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Standard Practice for Sampling Gas Blow Down Systems and Components for Particulate Contamination by Automatic Particle Monitor Method[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice describes how to connect, prepare, and sample pressurized gas systems (having up to 19.1-mm (0.75-in.) diameter lines) for particulate contamination by using an automatic monitor.

1.2 The values stated in MKS units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For hazard statements, see Section 5.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Terminology

2.1 *Definitions:*

2.1.1 *downstream terminal point*—the point in a gas system from which gas is fed into a further system or component, usually the designated "sample port."

2.1.2 *filtered gas system*—a gas system that is equipped with required filtration devices to furnish gas that is suitably clean for the intended application.

2.1.3 *purge*—to flush a gas supply system or component with a regulated flow of gas.

2.1.4 *sample port*—the designated point in a gas system or component from which a representative gas sample may be taken.

3. Summary of Practice

3.1 The pressurized gas system or component and the apparatus are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the users sample analysis procedure. The sensing unit of the automatic particle monitor is connected to the designated sample port which is under purge condition. The system flow-rate is adjusted to the sample flow rate requirement. All the gas passing through the sensing unit is monitored for particulate contamination until the required sample volume has been analyzed.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Automatic Monitor,* with sensor that sizes and counts all entering fluid in accordance with the users requirements for pressure, flow, temperature, and accuracy.

4.2 *Filtered Gas System*—See Fig. 1.

4.3 *Stop Watch or Timer,* with a + 1, – 0-s resolution.

4.4 *Miscellaneous Fittings,* as needed for sampling point adaption, cleaned and packaged within system contamination requirements.

4.5 *Connecting Lines,* cleaned and packaged within system contamination requirements.

4.6 *Flowmeter,* calibrated for the sample port fluid, flow, and temperature requirements.

5. Hazards

5.1 Personnel must stand clear of exiting gas.

5.2 Ear protection must be used when gas flow approaches sonic velocity.

5.3 All lines and associated system components must be connected and operated within the requirements of recognized safety codes.

6. Procedure

6.1 Establish a minimum continuous purge pressure of 6.89 kPa (1 psig) gage or 2.83 dm^3/min (0.1 ft^3/min), flow from the filtered gas pressure supply.

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