
**Dentistry — Implants — Dynamic fatigue
test for endosseous dental implants**

*Art dentaire — Implants — Essai de fatigue dynamique pour implants
dentaires endosseux*

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Dentistry — Implants — Dynamic fatigue test for endosseous dental implants

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method of fatigue testing of single post endosseous dental implants of the transmucosal type and their premanufactured prosthetic components. It is most useful for comparing endosseous dental implants of different designs or sizes.

While this International Standard simulates the functional loading of an endosseous dental implant body and its premanufactured prosthetic components under “worst case” conditions, it is not applicable for predicting the *in vivo* performance of an endosseous dental implant or prosthesis, particularly if more than one implant is used for a prosthesis.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1099, *Metallic materials — Fatigue testing — Axial force-controlled method*

ISO 1942 (all parts), *Dental vocabulary*

ISO 4965, *Axial load fatigue testing machines — Dynamic force calibration — Strain gauge technique*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

3.1

endosseous dental implant system

device that consists of integrated components including the ancillary instruments and specific equipment necessary for the clinical and laboratory preparation and placement of the implant, and for the construction and insertion of the dependent prosthesis

NOTE 1 In addition to providing resistance to displacement of a dental prosthesis, an endosseous dental implant may be used as an anchorage for orthodontic appliances.

NOTE 2 An endosseous dental implant may consist of one or more parts.

NOTE 3 The term dental prosthesis includes crowns and fixed and removable prostheses.

3.2 load-cycle diagram
diagram summarising the fatigue properties of an endosseous dental implant by showing for each value of the applied peak load the number of cycles endured by each specimen at the time of failure

See Annex A.

4 General Principles

4.1 Finished device testing

Testing shall be performed on specimens that are representative of the finished device (i.e., components that have undergone the same manufacturing process and sterilization as the device that is to be marketed). If the manufacturer intends the endosseous dental implant to be sterilized by the clinician prior to surgery, sterilization shall be carried out as specified in the manufacturer's instructions for use before testing. However, if there is evidence that the specified sterilization method has no significant effect on the properties of all the materials of the specimens being tested, then sterilization is not necessary prior to testing.

4.2 Multi-part endosseous dental implants

A multi-part endosseous dental implant shall be tested as assembled according to its intended use. An endosseous dental implant component recommended by its manufacturer to be used in conjunction with components of another manufacturer shall be tested as assembled according to the recommending manufacturer's statement. Where a multi-part device is assembled by means of screw joints, then these shall be used according to the manufacturer's recommendations and shall be tightened to the manufacturer's recommended torque using the equipment (screw driver, torque wrench) which is provided together with the implant system or using a device that provides torque within $\pm 5\%$ of the recommended value if no original instruments are available. The tightening sequence shall be as recommended by the manufacturer.

4.3 Worst-case testing

If a part of the endosseous dental implant system is available in various dimensions and/or configurations, testing shall be carried out for the worst-case conditions within the recommended use. The choice of worst case shall be justified and documented.

5 Test methods

5.1 Testing machine

The testing machine shall:

