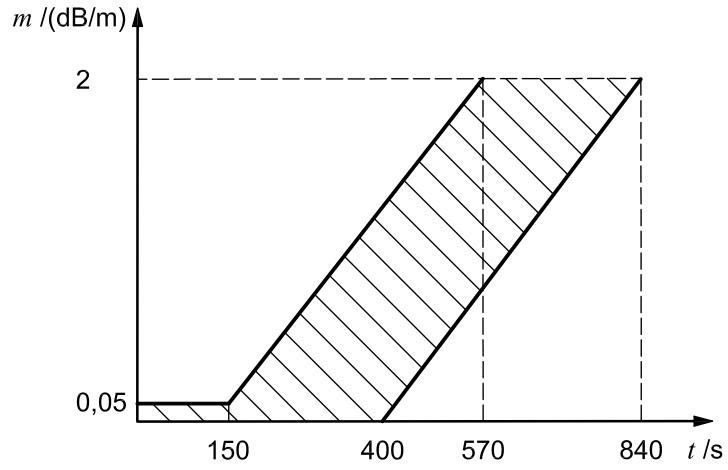


Figure D.3 — Limits for m against time, t , Fire TF2

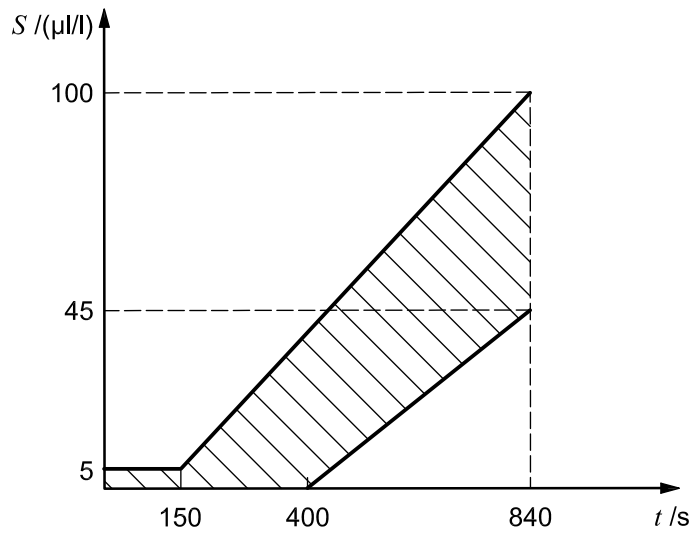


Figure D.4 — Limits for S against time, t , Fire TF2

Annex E (normative)

Glowing smouldering cotton fire (TF3)

E.1 Material

E.1.1 Fuel, approximately 90 pieces of braided cotton wick, each of length approximately 80 cm and weighing approximately 3 g. The wicks shall be free from any protective coating and shall be washed and dried if necessary.

E.2 Arrangement

The wicks shall be fastened to a ring approximately 10 cm in diameter and suspended approximately 1 m above a non-combustible plate as shown in Figure E.1.

Dimensions in metres

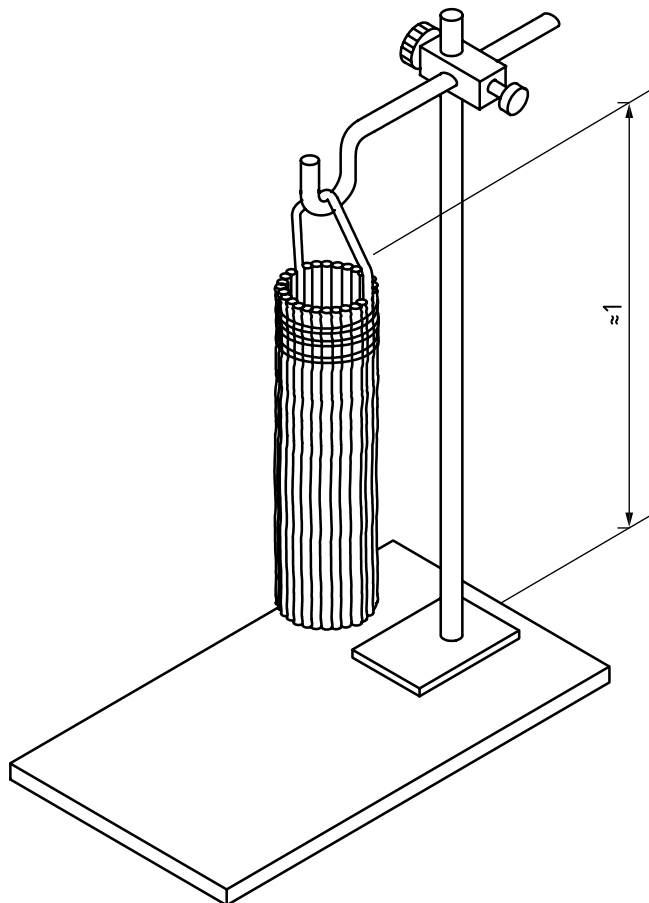


Figure E.1 — Arrangement of cotton wicks

E.3 Ignition

The lower end of each wick shall be ignited so that the wicks continue to glow. Any flaming shall be blown out immediately. The test time shall start when all wicks are glowing.

