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INTRODUCTION

Paramagnetic oxygen analyzers respond to the partial pressure of oxygen in the measured gas, and the volumetric concentration is then determined by knowledge of the total pressure, as in many other gas analyzers. Due to this fact, many paramagnetic oxygen analyzers use pressure compensation (see 4.4.4 and 4.4.5). They are used in a wide range of industrial, laboratory, medical, and other applications where the rated measuring range of the analyzer is between 0 % to 1 % and 0 % to 100 %, at reference pressure (usually near atmospheric).

Only a few gases display significant paramagnetism (for example, oxygen, nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide), and oxygen has the strongest paramagnetic susceptibility (see Annex A) among gases. By employing this particular property of oxygen, analyzers have been designed that can be highly specific to the measurement in most industrial and medical applications, where, for example, high background levels of hydrocarbons or moisture may be present.

There are several different techniques described for measuring oxygen by its paramagnetic property, but three main methods have evolved over many years of commercial application.

The three methods are:

- automatic null balance;
- thermomagnetic or magnetic wind;
- differential pressure or Quincke.

These methods all require the sample gas to be clean and non-condensing, though some versions work at elevated temperatures so that samples that are likely to condense at a lower temperature can be analyzed. Because of this requirement, analyzers often require a sample system to condition the sample prior to measurement.

GAS ANALYZERS – EXPRESSION OF PERFORMANCE –

Part 3: Paramagnetic oxygen analyzers

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61207 applies to the three main methods for measuring oxygen by its paramagnetic property, which are outlined in the introduction. It considers essential ancillary units and applies to analyzers installed indoors and outdoors.

Safety-critical applications can require additional requirements from system and analyzer specifications not covered in this document.

This document is intended

- to specify terminology and definitions related to the functional performance of paramagnetic gas analyzers for the measurement of oxygen in a source gas;
- to unify methods used in making and verifying statements on the functional performance of such analyzers;
- to specify what tests are performed to determine the functional performance and how such tests are carried out;
- to provide basic documents to support the application of internationally recognized quality management standards.

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IEC 61207-1, *Expression of performance of gas analyzers – Part 1: General*

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