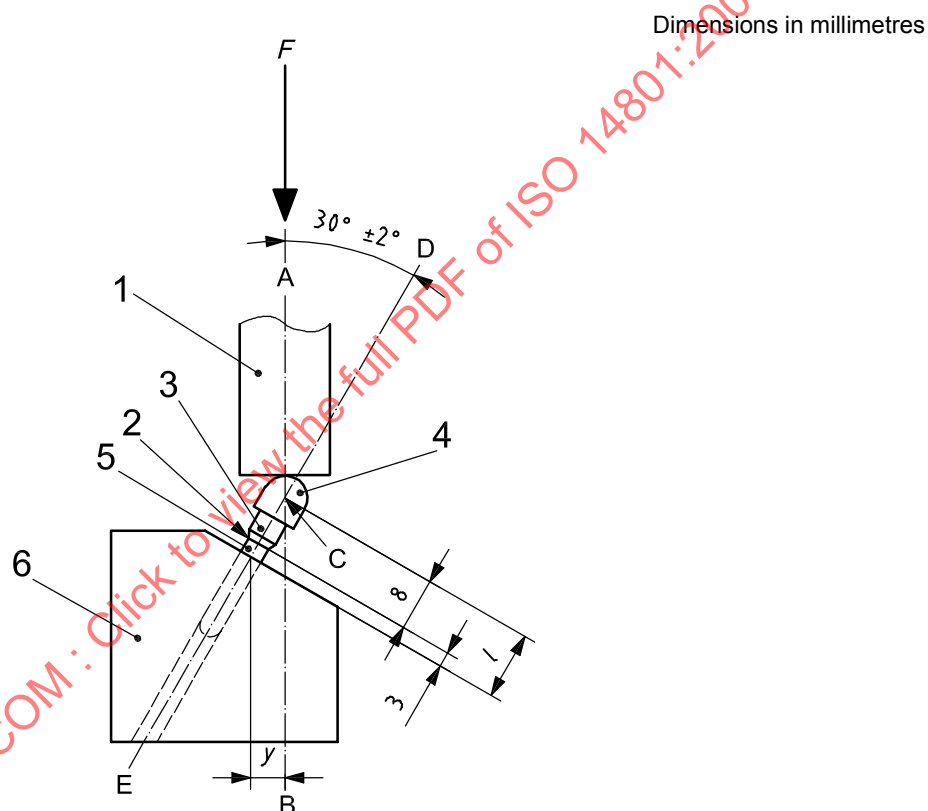
- be capable of applying the prescribed load with an error not exceeding $\pm 5\%$ at maximum load (in accordance with ISO 7500-1 and ISO 4965);
- be capable of applying the load at the prescribed frequency;
- include instrumentation to monitor the values of maximum and minimum loads and loading frequency and to detect failure of the specimen;
- be capable of recording the number of loading cycles during the test.

5.2 Loading geometry

5.2.1 The loading force, F , (see Figures 1 and 2) of the testing machine shall be applied in such a way that:

- no lateral constraint occurs;
- the loading centre (Point C in Figures 1 and 2) is well-defined, such that the moment arm, y , can be measured or calculated.

5.2.2 For dental implant systems that include no pre-angled connecting parts, these requirements will be met by the test set-up shown schematically in Figure 1.



Key

- 1 loading device [shall be allowed free movement transverse to loading direction (see 5.2.6)]
- 2 nominal bone level (see 5.3.2)
- 3 connecting part
- 4 hemispherical loading member
- 5 dental implant body
- 6 specimen holder

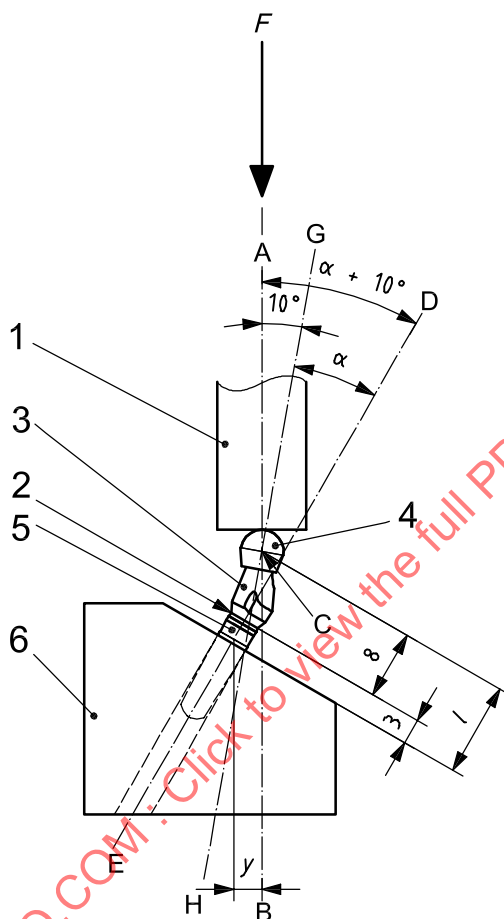
Figure 1 — Schematic of test set-up for systems with no pre-angled connecting parts

5.2.3 An endosseous dental implant from a system that includes no pre-angled connecting parts shall be clamped such that its axis makes a $30^\circ \pm 2^\circ$ angle with the loading direction of the testing machine (see Figure 1).

5.2.4 An endosseous dental implant body of a system that includes pre-angled connecting parts shall be clamped such that the angle with the loading direction of the testing machine is $10^\circ \begin{pmatrix} +2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ greater than the angle

between the implant axis and the axis of the angled portion of the connecting part, designated as α in Figure 2. This represents a simulated undercorrection of 10° . The loading method shall be the same as that shown in Figure 1. The loading centre shall be located at the intersection of the central longitudinal axis of the free end of the connecting part and the plane normal to the longitudinal axis of the implant and located 11 mm (l in Figure 2) from the support level of the implant.