E.4 End-of-test condition

The end-of-test condition, m_E , shall be when $m = 2$ dB/m or all of the specimens have generated an alarm signal, whichever is the earlier.

E.5 Test validity criteria

The development of the fire shall be such that the curves of m against y , and m against time, t , fall within the hatched areas shown in Figures E.2 and E.3, respectively. That is, at the end-of-test condition $m_E = 2$ dB/m, $3,2 \leq y \leq 5,33$ and $280 \leq t \leq 750$.

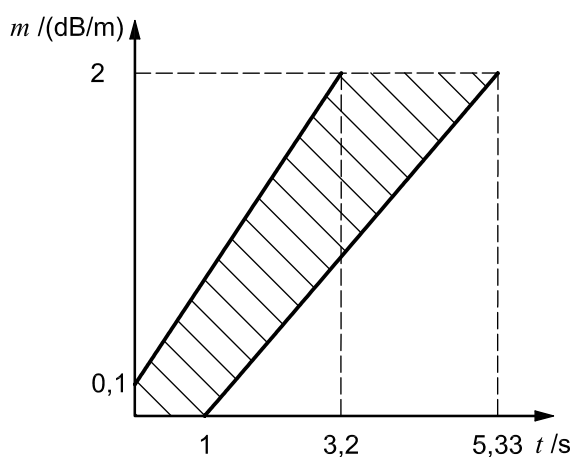


Figure E.2 — Limits for m against y , Fire TF3

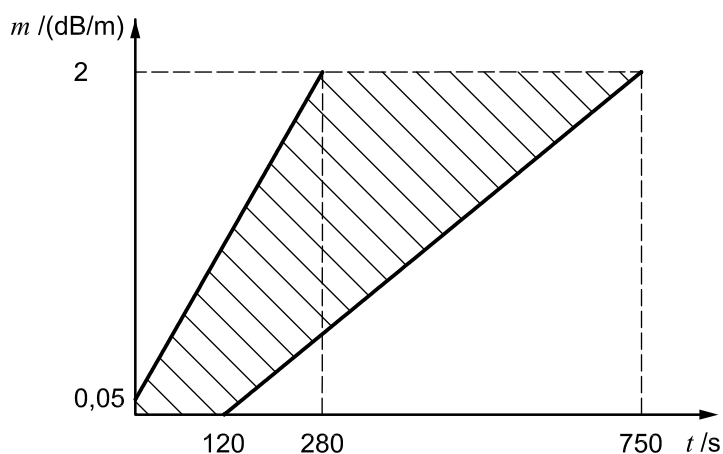


Figure E.3 — Limits for m against time, t , Fire TF3

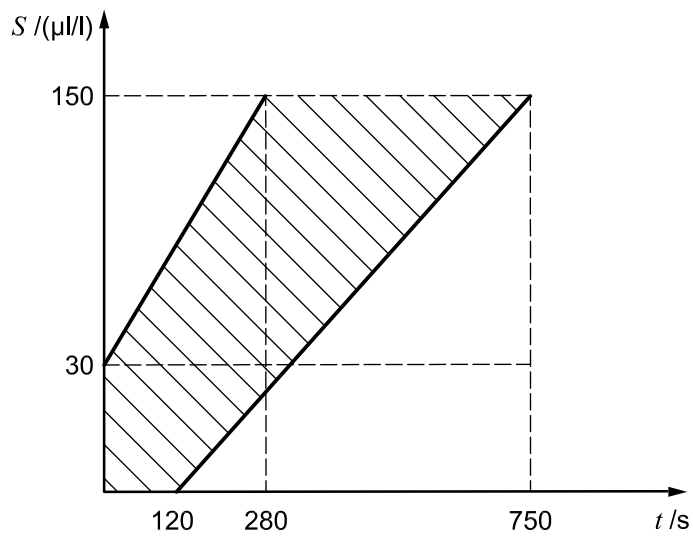


Figure E.4 — Limits for S against time, t , Fire TF3

Annex F (normative)

Deep-seated smouldering cotton fire (TF9)

