
Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments —

**Part 13:
Cleaning of surfaces to achieve defined
levels of cleanliness in terms of
particle and chemical classifications**

Salles propres et environnements maîtrisés apparentés —

*Partie 13: Nettoyage des surfaces afin d'obtenir des niveaux de
propreté par rapport aux classifications particulaire et chimique*





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Introduction

The term surface refers to the interface between two phases. For the purpose of this document, the surface is a solid. A “clean surface” is where one or more of the contamination categories (particles, chemical) are under control due to cleaning/decontamination. The degree of cleanliness is specified in the corresponding surface cleanliness classifications (see ISO 14644-9 and ISO 14644-10). Different cleaning methods are necessary depending on the degree of cleanliness (cleanliness class) required. This document gives guidance on the selection of cleaning methods to achieve specified cleanliness levels. For the selection procedure, the aspects of surface description, cleanliness specifications, types of contamination, cleaning techniques, material compatibility, and assessment methodology are taken into consideration. Most of the methods are suitable for removal of more than one contamination category at the same time; therefore, a common standard for the selection of a cleaning method for both particles, as well as chemical contamination, is needed.

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1 Scope

This document gives guidelines for cleaning to a specified degree on cleanroom surfaces, surfaces of equipment in a cleanroom and surfaces of materials in a cleanroom. Under consideration are all surfaces (external or internal) that are of interest. It provides guidance on the assessment of cleaning methods for achieving the required surface cleanliness by particle concentration (SCP) and surface cleanliness by chemical concentration (SCC) classes and which techniques should be considered to achieve these specified levels.

The appropriateness of cleaning techniques will make reference to the cleanliness classes and associated test methods found in ISO 14644-9 and ISO 14644-10.

The following matters of general guidance will be provided:

- expected surface cleanliness levels;
- suitability of cleaning methods;
- compatibility of surfaces with the cleaning technique;
- assessment of cleaning appropriateness.

The following will be excluded from this document:

- classification of cleaning methods;
- product produced within a cleanroom;
- specific surface-related cleaning methods;
- detailed description of cleaning mechanisms, methods and procedures of various cleaning methods;
- detailed material characteristics;
- description of damage mechanisms by cleaning processes and time-dependent effects;
- references to interactive bonding forces between contaminants and surfaces or generation processes that are usually time-dependent and process-dependent;
- other characteristics of particles such as electrostatic charge, ionic charges, etc.;
- chemical reactions between molecular contaminants and surfaces;
- microbiological aspects of surface cleanliness;
- radioactive aspects of contamination;
- health and safety considerations;
- environmental aspects such as waste disposal, emissions, etc.;