

# Microbial Contamination and Control Conference

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Across Industries





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### **INDUSTRIES PERFORMING ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

**Pharma/Biotech  
Semiconductor  
Med Device  
Aerospace  
Automotive  
Electronics  
Battery/EV  
More.....**



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# EM Concerns in Pharmaceutical

- Regulatory Driven, Internal Quality
- Real-time monitoring, room classification, and periodic monitoring
- ISO5 – 8
- .5 and 5 micron particle
- Viable and Non-viable
- Significant investment (key driver in Manufacturing)
- *Contamination Control Strategies and Risk Assessments* are heavily employed







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# EM Concerns in Semiconductor

- Internal Quality and Performance Driven (10, 7, 5, .5 nm....)
- Real-time monitoring, room classification, and periodic monitoring
- ISO1 – 8 (class 1- class 100,000)
- .01 micron and lower
- No viable sampling needs
- Liquid particle counting (UPW)
- *Contamination Control Strategies* are heavily employed and Facilities are highly automated





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# EM Concerns in MedDevice

- Both Internal Quality and Regulatory Driven (product dependent – gray area)
- Real-time monitoring, room classification, and periodic monitoring
- ISO5 – 8 (Grade A-C)
- .5 and 5 micron driven
- Viable and Non-viable sampling requirements
- Class 1, 2, or 3 products by risk to patient (only 2 & 3 use EM)
- Terminal Sterilization or Aseptic Manufacturing
- *Contamination Control Strategies and Risk Assessments* can be employed





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# EM Concerns in Aerospace

- Internal Quality Driven
- Real-time monitoring, room classification, and periodic monitoring
- ISO5 – 8 (class 100 – 100,000)
- .3 and above
- Non-viable sampling needs (rarely viable)
- Parts Cleaning applications can be critical (liquid monitoring)
- Facility tools and cleanrooms can be quite large
- *Contamination Control Strategies* can be employed







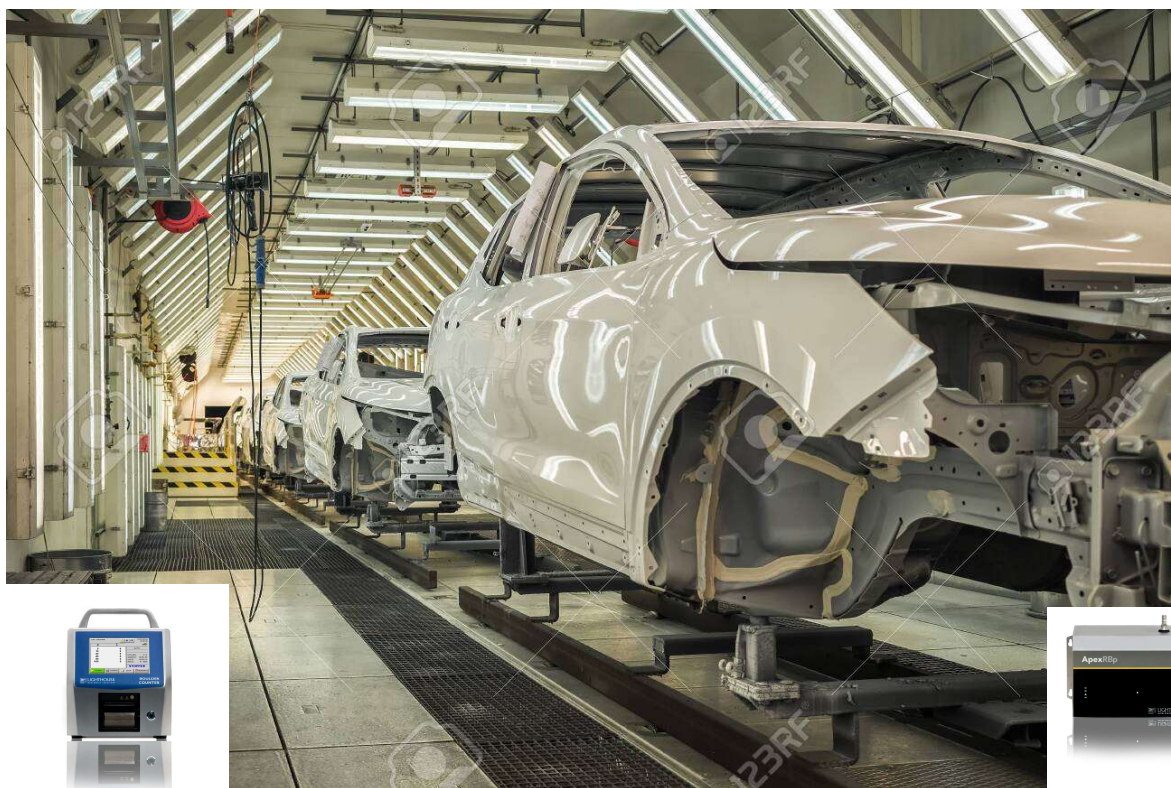
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# EM Concerns in Automotive

- Internal Quality and Client Driven
- Real-time monitoring and periodic monitoring
- ISO7 – 8
- .5 and 5 (ISO), but larger particles impact quality most
- Non-viable sampling requirements
- Ease of installation is important (large facilities)
- Real-Time Contamination Control in this area is new to the industry (historically surface samples)







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# EM Concerns in Electronics

