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- 3.2
 - addition of: “A sample illuminated surface area in m²”
 - deletion of: “CIN concentration at reactor inlet” and “Fv,I fan flow at ith potential”
 - modification of abbreviations: “F Flow” to “Q Flow”, “V0” to “U₀”, “Vmin” to “U_{min}”, “MM” to “M”
- 6.3 (before 6.2) Modification of Figure 2
- 7.1 updated sentence: “Samples shall be eventually preconditioned following the supplier advices.”
- 8.1 updated formula: $C\left(\mu\text{g m}^{-3}\right) = 10^3 \frac{C(\text{ppmv}) \times M \times P}{R \times T} = \text{ppmv} \times k$
- 12 (before 11):
 - addition of: “a) international Standard used (including its year of publication)”;
 - “b) any deviations from the procedure”;
 - “c) the date of the test”;
- Annex A: change of figure “Typical trend of NO, NO₂ and NO_x concentrations during a photocatalytic test at nominal fan speed”
- Annex B: change of figure “Typical trend of NO, NO₂ and NO_x concentrations during a photocatalytic test at nominal fan speed”.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for assessing the performance of photocatalytic inorganic materials contained in cement mortars and/or limes or ceramic-based matrices, paints or materials deposited as thin films or coatings on a variety of substrates for the photocatalytic abatement of nitric oxide in the gas phase. This method does not apply to the assessment of samples to be applied with flow perpendicular to the surface or flow permeating the surface itself as polymeric and paper filters, honeycomb structures and suchlike.

The performance for the photocatalytic sample under test is evaluated by measuring the degradation rate of nitric oxide (NO) using the method specified herein. The photocatalytic abatement rate is calculated from the observed rate by eliminating the effects of mass transfer. The intrinsic photocatalytic abatement rate is an intrinsic property of the material tested and makes it possible to distinguish the photocatalytic activities of various products with an absolute scale defined with physical and engineering meaning.

For the measurements and calculations described in this document the concentration of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) is defined as the stoichiometric sum of nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

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.

CEN/TS 16599, *Photocatalysis — Irradiation conditions for testing photocatalytic properties of semiconducting materials and the measurement of these conditions*

EN ISO 9169, *Air quality — Definition and determination of performance characteristics of an automatic measuring system (ISO 9169)*

ISO 7996:1985, *Ambient air — Determination of the mass concentration of nitrogen oxides — Chemiluminescence method*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions and abbreviations apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

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concentration of nitrogen oxides

NO_x

stoichiometric sum of nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)

Note 1 to entry: For grade 999 nitrogen or air, the purity of the gas should be equal at least to 99,9 %.