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**Implants for surgery — Partial and  
total hip-joint prostheses —**

**Part 10:  
Determination of resistance to static  
load of modular femoral heads**

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l'articulation de la hanche —*

*Partie 10: Détermination de la résistance à la charge statique de têtes  
fémorales modulaires*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Some designs of stemmed femoral components of total hip-joint prostheses comprise a stem/neck component and a component that forms the articulating surface, which is commonly in the form of a partial sphere incorporating a female conical taper connection for attachment to the neck of the stem. It is important, therefore, that the head and neck are of sufficient strength to withstand the static axial forces likely to be exerted on the prosthesis during use. This method addresses the static strength and attachment of the head. It should be noted that the test conditions described in this document do not exactly reproduce all the factors in the clinical situation.



# Implants for surgery — Partial and total hip-joint prostheses —

## Part 10:

## Determination of resistance to static load of modular femoral heads

### 1 Scope

This document specifies methods of determining the compressive (fracture) or the tension (disassembly) loads required, under specific laboratory conditions, to cause failure of a modular head system.

This document applies to components made of metallic and non-metallic materials, such as femoral heads of partial or total hip-joint replacements of modular construction (i.e. a head/neck conical taper connection).

This document excludes methods of examining and reporting the test specimens.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 4288, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile method — Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 7206-1, *Implants for surgery — Partial and total hip joint prostheses — Part 1: Classification and designation of dimensions*

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

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7206-1 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

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conical blind hole in the surface of the modular femoral head