

UPDATED ISO 14644 1 & 2



- **Short background**
- **Main changes in ISO 14644-1**
- **Main changes in ISO 14644-2**
- **Q & A**

- US Federal Standard 209E Airborne Particulate Cleanliness Classes in Cleanrooms and Clean Zones – Fed Std 209E published June 16, 1988
- Over time, the industry requirements for single standard for classification & testing, lead to the formation of ISO 14644 series.
- Cancellation of 209E standard was official on November 29, 2001. The cancellation statement stated:
“...recommended that International Standard **ISO 14644**, Cleanrooms and controlled environments-Part 1: Classification of air cleanliness, and Part 2: Specifications for testing and monitoring to prove continued compliance with ISO 14644-1, **supersede FED-STD-209E.**”

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION FED-STD-209 NOTICE 1
November 29, 2001

FEDERAL STANDARD

**AIRBORNE PARTICULATE CLEANLINESS CLASSES
IN CLEANROOMS AND CLEAN ZONES**

Federal Standard 209E dated September 11, 1992 is hereby canceled and superseded by International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standards. International Standards for Cleanrooms and associated controlled environments, ISO 14644-1 Part 1: Classification of air cleanliness; and ISO 14644-2 Part 2: Specifications for testing and monitoring to prove continued compliance with ISO 14644-1. Application for copies of ISO Standards 14644-1 Part 1, and 14644-2 Part 2; may be addressed to the Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology (IEST), 940 East Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, IL 60056-3444. Phone: 847-255-1561, Fax: 847-255-1699, Web site: www.iest.org, E-mail: publicationsales@iest.org.

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Former

- ISO 14644-1:
Classification of air cleanliness
- ISO 14644-2:
Specifications for testing and monitoring to prove continued compliance with 14644 -1

Current

- ISO 14644-1:
Classification of air cleanliness **by particle concentration**
- ISO 14644-2:
Monitoring to provide evidence of cleanroom performance related to air cleanliness by particle concentration

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Current

- ISO 14644-3 (2005):
Test methods
- ISO 14644-4 (2001):
Design, construction and start up
- ISO 14644-5 (2004):
Operations
- ISO 14644-7 (2004):
Separative devices (clean air hoods, gloveboxes, isolators, minienvironments)

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – New maximum concentration limits

Table 1 — ISO Classes of air cleanliness by particle concentration

ISO Class number (N)	Maximum allowable concentrations (particles/m ³) for particles equal to and greater than the considered sizes, shown below ^a					
	0,1 µm	0,2 µm	0,3 µm	0,5 µm	1 µm	5 µm
1	10 ^b	d	d	d	d	e
2	100	24 ^b	10 ^b	d	d	e
3	1 000	237	102	35 ^b	d	e
4	10 000	2 370	1 020	352	83 ^b	e
5	100 000	23 700	10 200	3 520	832	d, e, f
6	1 000 000	237 000	102 000	35 200	8 320	293
7	c	c	c	352 000	83 200	2 930
8	c	c	c	3 520 000	832 000	29 300
9g	c	c	c	35 200 000	8 320 000	293 000

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – New maximum concentration limits:

- d Sampling and **statistical** limitations for particles in low concentrations make classification inappropriate
- e Sample collection limitations for both particles in low concentrations and sizes greater than 1 μm make classification at this particle size inappropriate, due to **potential particle losses** in the sampling system
- F In order to specify this particle size in association with ISO Class 5, the **macroparticle descriptor M** may be adapted and used in conjunction with at least one other particle size

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

The most significant change is the adoption of a more consistent statistical approach to the: (1) **selection** and the (2) **number** of sampling locations; and the evaluation of the data collected.

The new approach allows each location to be treated independently with at least a 95 % level of confidence that at least 90 % of the cleanroom or clean zone areas will comply with the maximum particle concentration limit for the target class of air cleanliness.

The new method eliminate the need for UCL (95%) calculation !

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

(2) Number of required samples:

The former version (ISO 14644-1:1999) minimum number of sample locations was determined using the following equation

$$\text{Location number} = \sqrt{\text{Room area in } m^2}$$

$$N_L = \sqrt{A}$$

N_L - is the minimum of sampling locations (rounded up to a whole number)

A- is the area of clean room. Clean zone in square meter

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

(2) Number of required samples:

New lookup table has been developed for the determination of the number of sample locations

For all room sizes above 6 m², the new table results in an **increase** of required sample locations ;

Table A.1 — Sampling locations related to cleanroom area

Area of cleanroom (m²) less than or equal to	Minimum number of sampling locations to be tested (N_L)
2	1
4	2
6	3
8	4
10	5
24	6
28	7
32	8
36	9
52	10
56	11
64	12
68	13

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

(1) Sample location selection:

No assumptions are made regarding the distribution of the actual particle counts over the area of the cleanroom or clean zone;

In ISO 14644-1:1999 an underlying assumption was that the particle counts follow the same normal distribution across the room;

In ISO 14644-1:2015 this assumption has been discarded to allow the sampling to be used in rooms, where the particle counts vary in a more complex manner.

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

(1) Sample location selection:

The determination of each sampling **location** is based on a semi-random sampling technique, based on a “**hypergeometric**” distribution.

