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Part 2: Lost chloride method

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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-062, Mechanical Ventilation and Airconditioning.

This Standard provides standardized testing methods that manufacturers may use for product development and to substantiate drift loss performance claims.

Work on the Standard started in 2006 following industry feedback on the need for an alternative to the chloride balance method for determining drift loss from cooling towers.

This Standard is the second of two parts dealing with cooling tower drift loss measurement as follows:

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4180.1	Part 1: Chloride balance method
4180.2	Part 2: Lost chloride method (this Standard)

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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FOREWORD

Part 1 of this Standard describes the chloride balance method (CBM) of measuring drift loss, which is judged to be suitable only for controlled laboratory investigations of componentry.

Part 2 (this Part) describes a similar approach known as the lost chloride method (LCM). This method has been shown to be suitable for field applications and is offered as an alternative to the CBM method. It involves indirectly measuring chloride loss over a period of time while also measuring direct usage of water from an operating system without heat load applied. The method is therefore suitable for testing complete cooling water systems in the field or for assessing drift elimination components within an operating system.

As with all measurements of drift loss, a high degree of accuracy in quantification is needed.

When this method is used in the field, care needs to be taken to ensure that the make-up water is of such quality that the potentially corrosive effects of adding salt are acceptable for the system being tested and that environmental effects (e.g. waste discharges) are minimal.

It is clear that the reduction of drift emitted from heat rejection devices plays a key role in reducing public health risk. For drift eliminators to function effectively, however, in the way they are designed to function, it is essential that they be correctly operated and maintained at all times.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out the requirements for measuring the drift of circulating water into the atmosphere by observing the mass of chloride ions missing from the water circuit under controlled conditions.

2 APPLICATION

The test applies to water circuits in direct contact with the atmosphere. The method measures the sum of all drift and any leakage losses.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

2093 Salt for use in the manufacture of dairy products

2360 Measurement of fluid flow in closed conduits

2360.1.1 Part 1.1: Pressure differential methods—Measurement using orifice plates, nozzles or Venturi tubes—Conduits with diameters from 50 mm to 1200 mm

2360.1.2 Part 1.2: Pressure differential methods—Measurement using orifice plates or nozzles—Conduits with diameters less than 50 mm

2360.1.3 Part 1.3: Pressure differential methods—Measurement using orifice plates, nozzles or Venturi tubes—Guide to the use of methods specified in Parts 1.1 and 1.2

2360.1.4 Part 1.4: Pressure differential methods—Measurement using orifice plates, nozzles or Venturi tubes—Guide to the effect of departure from the conditions specified in Part 1.1

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4180.1 Part 1: Chloride balance method

AS/NZS

2031 Selection of containers and preservation of water samples for microbiological analysis

ISO

6227 Chemical products for industrial use—General method for determination of chloride ions—Potentiometric method

4 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 4180.1 apply.