F.1 Material

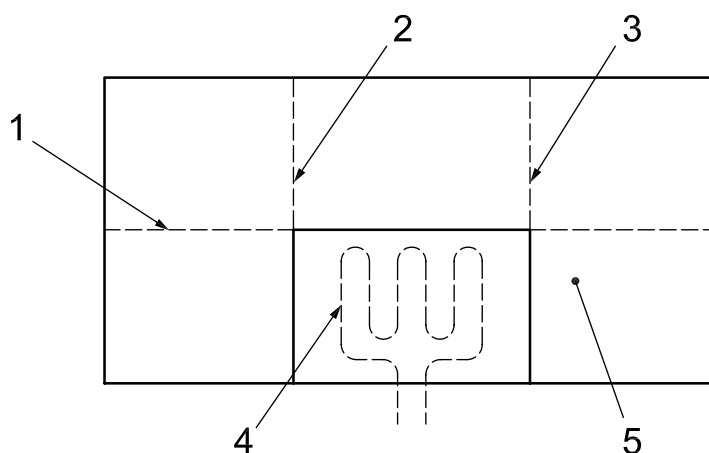
F.1.1 Fuel, unused white towel, made from 100 % cotton, having dimensions 50 cm × 100 cm, and a density of 540 g·m⁻². The fuel shall be dried in an oven at 40 °C for a period of at least 12 h.

F.2 Arrangement

The towel shall be folded three times to give a rectangle 30 cm × 25 cm, the first fold being on the long dimension. The towel shall be placed on a base formed from aluminium foil with the edges folded up to form a tray.

Approximately 2 m of resistance wire, having a specific resistance of approximately 4 Ω/m, formed as shown in Figure F.1, shall be placed on the surface of the towel before it is folded such that, after folding, five layers of the towel cover the resistance wire.

NOTE Nichrome wire is a suitable resistance wire for this test.



Key

- 1 first fold
- 2 second fold
- 3 third fold
- 4 resistance wire
- 5 towel, 1 000 mm × 500 mm

Figure F.1 — Arrangement of the cotton towel and ignition source

F.3 Ignition

The resistance wire of the ignition source shall be connected to a power supply capable of being adjusted between 18 V and 22 V and capable of delivering at least 2,5 A.

NOTE It can be necessary to adjust the voltage applied to the resistance wire in order to obtain a generation of CO within the defined profile curve (see Figure F.3).

The start of the test corresponds with the instant of switching on the supply.

Power shall be supplied to the ignition source throughout the test.

F.4 End-of-test condition

The end-of-test conditions, S_E and t_E , shall be when $S = 100 \mu\text{l/l}$ and $t > 30 \text{ min}$, or all of the specimens have generated an alarm signal, whichever is the earlier.

F.5 Test validity criteria

The development of the fire shall be such that the curves of S against m and S against time, t , fall within the hatched areas shown in Figures F.2 and F.3, respectively. That is, at the end-of-test condition $S_E = 100 \mu\text{l/l}$ carbon monoxide, $0,15 \leq m \leq 0,3$ and $20 \text{ min} \leq t \leq 30 \text{ min}$.

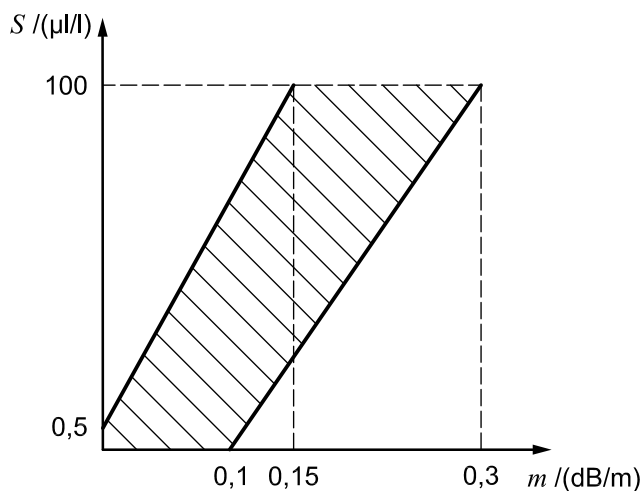


Figure F.2 — Limits for S against m , Fire TF9

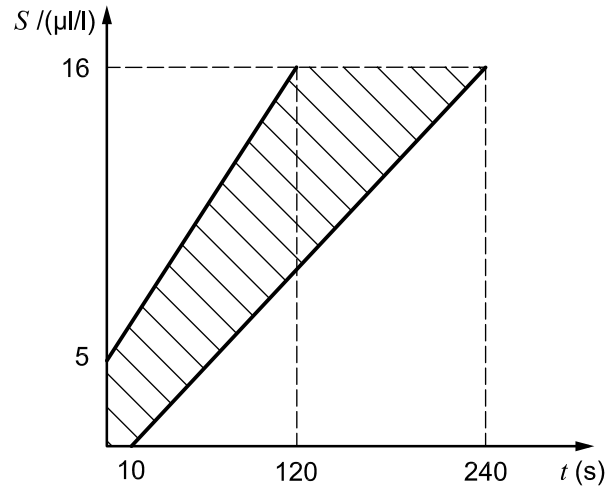


Figure F.3 — Limits for S against time, t , Fire TF9

Annex G (informative)

