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**Implants for surgery —  
Hydroxyapatite —**

**Part 4:  
Determination of coating adhesion  
strength**

*Implants chirurgicaux — Hydroxyapatite —*

*Partie 4: Détermination de la résistance à l'adhésion du revêtement*



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## Introduction

Hydroxyapatite coatings are designed to promote adhesion to bone and to be colonized by bone. As a consequence, the mechanical strains in the coating and mechanical properties of the coating after implantation will change with time during the osteointegration of the coating. The aim of initial measurements of the adhesion properties of the coating, in dry conditions, detailed in this document is to guarantee minimum mechanical properties of the coating during implantation. Those minimal properties defined in ISO 13779-2 are for the coating to keep its morphology (thickness, roughness, etc.) during the implantation and to avoid chipping and spalling of the coating during implantation.



# Implants for surgery — Hydroxyapatite —

## Part 4:

## Determination of coating adhesion strength

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for measurement of the adhesion strength of hydroxyapatite coatings intended for use on metallic-substrate components of surgical implants.

NOTE Requirements for the competence of testing laboratories can be found in ISO/IEC 17025.

### 2 Normative reference

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 5832-1, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 1: Wrought stainless steel*

ISO 5832-3, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Part 3: Wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium alloy*

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*

ISO 13779-3, *Implants for surgery — Hydroxyapatite — Part 3: Chemical analysis and characterization of crystallinity and phase purity*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13779-3 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

#### 3.1

#### adhesion strength

tensile strength at the interface between the coating and the substrate or within the coating

Note 1 to entry: For the purpose of this document, both adhesion and cohesion strength are summarized under the term adhesion strength.

### 4 Determination of hydroxyapatite coating adhesion strength

#### 4.1 Principle

Coating adhesion strength is determined by applying a uniaxial tensile load to a cylindrical test assembly composed of one hydroxyapatite-coated coupon bonded to an uncoated counterface.