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Foreword

This document (EN 149:2001+A1:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 79 "Respiratory protective devices", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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Introduction

A given respiratory protective device can only be approved when the individual components satisfy the requirements of the test specification which may be a complete standard or part of a standard, and practical performance tests have been carried out successfully on complete apparatus where specified in the appropriate standard. If for any reason a complete apparatus is not tested then simulation of the apparatus is permitted provided the respiratory characteristics and weight distribution are similar to those of the complete apparatus.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies minimum requirements for filtering half masks as respiratory protective devices to protect against particles except for escape purposes.

Laboratory and practical performance tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements.

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. Ⓐ

EN 132, *Respiratory protective devices - Definitions of terms and pictograms*

EN 134, *Respiratory protective devices - Nomenclature of components*

EN 143, *Respiratory protective devices - Particle filters - Requirements, testing, marking*

Ⓐ EN 13274-7, *Respiratory protective devices – Methods of test – Part 7: Determination of particle filter penetration* Ⓐ

ISO 6941, *Textile fabrics - Burning behaviour - Measurement of flame spread properties of vertically oriented specimens*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the definitions given in EN 132 and the nomenclature given in EN 134 apply Ⓐ together with the following:

3.1

re-useable particle filtering half mask

particle filtering half mask intended to be used for more than a single shift Ⓐ

4 Description

A particle filtering half mask covers the nose and mouth and the chin and may have inhalation and/or exhalation valve(s). The half mask consists entirely or substantially of filter material or comprises a facepiece in which the main filter(s) form an inseparable part of the device.

It is intended to provide adequate sealing on the face of the wearer against the ambient atmosphere, when the skin is dry or moist and when the head is moved.

Air enters the particle filtering half mask and passes directly to the nose and mouth area of the facepiece or, via an inhalation valve(s) if fitted. The exhaled air flows through the filter material and/or an exhalation valve (if fitted) directly to the ambient atmosphere.

These devices are designed to protect against both solid and liquid aerosols.

5 Classification

Particle filtering half masks are classified according to their filtering efficiency and their maximum total inward leakage. There are three classes of devices:

FFP1, FFP2 and FFP3.

The protection provided by an FFP2 - or FFP3 - device includes that provided by the device of lower class or classes.

Ⓐ In addition, particle filtering half masks are classified as single shift use only or as re-usable (more than one shift). Ⓐ

6 Designation

Particle filtering half masks meeting the requirements of this European Standard shall be designated in the following manner:

[A1] Particle filtering half mask EN 149, year of publication, classification, option (where "D" is an option for a non re-useable particle filtering half mask and mandatory for re-useable particle filtering half mask). **[A1]**

[A1] EXAMPLE Particle filtering half mask EN 149:2001 FFP1 NR D **[A1]**

7 Requirements

7.1 General

In all tests all test samples shall meet the requirements.

7.2 Nominal values and tolerances

Unless otherwise specified, the values stated in this European Standard are expressed as nominal values. Except for temperature limits, values which are not stated as maxima or minima shall be subject to a tolerance of $\pm 5\%$. Unless otherwise specified, the ambient temperature for testing shall be $(16 - 32)^\circ\text{C}$, and the temperature limits shall be subject to an accuracy of $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$.

7.3 Visual inspection

The visual inspection shall also include the marking and the information supplied by the manufacturer.

7.4 Packaging

Particle filtering half masks shall be offered for sale packaged in such a way that they are protected against mechanical damage and contamination before use.

Testing shall be done in accordance with 8.2.

7.5 Material

Materials used shall be suitable to withstand handling and wear over the period for which the particle filtering half mask is designed to be used.

After undergoing the conditioning described in 8.3.1 none of the particle filtering half masks shall have suffered mechanical failure of the facepiece or straps.

Three particle filtering half masks shall be tested.

When conditioned in accordance with 8.3.1 and 8.3.2 the particle filtering half mask shall not collapse.

Any material from the filter media released by the air flow through the filter shall not constitute a hazard or nuisance for the wearer.

Testing shall be done in accordance with 8.2.

7.6 Cleaning and disinfecting

[A1] If the particle filtering half mask is designed to be re-usable, the materials used shall withstand the cleaning and disinfecting agents and procedures to be specified by the manufacturer. **[A1]**