
**Instrumentation for use in association
with non-active surgical implants —
General requirements**

*Instrumentation à utiliser en association avec les implants
chirurgicaux non actifs — Exigences générales*

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Foreword

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Instrumentation for use in association with non-active surgical implants — General requirements

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies general requirements for instruments to be used in association with non-active surgical implants. These requirements apply to instruments when they are manufactured and when they are resupplied after refurbishment.

This International Standard also applies to instruments which may be connected to power-driven systems, but does not apply to the power-driven systems themselves.

With regard to safety, this International Standard gives requirements for intended performance, design attributes, materials, design evaluation, manufacture, sterilization, packaging, and information supplied by the manufacturer.

This International Standard is not applicable to instruments associated with dental implants, transendodontic and transradicular implants, and ophthalmic implants.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO 11135, *Sterilization of health-care products — Ethylene oxide — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-2, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 2: Establishing the sterilization dose*

ISO 11137-3, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 3: Guidance on dosimetric aspects*

ISO 11607-1, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems*

ISO 11607-2, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 2: Validation requirements for forming, sealing and assembly processes*

ISO 14155, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 17664, *Sterilization of medical devices — Information to be provided by the manufacturer for the processing of resterilizable medical devices*

ISO 17665-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Moist heat — Part 1: Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 80000-1, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1
associated implant**
specific non-active surgical implant in association with which a specific surgical instrument is intended to be used during a surgical procedure

**3.2
instrument**
non-active medical device intended for use during surgical procedures related to a specific non-active surgical implant

**3.3
resupplied instrument**
instrument or set of instruments that has been returned to the manufacturer and has been re-issued

4 Intended performance

The intended performance of an instrument shall be described and documented by addressing the following, with particular regard to safety:

- a) functional characteristics; and
- b) intended conditions of use.

Account should be taken of:

- published standards;
- published clinical and scientific literature;
- validated test results.

The extent to which the intended performance of an instrument has been achieved shall be determined (see [Clause 7](#)).

5 Design attributes

The development of the design attributes of an instrument to meet the performance intended by the manufacturer shall take into account at least the following:

- a) physical, mechanical, and chemical properties of the instrument materials (see [Clauses 6](#) and [7](#));
- b) microbiological and particulate contamination levels (see [Clauses 7, 9, and 10](#));
- c) ease of use, cleaning, and maintenance (see [Clause 7](#));
- d) potential deterioration of the material characteristics due to sterilization and storage (see [Clauses 6, 7, and 8](#));
- e) effects of contact between the instrument and body, the implant, and other instruments (see [Clause 7](#));
- f) shape and dimensions of the instrument, including their possible effects on the body (see [Clause 7](#));
- g) wear characteristics of materials and the effect of wear and wear products on the instrument and the body (see [Clauses 6 and 7](#));
- h) insertion, removal, and interconnection of parts (see [Clause 7](#));

- i) extent of fluid leakage and/or diffusion of substances into or out of instruments (see [Clauses 6](#) and [7](#));
- j) accuracy and stability of instruments with a measuring function (see [Clauses 7](#) and [8](#));
- k) ability of the instrument or fragment of instrument to be located by means of an external imaging device (see [11.3](#) p); and
- l) compatibility with any medicinal substances incorporated into or used with the instrument.

6 Selection of materials

Materials for the manufacture of instruments shall be selected with regard to the properties required for the intended purpose, taking into account the effects of manufacture, handling, sterilization, and storage, as well as any treatment (chemical, electro-chemical, thermal, mechanical, etc.) applied to the surface or a part of the surface of the instrument in order to modify its properties. Possible reactions of instrument materials with human tissues and body fluids shall be considered (see [Clause 7](#)).

The suitability of a given material for a particular application shall be demonstrated by either

- a) documented assessment in accordance with ISO 10993-1, or
- b) selection from the materials found suitable by proven clinical use in similar applications.

NOTE [Annex A](#) lists some of the materials that have been found acceptable in certain applications.

7 Design evaluation

7.1 General

Instruments shall be evaluated in association with the implant they are designed for, in order to demonstrate that the intended performance is achieved (see [Clause 4](#)). Safety shall be demonstrated by pre-clinical evaluation and by carrying out a risk analysis in accordance with ISO 14971.

7.2 Pre-clinical evaluation

If pre-clinical testing of instruments is required, the testing shall simulate conditions of intended use.