Revised sampling maps should be issued!

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

(1) Sample location selection:

In order to position sampling locations:

- a) Use the minimum number of sampling locations N_L derived from the lookup table.
- b) Then divide the whole cleanroom or clean zone into N_L sections of equal area
- c) Select within each section a sampling location considered to be representative of the characteristics of the section, and
- d) At each **location**, **position** the particle counter probe in the plant of the work activity or another specified point

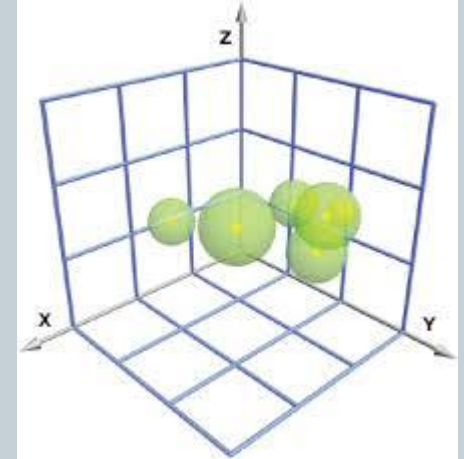
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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sample locations & number of samples

Use:

- ✓ Cleanroom layout – including operation equipment
- ✓ Known operation working positions
- ✓ HVAC system elements: clean air entrance or filters positioning, return air grills



Justify selected locations 😊

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ISO 14644-1:2015 – Sampling counter calibration

The particle counter shall have a valid calibration certificate:

The frequency and method of calibration should be based upon current practice as specified in **ISO 21501-4**

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Issues not included in this presentation:

- ❖ Intermediate decimal cleanliness classes and particle size thresholds
- ❖ Airborne particle concentration evaluation. Performing more than one sample per location.
- ❖ Out-of-specification result (ISO 14644-2 to be issued as alert/action levels)

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Potential benefits gained from monitoring are:

- ✓ faster response to adverse events and conditions,
- ✓ ability to develop trends from data over time,
- ✓ integration of data from multiple instruments,
- ✓ enhanced knowledge of installation and process, which allows for more effective risk assessment, and
- ✓ improved control of operational costs and product losses.

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Risk Assessment

A risk assessment shall be undertaken in order to:

- ✓ Develop a monitoring plan by determining factors that may affect the ability to maintain the agreed air cleanliness.
- ✓ Determine the monitoring requirements to provide evidence of performance.

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Risk Assessment

The assessment should include performance & operation monitored factors as:

- Contamination sources and their impact on manufacturing
- Facility elements that might affect cleanliness levels: pressure, airflow uniformity & volume, ventilation effectiveness, temperature, relative humidity
- Facility normal and energy-saving set-back mode
- Facility occupancy & level of activity (as change of shifts)

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Monitoring Plan

The monitoring plan shall take into account the output from the risk assessment.

- The plan should reflect the level of air cleanliness required, critical locations and performance attributes of the cleanroom.
- Monitoring plans are **reviewed periodically**; and based on the knowledge gained about the cleanroom or clean zone, the monitoring program is revised

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The concentration of airborne particles measured under a monitoring plan may be higher than the concentration observed during at-rest classification.

The observed values may fluctuate considerably due to factors such as, but not limited to:

- ✓ number of personnel present,
- ✓ the airflow rate,
- ✓ ventilation effectiveness,
- ✓ the operation of instruments or machinery, and
- ✓ activities in adjacent spaces.

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For processes that inherently produce particles as part of the process and where these particles are not a threat to the process or product,

It may be appropriate to rely on periodic at-rest classification (at rest), or

operational classification of simulated operations,
rather than monitoring of airborne particles in operation.

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Monitoring Plan

- List and justify parameters to be monitored affecting airborne particle concentration:
 - Temperature
 - Humidity
 - cleaning procedures and agents
 - fumigation agents
 - Product materials or process sources for different aerodynamic behaviour (heated surfaces)

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Monitoring Plan

- Describe and justify measuring methods (automated vs. manual),
- Identify and justify sample locations (e.g., three dimensions),
- Establish **alarms** and/or alert/action levels
- Explain what will be done if out of limits data found
- **Establish the need and frequency of periodic cleanroom classification** (see periodic classification slide)

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Monitoring Plan

- Set the format for recording data
- Relate to trending methods
- Set reporting requirements
- Set the policy and media to be used for record retention
- Set frequency of review of the monitoring plan

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ISO 14644-2:2015 – Periodic classification

“Periodic classification testing shall be undertaken **annually** in accordance with ISO 14644-1. This frequency can be extended based on risk assessment.”

It should be noted that current FDA and EU GMP requirements is for twice a year verification for the aseptic processing room.

Summary- main Changes

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ISO 14644-1

- Exclusion of particles > 5 microns from the classification table for ISO Class 5/ Grade A
- Number sample points required for classification of a cleanroom
- Locating sample points within a cleanroom
- Removal of 95% Upper Confidence Limits
- Instrument Calibration

ISO 14644-2

- Monitoring Plan
- Risk Assessment
- Periodic Classification
- Alarms



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