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The invention provides a shroud (10; 40) for use in apparatus incorporating cyclonic dust separation means for separating dirt and dust from an airflow, the shroud (10; 40) comprising a perforated portion (14; 44) having a multiplicity of perforations (30; 46) for allowing the airflow to pass therethrough. According to the invention, the upstream edge of each perforation (30) meets the upstream surface (28) of the shroud (10) at a sharply defined angle. The invention improves the performance of the dust separation apparatus in conjunction with which the shroud (10; 40) is utilised.