7.3 Clinical evaluation

If a clinical evaluation is required, it shall be based on the following:

- a) critical evaluation of the relevant scientific and clinical literature relating to the safety, performance, design characteristics, and intended use of the instrument or demonstrably similar instruments; or
- b) critical evaluation of the results of all clinical investigations conducted using the associated implant under the intended conditions of use; or
- c) combination of the clinical data provided in a) and b) above.

Where a clinical investigation is carried out, it shall be managed in accordance with ISO 14155.

8 Manufacture

Instruments shall be manufactured to specifications in accordance with the required design attributes (see [Clause 5](#)).

9 Sterilization

9.1 Products supplied sterile

For terminally sterilized instruments to be designated “STERILE”, the theoretical probability of there being a viable microorganism present on or in the instrument shall be equal to or less than 1×10^{-6} .

Manufacturers may use other sterility assurance levels, provided that this is justified by a documented risk assessment.

If instruments are to be sterilized by ethylene oxide, it shall be done according to ISO 11135.

If instruments are to be sterilized by irradiation, it shall be done according to ISO 11137-1, ISO 11137-2, and ISO 11137-3.

If instruments are to be sterilized by moist heat, it shall be done according to ISO 17665-1.

9.2 Products provided non-sterile

For instruments that are supplied non-sterile, the manufacturer shall specify at least one appropriate sterilization method such that the functional safety of the product is not adversely affected. If multiple sterilizations are not allowed, this shall be stated.

For instruments that are supplied non-sterile or claimed to be resterilizable, the manufacturer shall provide information on the processing of these instruments in accordance with ISO 17664.

10 Packaging

10.1 Protection from damage in storage and transport

For each instrument, the packaging shall be designed so that, under conditions specified by the manufacturer for storage, transport, and handling (including control of temperature, humidity, and ambient pressure, if applicable), the instrument is protected against damage and deterioration and the packaging does not adversely affect the intended performance of the instrument.

NOTE Possible test methods are specified in IEC 60068-2-27, IEC 60068-2-31, and/or IEC 60068-2-47.

10.2 Maintenance of sterility in transit

Instruments labelled “STERILE” shall be packaged such that they remain sterile under normal storage, transport, and handling conditions, unless the protective package is damaged or opened.

The packaging shall comply with ISO 11607-1 and ISO 11607-2.

11 Information supplied by the manufacturer

11.1 General

Information supplied by the manufacturer and intended for direct visual recognition shall be legible when viewed under illumination of 215 lx using normal vision, corrected if necessary, at a distance that takes into account the form and size of the individual instrument.

If there is insufficient space on each instrument's individual packaging, the relevant information may be given on an insert, accompanying document, or on the next layer of packaging, as applicable.

The recognition of certain markings on small or specialized instruments might require the use of methods other than visual, e.g. electronic methods.

When appropriate, symbols, abbreviations, and identification colour may be used in the markings and accompanying documents of an instrument. Any symbols, abbreviations, and identification colours used shall conform to published International Standards (e.g. ISO 15223-1). Where no such standards exist, the manufacturer shall describe the symbols, abbreviations, or identification colours used in the documentation supplied with the instrument.

The information supplied by the manufacturer shall not be presented in such a manner that it can be confused with other essential information and shall be understandable by the intended user and/or other persons, where appropriate.

Any units of measurement shall be expressed in SI units complying with ISO 80000-1. Equivalent units may be stated in parentheses.

As far as practicable and appropriate, the information needed to use the instrument safely shall be set out on the instrument itself and/or on the packaging for each unit or, where appropriate, on the sales packaging. If individual packaging of each unit is not practicable, the information shall be set out in the leaflet supplied with each instrument or package.

When applicable, instruments with user adjustable controls shall have their function clearly specified.

Any detachable components, intended by the manufacturer to be used separately from the original instrument, shall be identified by their batch code or by other appropriate means.

Any date shall be expressed in the format YYYY-MM-DD, or YYYY-MM, or YYYY, in accordance with ISO 8601.

11.2 Labelling

The label shall bear the following information:

- a) if the packaging contains any radioactive substance, it shall have markings that state the type and activity of the radioactive substance;
- b) name and address of the manufacturer, including at least the city and the country;
- c) description of the instrument, the model designation of the instrument, and, if applicable, the batch number or the serial number of the instrument preceded by an appropriate identification;

EXAMPLE "LOT", "SN", or the lot, or serial number symbols ISO 7000-2492 and ISO 7000-2498, respectively. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.14 and 5.16.