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

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- 2 nominal bone level (see 5.3.2)
- 3 connecting part
- 4 hemispherical loading member
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Figure 2 — Schematic of test set-up for systems with pre-angled connecting parts

5.2.5 The loading force, F , of the testing machine shall be applied through a deformation-resistant loading member with a hemispherical contact surface for load transfer, attached to or placed over the free end of the connecting part. For endosseous dental implant systems that include no pre-angled connecting parts, the loading centre, which is the centre (C) of the hemisphere, shall be on the central longitudinal axis of the endosseous dental implant. For endosseous dental implant systems that include pre-angled connecting parts, the loading centre shall be on the central longitudinal axis of the free end of the connecting part.

5.2.6 The loading force shall be applied to the hemispherical loading surface by a loading device with a plane surface normal to the loading direction of the machine. The loading device shall be unconstrained in the transverse direction, so as to not reduce the magnitude of the applied bending moment. This shall be accomplished by means of a universal joint or point contact at the junction of the loading member and the test machine structure. The junction shall be located at least 50 mm from the hemispherical loading surface.

5.2.7 The hemispherical loading surface and the surface of the loading device shall be examined visually after each test to ensure that permanent deformation has not occurred. If permanent deformation is observed, the deformed component shall be replaced and the test shall be repeated.

5.2.8 For an endosseous dental implant body and/or connecting part that lacks rotational symmetry around either the central longitudinal axis of the implant body or the axis of nominal prosthetic loading, the loading geometry shall be selected to test the worst case compatible with the intended use of the implant. The loading geometry shall be justified and documented.

5.3 Specimen holder and load application

5.3.1 The bone-anchoring part of the specimen shall be fixed in a rigid clamping device. If an embedding material is used, it shall have a modulus of elasticity higher than 3 GPa. The geometry of the clamping device shall be such that the testing geometry specified in 5.2 is achieved. The clamping device shall be designed so as not to deform the test specimen.

5.3.2 The device shall clamp the specimen at a distance $3,0 \text{ mm} \pm 0,5 \text{ mm}$ apically from the nominal bone level as specified in the manufacturer's instructions for use (see Figures 1 and 2). If the nominal bone level is not specified in the manufacturer's instructions for use, the worst-case situation shall apply.

NOTE For many endosseous dental implants, it is known that the marginal bone level can move apically following implantation to a relatively steady-state level. The distance of $3,0 \text{ mm}$ is chosen to provide a representative case with respect to bone loss.

5.3.3 For dental implant systems that do not include pre-angled connecting parts, the dimensions of the loading member, as specified in 5.2.4, shall be chosen to define a distance $l = 11,0 \text{ mm} \pm 0,5 \text{ mm}$ from the centre (C) of the hemisphere to the clamping plane (see Figures 1 and 2). The moment arm, y , is defined as $l \times \sin 30^\circ$. For the standard configuration, the moment arm is $0,5 \times l$, or $5,5 \text{ mm}$. In the case of a long endosseous dental implant, for which $l = 11 \text{ mm}$ cannot be readily achieved, a larger value for l may be chosen. The choice shall be justified and documented.

Bending moment, M , is defined by the expression

$$M = y \times F$$

For the case illustrated in Figure 1, bending moment is

$$M = 0,5 \times l \times F$$

or, when $l = 11 \text{ mm}$ and F is expressed in newtons,

$$M = 5,5 \times F \text{ (N}\cdot\text{mm)}.$$

5.3.4 For endosseous dental implant systems which include pre-angled connecting parts, the free end of the connecting part shall be provided with a hemispherical loading member, the centre of which lies on the central longitudinal axis of the free end of the connecting part and is $l = 11,0 \text{ mm} \pm 0,5 \text{ mm}$ from the support level of the implant, measured on a line parallel to the central longitudinal axis of the implant body, as shown in Figure 2. The moment arm, y (see Figure 2) may be measured directly from the test specimens and fixtures or may be calculated. In the case of an endosseous dental implant body and connecting part for which $l = 11 \text{ mm}$ cannot be readily achieved, a larger value for l may be chosen. The choice shall be justified and documented. Bending moment, M , may be calculated from the measured or calculated value of y as

$$M = y \times F,$$

and should be reported in N·mm.

