

limits may be regulated further according to the capacity of the fan and the effective performance of the hoods and the duct system.

For additional information on dust and cinders, see Chapter 29, Air Cleaning Devices.

RESISTANCE OF SYSTEM

The maintained resistance of the exhaust system is composed of three factors: (1) loss through the hoods, (2) collector drop, and (3) friction drop in the duct system.

The loss through the hoods is usually assumed to be equal to the suction maintained at the hoods. Where possible the resistance of the particular collector to be used should be ascertained from the manufacturer.

Friction drop in the pipes must be computed for each section where there is a change in area or in velocity. Find the velocities in each section of pipe starting with the branch most remote from the fan. The friction drop for these sections can be determined by reference to Table 6 and Fig. 2, Chapter 32. Total friction loss in the piping system is the friction

TABLE 7. ACCEPTED STANDARDS FOR TOXIC CONCENTRATION OF FUMES, DUSTS AND MISTS^a

FUMES	MILLIGRAMS PER CUBIC METER
Cadmium oxide.....	0.1
Chlorodiphenyl.....	1.0
Lead or oxides of lead.....	0.15
Mercury or mercury compounds.....	0.1
Pentachloronaphthalene.....	0.5
Trichloronaphthalene.....	5.0
Zinc oxide.....	15.0
DUSTS	MILLION PARTICLES PER CUBIC FOOT ^b
Asbestos.....	5
Cement.....	100
Gypsum.....	100
Lead or compounds of lead.....	0.15 ^c
Manganese.....	6 ^c
Marble.....	100
Silica (more than 70 per cent free silicon-dioxide).....	5
Silica (more than 10 per cent free silicon-dioxide).....	10
Silica (less than 10 per cent free silicon-dioxide).....	100
MISTS	MILLIGRAMS PER CUBIC METER
Chromic acid.....	0.1
Sulphuric acid.....	5.0

^aAdapted from Safe Concentrations of Certain Common Toxic Substances Used in Industry, by M. Bowditch, C. K. Drinker, P. Drinker, H. A. Haggard, and H. Hamilton (*Journal of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology*, Vol. 22, No. 6, June, 1940). Industrial Code Bulletin No. 35 (New York State Labor Department). Study of Asbestosis in Asbestos Textile Industry (*U. S. Public Health Bulletin* No. 241, 1938). Chronic Manganese Poisoning in an Ore Crushing Mill (*U. S. Public Health Bulletin* No. 247, 1940).

^bDetermined by light field or equivalent technique.

^cMilligrams per cubic meter.

TABLE 8. CORROSION RESISTING MATERIALS FOR EXHAUST SYSTEMS^a

MATERIAL	ACIDS ^b							
	ACETIC	CHROMIC	HYDRO- CHLORIC	HYDRO- FLUORIC	NITRIC	PHOS- PHORIC	SUL- PHUROUS	SUL- PHURIC
METALS	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.	Dil. Conc.
Aluminum	Good	Fair	Poor	No Data	Poor	Good	Poor	Poor
Magnesium and Alloys	No Data	Good	Poor	No Data	Poor	Good	No Data	No Data
Lead and Lead-Coated	Poor	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Good
Moly Alloy (60 Ni-20Mo-20 Fe)	Good	No Data	Fair	No Data	Poor	Poor	No Data	Good
Monel Metal	Fair	Poor	Fair	Good	Fair	Poor	Poor	Good
Bronze	Poor						Good	
Silicon Iron	Fair	Good	No Data	Fair	Poor	Good	No Data	Good
Stainless Steel ^c (18 Cr-8 Ni)	Good	Good	Poor	No Data	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
Enameled Steel	No Data	No Data	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	No Data	Good
MISCELLANEOUS								
Asbestos Comp			Good except against strong acids and alkalis					
Wood	Some woods are decomposed or softened faster than others.							
Rubber					Poor			Poor
Plastics	In general plastics resist weak acids and are decomposed by concentrated acid.							

^aStandard Practice Sheet No. 115 (Division of Industrial Hygiene, New York State Labor Department).

^bAcid mists in air are more corrosive than as liquid in storage tank. Galvanized iron not resistant to acid.

^cStainless steel of (24 Cr-10 Ni) fairly resistant at low temperature for HCl and H₂PO₄.

^dUnder most conditions.

^eAt room temperatures.

drop in the most remote branch plus the drop in the various sections of the main, plus the drop in the discharge pipe.

EFFICIENCY OF EXHAUST SYSTEMS

The efficiency of an exhaust system depends upon its effectiveness in reducing the concentration of dusts, fumes, vapors and gases below the safe or threshold limits¹⁰.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the necessity of testing exhaust systems frequently by determining the concentration of atmospheric contamination at the worker's breathing level. Commonly accepted values of threshold limits for usual atmospheric contaminants, such as fumes, dusts and mists are given in Table 7. Similar data covering gases and vapor will be found in Chapter 28.

¹⁰Criteria for Industrial Exhaust Systems, by J. J. Bloomfield (A.S.H.V.E. TRANSACTIONS, Vol. 40, 1934, p. 353).