- d) if the intended purpose of the instrument is not obvious to the user, a clear statement of the intended purpose;
- e) if the instrument is terminally-sterilized, an indication that the contents of the package are sterile and the method of sterilization (see 9.1);

EXAMPLE The word "STERILE" or the sterile symbol ISO 7000-2499, or one of the "sterilized using..." symbols ISO 7000-2500, ISO 7000-2501, ISO 7000-2502, or ISO 7000-2503. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.20 or 5.21, 5.22, 5.23, and 5.24.

- f) if identical or similar instruments are sold in both sterile and non-sterile condition, a clear indication that the contents of the particular package are non-sterile, when applicable;

EXAMPLE The "non-sterile" symbol ISO 7000-2609. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.26.

- g) if applicable, the "use by date", expressed as year and month;

EXAMPLE The "use by date" symbol ISO 7000-2607. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.12

- h) if the instrument is intended for single use, an appropriate indication;

EXAMPLE The "do not re-use" symbol ISO 7000-1051. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.2.

- i) any special storage and/or handling conditions;
- j) any special operating instructions;
- k) any warnings or precautions relating to use.

11.3 Instructions for use

If applicable, the instructions for use shall contain the following information:

- a) if the packaging contains any radioactive substance, the type and activity of the radioactive substance;
- b) name and address of the manufacturer, including at least the city, and the country, and a telephone number;
- c) description of the instrument and the model designation of the instrument;
- d) if the intended purpose of the instrument is not obvious to the user, a clear statement of the intended purpose;
- e) the intended performance described in [Clause 4](#) and, if appropriate, any undesirable side-effects;
- f) information allowing the user to select a suitable instrument (including a correct size), its accessories, and related devices, in order to obtain a safe combination;
- g) if applicable, any information needed to verify that the instrument is functioning correctly and safely;
- h) if the instrument is terminally-sterilized, an indication that the contents of the package are sterile and the method of sterilization used;

EXAMPLE The word "STERILE" or the sterile symbol ISO 7000-2499, or one of the "sterilized using..." symbols ISO 7000-2500, ISO 7000-2501, ISO 7000-2502, or ISO 7000-2503. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.20 or 5.21, 5.22, 5.23, and 5.24.

- i) if identical or similar instruments are sold in both sterile and non-sterile condition, an instruction, when applicable, that the contents shall be sterilized;
- j) instructions on the method of sterilization with its appropriate cycle parameters for an instrument that is delivered non-sterile, or for dealing with the contents of a sterile package that has been damaged or has been previously opened, and maximum number of re-sterilization cycles that may be performed;
- k) if the instrument is intended to be reused, instructions on appropriate processing before reuse including cleaning, disinfection packaging, and, where appropriate, the method(s) of sterilization with its appropriate cycle parameters, and any restriction on the number of reuses;
- l) if the instrument is intended for single use, an appropriate indication;

EXAMPLE The "do not re-use" symbol ISO 7000-1051. See ISO 15223-1:2012, 5.2.

- m) details of any treatment or handling needed before the instrument can be used;

EXAMPLE Final assembly, cleaning, sterilization, etc.

- n) any special storage and/or handling conditions;
- o) warnings or precautions relating to use, including limitations on chemicals (e.g. alcohol) or other environmental conditions to which the instrument might reasonably be exposed in the clinical setting;
- p) if appropriate, an indication of whether the instrument or any fragment, thereof, can be located by means of an external imaging device, and with what kind of such device;
- q) instructions for the proper disposal of the instrument, if there are special or unusual risks;

- r) if applicable, information on any medicinal products incorporated into or used with the instrument (see [Clause 5](#)).
- s) date of issue or the latest revision of the instructions for use, if applicable.

11.4 Instruments with measuring function

The limits of accuracy of instruments having a measuring function shall be indicated by a marking on the instrument and/or label, and in the instructions for use.

This requirement does not apply to gauges used for component size selection and GO/NO GO determination.

11.5 Restrictions in combinations

If the instrument is intended to be used in combination with other instruments, devices, or equipment, restrictions in the use of the combination shall be indicated on the label or in the instruction for use.

11.6 Marking on instruments

Instruments shall be marked with the following:

- manufacturer's name or trademark;
- batch code or serial number, where appropriate;
- catalogue/article number, where appropriate, and/or size indication, if needed for safe selection or use.

If the marking would affect the intended performance or the instrument is too small to be legibly marked, the information required shall be given on the label.

