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Introduction

Fire is a complex phenomenon; its development and effects depend upon a number of interrelated factors. The behaviour of materials and products depends upon the characteristics of the fire, the method of use of the materials and the environment in which they are exposed to (see also ISO/TS 3814 and ISO 13943).

A test such as is specified in this document deals only with a simple representation of a particular aspect of the potential fire situation, typified by a radiant heat source, and it cannot alone provide any direct guidance on behaviour or safety in fire. A test of this type may, however, be used for comparative purposes or to ensure the existence of a certain quality of performance (in this case, smoke production) considered to have a bearing on fire behaviour generally. It would be wrong to attach any other meaning to results from this test.

The term "smoke" is defined in ISO 13943 as a visible suspension of solid and/or liquid particles in gases resulting from incomplete combustion. It is one of the first response characteristics to be manifested and should almost always be taken into account in any assessment of fire hazard as it represents one of the greatest threats to occupants of a building or other enclosure, such as a ship or train, on fire.

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INTERNATIONAL STANDARD **ISO 5659-2:2017(E)**

Plastics — Smoke generation —

Part 2:
Determination of optical density by a single-chamber test

1 Scope

This document specifies a method of measuring smoke production from the exposed surface of specimens of materials or composites. It is applicable to specimens that have an essentially flat surface and do not exceed 25 mm in thickness when placed in a horizontal orientation and subjected to specified levels of thermal irradiance in a closed cabinet with or without the application of a pilot flame. This method of test is applicable to all plastics.

It is intended that the values of optical density determined by this test be taken as specific to the specimen or assembly material in the form and thickness tested and are not to be considered inherent, fundamental properties.

The test is intended primarily for use in research and development and fire safety engineering in buildings, trains, ships, etc. and not as a basis for ratings for building codes or other purposes. No basis is provided for predicting the density of smoke that can be generated by the materials upon exposure to heat and flame under other (actual) exposure conditions. This test procedure excludes the effect of irritants on the eye.

NOTE This test procedure addresses the loss of visibility due to smoke density, which generally is not related to irritancy potency (see Annex E).

It is emphasized that smoke production from a material varies according to the irradiance level to which the specimen is exposed. The results yielded from the method specified in this document are based on exposure to the specific irradiance levels of 25 kW/m^2 and 50 kW/m^2.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

ISO 13943, *Fire safety — Vocabulary*

ISO 14934-3, *Fire tests — Calibration and use of heat flux meters — Part 3: Secondary calibration method*