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**Part 10: HFC 23 extinguishant
(ISO 14520-10:2005, MOD)**



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee FP-011, Special Hazard Fire Protection Systems, to supersede Appendix K of AS 4214—2002, *Gaseous fire extinguishing systems*.

This Standard is an adoption with Australian modifications and has been reproduced from ISO 14520-10:2005, *Gaseous media fire-extinguishing systems—Physical properties and system design*, Part 10: HFC 23 extinguishant, and has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian conditions. The modification is specified in Appendix ZZ.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the necessary technical data and requirements for HFC 23 extinguishant to be used successfully and safely in a fire extinguishing system complying with AS ISO 14520.1.

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Part 10:

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 14520 gives specific requirements for gaseous fire-extinguishing systems, with respect to the HFC 23 extinguishant. It includes details of physical properties, specification, usage and safety aspects and is applicable to systems operating at a nominal pressure of 41 bar without nitrogen superpressurization. This does not preclude the use of other systems.

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.

ISO 14520-1:—¹⁾, *Gaseous fire-extinguishing systems — Physical properties and system design — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14520-1 apply.

4 Characteristics and uses

4.1 General

Extinguishant HFC 23 shall comply with the specification according to Table 1.

HFC 23 is a colourless, almost odourless, electrically non-conductive gas with a density approximately 2,4 times that of air.

The physical properties are given in Table 2.

HFC 23 extinguishes fires mainly by physical means, but also by some chemical means.

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 14520-1:2000)