11.7 Instruments intended for single use

If the instrument bears an indication that it is for single use only, the instructions for use shall contain information on known characteristics and technical factors known to the manufacturer that could pose a risk if the instrument was to be re-used.

Annex A

(informative)

Examples of typical instrument applications, together with materials found acceptable for instrument manufacture

A.1 Invasive applications

A.1.1 Instruments with cutting edges

- scissors;
- needles;
- knives;
- cannulae;
- chisels;
- drill bits;
- gouges;
- broaches;
- curettes;
- sawblades;
- burrs;
- reamers;
- trepans.

A.1.2 Instruments used as guides

- cannulae;
- saw guides;
- drill guides;
- aiming devices.

A.1.3 Instruments having implant contact

- punches;
- extractors;
- introducers;
- impactors;
- pullers;

- trial implants;
- drive connections.

A.1.4 Instruments having passive contact

- retractors;
- location guides;
- spreaders;
- sizers;
- forceps;
- measuring devices;
- holders;
- trial implants;
- location pins.

A.1.5 Miscellaneous

- vents;
- brushes;
- restrictors.

A.2 Non-invasive applications

- external alignment guides;
- handles.

A.3 Materials for invasive applications

A.3.1 Instruments with cutting edges

A.3.1.1 Stainless steels

See [Tables A.1, A.2, A.3](#), and [A.4](#).

See ISO 5832-1 and ISO 5832-9.

A.3.1.2 Cobalt/chromium alloys

See ISO 5832-4, ISO 5832-5, ISO 5832-6, ISO 5832-7, ISO 5832-8, and ISO 5832-12.

A.3.1.3 Non-metallic

- silicon carbide;
- tungsten carbide.

A.3.1.4 Coatings

- titanium nitride;
- titanium carbide;
- silicon carbide.

A.3.2 Instruments used as guides

A.3.2.1 Stainless steels

See [A.3.1.1](#).

A.3.2.2 Cobalt/chromium alloys

See [A.3.1.2](#).

A.3.2.3 Titanium/titanium alloys

See ISO 5832-2, ISO 5832-3, and ISO 5832-11

A.3.3 Instruments having implant contact

A.3.3.1 Stainless steels

See [A.3.1.1](#).

A.3.3.2 Cobalt/chromium alloys

See [A.3.1.2](#).

A.3.3.3 Titanium/titanium alloys

See [A.3.2.3](#).

A.3.3.4 Polymers

- polyacetal [Delrin, Celcon¹⁾];
- polyetheramide [Ultem¹⁾];
- oxide resins;
- polycarbonate (see NOTE 1);
- polyester resins;
- polysulfone (see NOTE 1);
- silicone rubbers;
- polyethylene (see NOTE 2);
- polyurethane;
- polypropylene;
- polyamides (e.g. nylon);

1) Delrin, Celcon and Ultem are examples of suitable products available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of these products.

- polyaryletherketone (PAEK);
- cotton-reinforced phenolformaldehyde [Canvesit²⁾].

NOTE 1 These polymers can exhibit cracking if exposed to lipids.

NOTE 2 Some methods of resterilization of polyethylene can affect mechanical properties and dimensional stability.

A.3.4 Instruments having passive tissue contact

A.3.4.1 Stainless steels

See [A.3.1.1](#).

A.3.4.2 Cobalt/chromium alloys

See [A.3.1.2](#).

A.3.4.3 Titanium/titanium alloys

See [A.3.2.3](#).

A.3.4.4 Aluminium alloys

All aluminium components should be anodized.

A.3.4.5 Polymers

See [A.3.3.4](#).

A.3.5 Miscellaneous

A.3.5.1 Vents

- plasticized PVC.

A.3.5.2 Brushes

- polyamide (e.g. nylon).

A.3.5.3 Restrictors

- polyethylene (see NOTE 2 under [A.3.3.4](#));
- polypropylene;
- polyurethanes.

A.4 Materials for non-invasive applications

A.4.1 Stainless steels

See [A.3.1.1](#).

2) Canvesit is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of these products.

A.4.2 Cobalt/chromium alloys

See [A.3.1.2](#).

A.4.3 Titanium/titanium alloys

See [A.3.2.3](#).

A.4.4 Aluminium alloys

See [A.3.4.4](#).

A.4.5 Polymers

See [A.3.3.4](#).