5.4 Testing environment

For endosseous dental implant systems that include materials in which corrosion fatigue has been reported or is expected to occur, or for systems that include polymeric components, testing shall be carried out in normal saline or in an alternative physiologic medium. The fluid and the test specimen shall be kept at $37^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ during the testing. For all other systems, testing may be conducted in air at $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$. The testing environment shall be justified and reported.

5.5 Loading frequency and wave form

Fatigue testing shall be carried out with a unidirectional load. The load shall vary sinusoidally between a nominal peak value and 10 % of this value.

The loading frequency shall be no more than 15 Hz. Testing in liquid media shall be conducted at frequencies ≤ 2 Hz.

5.6 Procedure

5.6.1 The general principles for fatigue testing as described in ISO 1099 shall apply.

5.6.2 Generate the data for a load-cycle diagram at a series of loads, until a lower limit (maximum endured load) is reached at which at least three specimens survive and none fails in the specified number of cycles. Plot the measured points in a load-cycle diagram. If testing is conducted at frequencies ≤ 2 Hz, testing shall be conducted to 2×10^6 cycles. For testing conducted at frequencies > 2 Hz, testing shall be conducted to 5×10^6 cycles. An appropriate starting load is 80 % of the load to failure in a static test performed using the same test geometry. Subsequent tests typically are performed at lower loads, resulting in a curve similar to that shown in Annex A. At least two, and preferably three, specimens shall be tested at each of at least four loads. Measure the distance from the loading centre (C in Figure 1 and Figure 2) to the section of critical failure.

5.6.3 Identify the critical failure point and the location of failure initiation. Failure is defined as material yielding, permanent deformation, loosening of the implant assembly or fracture of any component. Draw the load-cycle curve to show the maximum load at which the endosseous dental implant system will withstand 5×10^6 cycles or, for frequencies ≤ 2 Hz, 2×10^6 cycles (maximum endured load). Every specimen (at least three) tested at the maximum endured load shall reach the specified number of cycles with no failures. Calculate the maximum bending moment, M , (see 5.3.3 or 5.3.4) corresponding to this load.

6 Reporting

6.1 The test report shall include full details of all aspects of the test apparatus, the test specimens, the procedures followed, and the results obtained, with particular attention to 6.1.1 to 6.1.15.

6.1.1 Identification of the endosseous dental implant and its components, in particular:

- type of endosseous dental implant body (e.g., threaded, tapered, cylindrical);
- type of connecting part(s) (e.g., screw-retained, cemented, taper-fit, cylindrical, conical);
- manufacturer(s);
- part and lot numbers of the tested parts;
- material(s) of the tested parts, including any coating material(s) and other surface treatments;
- diameter and length of the endosseous dental implant body;
- geometric dimensions of the connecting part(s) including the angle, α , of the pre-angled connecting part;

— description and dimensions of the joints between the endosseous dental implant body and the connecting part(s), and between the connecting part(s) and the functional loading structure.

6.1.2 Intended use of the endosseous dental implant.

6.1.3 Reference to this International Standard, i.e. ISO 14801:2007.

6.1.4 In the case of an endosseous dental implant available in various dimensions and/or configurations (see 4.3), the rationale for choice of test specimens.

6.1.5 In the case of an endosseous dental implant lacking rotational symmetry (see 5.2.8), the rationale for the selection of loading geometry.

6.1.6 The moment arm, y .

6.1.7 The values of all geometric measurements and calculations used to determine the moment arm.

6.1.8 The geometric location of the nominal bone level used to establish the clamping location. If the nominal bone level is not specified in the manufacturer's instructions for use, the justification for the choice of nominal bone level for testing purposes.

6.1.9 In the case of $l \neq 11$ mm (see 5.3.3 or 5.3.4), the rationale for choice of the value of l .

6.1.10 Description of the specimen holding geometry and material, including the modulus of elasticity of any embedding medium.

6.1.11 In the case of a multi-part endosseous dental implant, the characteristics of assemblage [including assembly torque(s) of any component screw(s)].

6.1.12 Description of the hemispherical loading surface, including its spherical radius, and the rationale for its design.

6.1.13 Loading frequency.

6.1.14 Testing environment, including medium (e.g., normal saline, water or air) and temperature.

6.1.15 Results of dynamic testing (see Annex A):

- load-cycle diagram;
- maximum endured load at 5×10^6 cycles or, for tests at frequency ≤ 2 Hz, 2×10^6 cycles (fatigue limit);
- tabulation of testing load, number of cycles to failure or termination, and description and location of critical failure point for each test specimen;
- maximum bending moment, M , for the maximum endured load (see 5.6.3).