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0 Introduction

The purpose of this International Standard is to promote interchangeability of tracheal tube connectors without dealing with details of design.

ISO 5356/1 lays down the dimensions and sequence of conical connections for the breathing attachments of anaesthetic machines and ventilators. It deals only briefly with tracheal tube connectors and notes that there is a wide variety of acceptable designs to suit different clinical situations. It also notes that some of these connectors will need intermediate adaptors and elastomeric tube to join them to the patient connecting port of the breathing system. The latter port is a coaxial 22 mm male/15 mm female fitting and it follows, as prescribed in 5356/1, that the machine end of such adaptors and of tracheal tube connectors, may be 22 mm female or 15 mm male. While the 22 mm female fitting is widely used for adaptors, which are not considered in this International Standard, it is very rarely used for tracheal tube connectors.

The main purpose is to facilitate the work of the user, and thus the safety of the patient, by prescribing that the designated size of each connector shall be the same as that of the tracheal tube (as prescribed in ISO 5366/1) with which it is designed to fit.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies basic requirements for tracheal tube connectors, including size designation.

2 References

ISO 5356/1, *Breathing attachments for anaesthetic apparatus — Part 1 : Conical fittings and adaptors.*¹⁾

ISO 5366/1, *Tracheostomy tubes — Part 1 : Connectors.*

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following definitions apply :

3.1 tracheal tube connector : Tubular component that fits directly into the tracheal tube.

3.2 patient end : End of the component nearest to the patient which is inserted into the tracheal tube.

3.3 machine end : End of the component nearest to the machine.

4 Size designation

The nominal size of the connector shall be designated by its internal diameter in accordance with the table.

5 Size range

The size range shall be from 2,5 mm to 11,0 mm in accordance with the table.

6 Materials

6.1 The connector shall be made of material which is reasonably resistant to the action of anaesthetic gases and vapours.

6.2 Unless designated for single use, the connector shall be resistant to deterioration by normal methods of cleaning, disinfection and sterilization as recommended by the manufacturer or supplier. It is desirable that any connector not designated for single use shall withstand accepted methods of steam sterilization.

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7 Design

7.1 General

7.1.1 The connector may be straight, curved or angled. If curved or angled, the connector may incorporate a suction port. This port shall be designed so that its closure does not obstruct or narrow the lumen of the connector.

7.1.2 Basic dimensions shall be in accordance with the table.

7.1.3 The connector shall be light in weight but shall be of sufficient strength to resist deformation under normal conditions of use.

7.1.4 The connector shall be designed to have minimal dead space and to give a minimal resistance to gaseous flow. The lumen shall be smooth and free from ridges.

7.1.5 Tracheal tube connectors may be provided with lugs, flats, or other means to facilitate connection and disconnection, provided that any protrusions are well rounded.

7.1.6 The cross-sectional area of the lumen throughout a straight connector shall be not less than that of the corresponding tracheal tube into which the connector is designed to fit. The minimum internal diameter of a curved or angled connector shall be not less than 80 % of the original nominal diameter and the corresponding cross-sectional area shall not be reduced by more than 10 %.

7.2 Machine end

The machine end of tracheal tube connectors shall be in accordance with one of the following :

a) male 15 mm conical fitting in accordance with ISO 5356/1. The internal diameter of the (conical) machine end shall be not less than that of the patient end (i.e. not less than the size of the connector). Any transition in the internal diameter shall be tapered to give an adequate lead in for smooth passage of a suction catheter.

b) female 22 mm conical fitting in accordance with ISO 5356/1 (not shown in figures);

c) plain ends or mounts suitable for fitting with elastomeric tubing (see figure 3). Connectors of this type require the addition of an elastomeric tube with an adaptor, having either a 15 mm male conical fitting or a 22 mm female conical fitting as appropriate, in accordance with ISO 5356/1.

7.3 Patient end

The basic dimensions of the patient end (see figures 1 and 2) of the connector shall be in accordance with the table.

8 Marking

The connectors shall be clearly marked with the size designated in accordance with clause 4.

Table — Tracheal connectors — Size range and basic dimensions of patient end

Dimensions in millimetres

Size (designated in accordance with clause 4)	Internal diameter d	Straight connectors (see figure 1, dimension l_1)	Curved connectors (see figure 2, dimension l_2)
2,5	$2,5 \pm 0,15$	11 ± 2	—
3,0	$3,0 \pm 0,15$	11 ± 2	—
3,5	$3,5 \pm 0,15$	13 ± 2	—
4,0	$4,0 \pm 0,15$	13 ± 2	—
4,5	$4,5 \pm 0,15$	14 ± 2	—
5,0	$5,0 \pm 0,15$	14 ± 2	—
5,5	$5,5 \pm 0,15$	15 ± 2	10 ± 2
6,0	$6,0 \pm 0,15$	15 ± 2	10 ± 2
6,5	$6,5 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
7,0	$7,0 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
7,5	$7,5 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
8,0	$8,0 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
8,5	$8,5 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
9,0	$9,0 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
9,5	$9,5 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
10,0	$10,0 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2
11,0	$11,0 \pm 0,15$	18 ± 2	10 ± 2