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Table A.1 — Austenitic stainless steels

Steel grade in accordance with:			Chemical composition %							
ISO 7153-1 ref. letter	ISO 4957	AISI	C max.	Si max.	Mn max.	P max.	S	Cr	Mo	Ni
M	—	304	0,07	1	2	0,045	0,03 max.	17 to 19	—	8 to 11
N	—	303	0,12	1	2	0,060	0,15 to 0,35	17 to 19	0,7	8 to 10
O	—	—	0,15	1	2	0,045	0,03 max.	16 to 18	—	6 to 8
P	—	316	0,07	1	2	0,045	0,03 max.	16,5 to 18,5	2 to 2,5	10,5 to 13,5
—	—	316L	0,03	1	2	0,045	0,03 max.	16,5 to 18,5	2,50 to 3,0	10,50 to 13,0

Table A.2 — Martensitic stainless steels

Steel grade in accordance with:				Chemical composition %							
ISO 7153-1 ref. letter	ISO 4957	AISI	C	Si max.	Mn max.	P max.	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Other elements
A	—	410	0,09 to 0,15	1	1	0,04	0,030 max.	11,5 to 13,5	—	1 max.	—
B	27	420 A	0,16 to 0,25	1	1	0,04	0,030 max.	12 to 14	—	1 max.	—
C	28	420 B	0,26 to 0,35	1	1	0,04	0,030 max.	12 to 14	—	1 max.	—
D	—	420 C	0,42 to 0,50	1	1	0,04	0,030 max.	12,5 to 14,5	—	1 max.	—
E	—	—	0,47 to 0,57	0,5	1	0,030	0,030 max.	13,7 to 15,2	—	0,5 max.	—
F	—	—	0,60 to 0,70	0,5	1	0,030	0,030 max.	12 to 13,5	—	0,5 max.	—
G	—	—	0,65 to 0,75	1	1	0,04	0,030 max.	12 to 14	0,5 max.	1 max.	—
H	—	—	0,35 to 0,40	1	1	0,045	0,030 max.	14 to 15	0,4 to 0,6	—	V 0,1 to 0,15
I	—	—	0,42 to 0,55	1	1	0,045	0,030 max.	12 to 15	0,45 to 0,90	—	V 0,1 to 0,15
K	30	—	0,33 to 0,43	1	1	0,03	0,030 max.	15 to 17	1,0 to 1,5	1 max.	—
—	—	431	0,20 max.	1	1	0,04	0,030 max.	15 to 17	—	1,0 to 1,5	—
R	—	440 B	0,85 to 0,95	1	1	0,045	0,030 max.	17 to 19	0,9 to 1,3	—	V 0,07 to 0,12
—	—	440 A	0,60 to 0,75	1	1	0,040	0,030 max.	16 to 18	0,75 max.	—	—
—	—	440 F	0,95 to 1,20	1	1,25	0,06	0,15 to 0,27	16 to 18	—	0,5 max.	Cu 0,6 max.
—	—	—	0,33 to 0,43	1	1	0,03	0,030 max.	12,5 to 14,5	0,8 to 1,2	1 max.	—
—	—	420 Mod	0,35 to 0,50	1	1	0,04	0,015 max	14,0 to 16,0	1,0 to 2,5	0,5 max	V: 1,5 max N : 0,10 to 0,30

Table A.3 — Precipitation-hardening stainless steels

Steel grade in accordance with:			Chemical composition %										
ISO 7153-1 ref. letter	ISO 4957	AISI	C max.	Si max.	Mn max.	P max.	S max.	Cr	Mo	Ni	Cu	Nb + Ta	Other elements
—	—	—	0,030	0,7	1	0,03	0,015	11 to 13	3 to 5	8 to 10	1,5 to 3,5	—	Al 0,15 to 0,50 Ti 0,5 to 1,2
—	—	630	0,07	1	1	0,04	0,03	15 to 17	—	3 to 5	3 to 5	0,15 to 0,45	—
—	—	631	0,09	1	1	0,04	0,03	16 to 18	—	6,5 to 7,75	—	—	Al 0,75 to 1,50
—	—	XM16	0,03	0,5	0,5	0,02	0,015	11,0 to 12,5	0,5 max	7,5 to 9,5	1,5 to 2,5	0,10 to 0,5	Ti 0,9 to 1,4
—	—	New grade	0,02	0,25	0,25	0,015	0,010	11,0 to 12,5	1,7 to 2,3	10,2 to 11,3	—	—	Al 1,3 to 2,3 Ti 0,2 to 0,5