- Internal Quality and Client/Marketing Driven
- Periodic monitoring
- ISO7 – 8
- .5 and 5 driven (ISO check-the-box exercise)
- Non-viable sampling needs
- Considered a competitive advantage
- Customer Facing Parts focus
- ISO Classifications are rarely certified, often only a goal for HVAC
- *Contamination Control Strategies* and *Risk Assessments* are not employed





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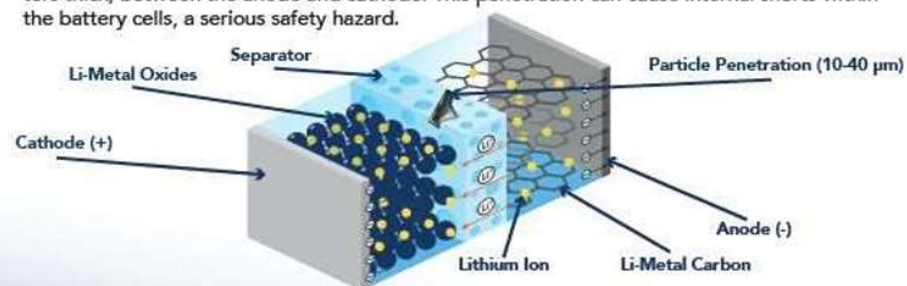
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# EM Concerns in Battery/EV

- Internal Quality driven
- Real-time and Periodic monitoring
- ISO 6-8
- .5 and 5 micron (ISO), but 20-40 identified as MPPS (Most Problematic Particle Size), especially metals
- MPPS can imbed in Anode/Cathode separator creating short-circuit
- *Risk Assessments and Contamination Control Strategies* can be used
- Hydrogen Cells and lines need verified clean-air during production
- Particle-free production considered critical to reducing dendrite formation and thermal runaway (fires)

**Safety Risks:** Particles as small as 10 micrometers can penetrate separators (10-40 micrometers thick) between the anode and cathode. This penetration can cause internal shorts within the battery cells, a serious safety hazard.



**Potential for Thermal Runaway and Fires:** Battery shorts due to particle contamination can lead to thermal runaway, a condition where the battery overheats and can potentially ignite. In severe cases, this can result in battery fires, posing significant risks in EVs.





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## Emerging Markets



### Data Centers

- ISO 7 & 8 design
- Wide range of drivers (risk, energy, eff.)
- Air and liquids

### Healthy Building Design

- More stringent IAQ standards
- High awareness since Covid
- HVAC Bank monitoring
- IAQ; PM2.5



### Healthcare/OR

- ISO 7
- Strong in Europe
- Dynamic environment
- Blood centers, tissue banks, pharmacy, etc

### Food & Beverage Manufacturing

- New standards being examined (GMP), currently very low
- Several high profile problems
- Viable monitoring based (currently reactive)







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## Various Classification Standards

GMP Annex-1:2009				
Current 2009	Maximum permitted number of particles per m <sup>3</sup> equal to or greater than the tabulated size			
	At Rest		In operation	
Grade	≥ 0.5µm	≥ 5.0µm	≥ 0.5µm	≥ 5.0 µm
A	3.520	20	3.520	20
B	3.520	29	352.000	2.900
C	352.000	2.900	3.520.000	29.000
D	3.520.000	29.000	not defined	not defined

FDA vs GMP Air Classifications (in operation)									
FDA	FDA	FDA	GMP	FDA	GMP	FDA	GMP	GMP	GMP
Clean Area Classifications 0.5µm particles/ft <sup>3</sup>	ISO Designation	≥ 0.5µm particles/ m <sup>3</sup>	GMP Grade	Microbiological Active Air Action Levels (cfu/m <sup>3</sup> )	Microbiological Active Air Action Levels (cfu/m <sup>3</sup> )	Microbiological Settling Plates Action Levels (diam. 90 mm; cfu/4 hours)	Microbiological Settling Plates Action Levels (diam. 90 mm; cfu/4 hours)	Contact Plates (diam. 55 mm; cfu/plate)	Glove Print 5 fingers (cfu/glove)
100	ISO 5	3.520	A	1	<1	1	<1	<1	<1
1,000	ISO 6	35.200	not defined	7	not defined	3	not defined	not defined	not defined
10,000	ISO 7	352.000	B	10	10	5	5	5	5
100,000	ISO 8	3,520.000	C	100	100	50	50	25	not defined
not defined	not defined	not defined	D	not defined	200	not defined	100	50	not defined

ISO ISO 14644-1:1999 Classification of air cleanliness by particle concentration							FED-STD-209 *		
ISO Class (N)	≥ 0.1µm (m <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 0.2µm (m <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 0.3µm (m <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 0.5µm (m <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 1.0µm (m <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 5.0µm (m <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 0.5µm (ft <sup>3</sup> )	≥ 5.0µm (ft <sup>3</sup> )	Class
ISO 1	10	2							
ISO 2	100	24	10	4					
ISO 3	1,000	237	102	35	8		1		1
ISO 4	10,000	2,370	1,020	352	83		10		10
ISO 5	100,000	23,700	10,200	3,520	832	29	100		100
ISO 6	1,000,000	237,000	102,000	35,200	8,320	293	1,000	7	1,000
ISO 7				352,000	83,200	2,930	10,000	70	10,000
ISO 8				3,520,000	832,000	29,300	100,000	700	100,000
ISO 9				35,200,000	8,320,000	293,000			

○ = Becomes due in ISO 14644-1:2015



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today, any questions?