Information concerning the construction of the gas test chamber

Fire detectors respond when the signal(s) from one or more fire sensors fulfil certain criteria. The gas concentration at the sensor(s) is related to the gas concentration surrounding the detector but the relation is usually complex and dependent on several factors, such as orientation, mounting, air velocity, turbulence, rate of rise of gas concentration, etc. The relative change of the response threshold value measured in the gas test chamber is the main parameter considered when the stability of fire detectors is evaluated by testing in accordance with this part of ISO 7240.

Many different gas test chamber designs are suitable for the tests specified in this part of ISO 7240 but the following points should be considered when designing and characterizing a gas chamber.

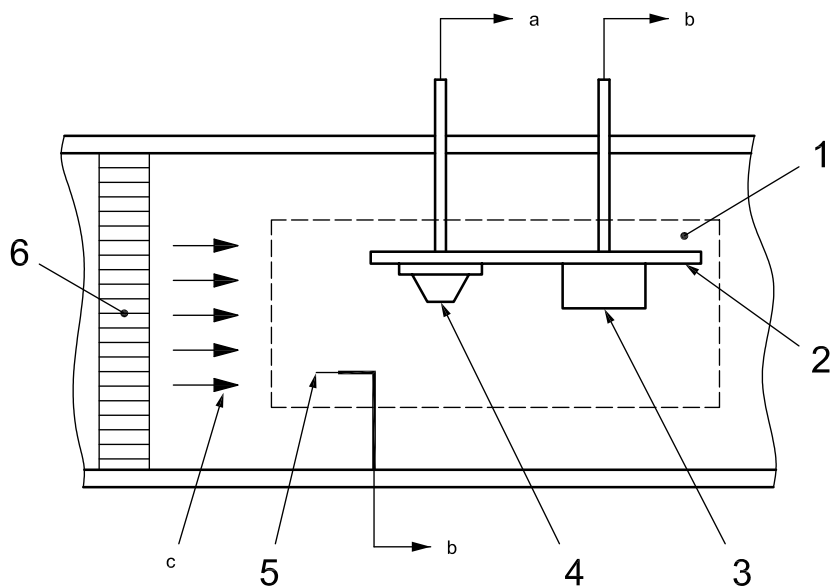
The larger the gas test chamber, the larger the volume of gas required during tests. Environmental control, personal safety and uniform gas distribution is more easily achieved if the volume of the gas test chamber is kept to a minimum. The control of test gases that can escape the chamber is also important. The chamber should be as gas-tight as possible.

The response threshold value measurements require increasing gas concentration until the detector responds. This can be facilitated in a closed-circuit gas test chamber. A purging system is required to purge the gas test chamber after each gas exposure. Some means to maintain the pressure inside the chamber close to atmospheric can be required to prevent pressure variations caused by the introduction of CO or other test gas.

The airflow created by a fan in the chamber is turbulent, and it shall pass through a turbulence reducer to create a nearly laminar and uniform airflow in the working volume (see Figure G.1). This may be facilitated by using a filter, honeycomb or both, in line with and upstream of the working section of the tunnel. Care should be taken to ensure that the airflow is well mixed to give a uniform temperature and gas concentration before entering the flow turbulence reducer. Efficient mixing may be obtained by feeding the gas to the tunnel upstream of the fan.

Means for heating the air before it enters the working section are required. The chamber should have a system capable of controlling the heating so as to achieve the specified temperatures and temperature profiles in the working volume. The heating should be achieved by means of low-temperature heaters to avoid the production of extraneous gases or alteration of the test gas.

Special attention should be given to the arrangement of the elements in the working volume in order to avoid disturbance of the test conditions, e.g. due to turbulence. The suction through the gas sensors creates a mean air velocity of approximately 0,04 m/s in the plane of the entrance openings in the chamber housing. However, the effect of the suction is negligible if the gas sensor is placed 10 cm to 15 cm downstream of the detector position.



Key

- 1 working volume
- 2 mounting board
- 3 gas sensor
- 4 detector(s) under test
- 5 temperature sensor
- 6 turbulence reducer
- a Supply and monitoring equipment.
- b Control and measuring equipment.
- c Airflow.

Figure G.1 — Gas test chamber, working section, side view

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