
**Medical devices — Connectors
for reservoir delivery systems for
healthcare applications —**

**Part 1:
General requirements and common
test methods**

*Dispositifs médicaux — Connecteurs pour systèmes de livraison de
réservoir pour des applications de soins de santé —*

Partie 1: Exigences générales et méthodes d'essai courantes



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Foreword

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In this document, the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: roman type;
- informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type;
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- TERMS DEFINED IN THIS DOCUMENT OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

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- “shall” indicates that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this document,
- “should” indicates that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this document, and
- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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Introduction

During the development of the ISO 80369 series of standards for small-bore CONNECTORS, it became evident that equally important were the CONNECTIONS between MEDICAL DEVICES and fluid RESERVOIRS. It was agreed that such CONNECTORS should be developed in parallel with the small-bore CONNECTORS specified in the ISO 80369 series of standards and comply with analogous safety and interoperability requirements.

ISO 16142-1:2016, Clause 4 addresses this type of problem.

The solutions adopted by the MANUFACTURER for the design and manufacture of the MEDICAL DEVICE should conform to safety principles, taking into account the generally acknowledged state of the art. When risk reduction is required, the manufacturer should control the risks so that the residual risk associated with each hazard is judged acceptable. The manufacturer should apply the following principles in the priority order listed:

- a) identify known or foreseeable HAZARDS and estimate the associated RISKS arising from the INTENDED USE and foreseeable misuse;
- b) eliminate RISKS as far as reasonably practicable through inherently safe design and manufacture;
- c) reduce as far as reasonably practicable the remaining RISKS by taking adequate protection measures, including alarms or information for safety;
- d) inform users of any residual RISK.

It was soon realized that many of the RESERVOIRS that contain liquids for administering to PATIENTS for different APPLICATIONS all utilized the same ubiquitous spike as the CONNECTOR between the giving set and the RESERVOIR leading to wrong drug administration. The ISO 18250 series endeavours to provide unique designs for each of the APPLICATIONS specified to reduce the RISK of administering the wrong drug. It is understood that RESERVOIR CONNECTOR systems cannot be designed to overcome all chances of MISCONNECTION or to eliminate deliberate misuse. However, a number of steps that would improve the current situation and lead to greater PATIENT safety can be taken. This will only be achieved through a long-term commitment involving industry, healthcare professionals, MEDICAL DEVICE purchasers and MEDICAL DEVICE regulatory authorities.

The ISO 18250 series specifies the requirements to prevent MISCONNECTION between RESERVOIR CONNECTORS used in different APPLICATIONS. This document specifies the general requirements and TEST METHODS common to all RESERVOIR CONNECTORS in this series. TEST METHODS that are specific to a particular RESERVOIR CONNECTOR will be included in that APPLICATION part. The ISO 18250 series specifies the requirements to prevent MISCONNECTIONS or reduce their occurrence to acceptable levels between RESERVOIR CONNECTORS used in different APPLICATIONS.

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1 *Scope

This document specifies general requirements for RESERVOIR CONNECTORS, which convey fluids in healthcare APPLICATIONS. These RESERVOIR CONNECTORS are used in MEDICAL DEVICES or ACCESSORIES intended for use with a PATIENT.

This document also specifies the healthcare fields in which these RESERVOIR CONNECTORS are intended to be used.

These healthcare fields of use include, but are not limited to, APPLICATIONS for

- respiratory,
- enteral,
- neural,
- intravascular,
- citrate-based anticoagulant solution, and
- irrigation.

RESERVOIR CONNECTORS as specified in this document are NON-INTERCONNECTABLE with:

- the RESERVOIR CONNECTORS of every other APPLICATION specified in the ISO 18250 series;
- removable temperature sensor port specified in Annex EE of ISO 80601-2-74:2017;
- the nipples specified in Annex B of ISO 17256¹⁾;

unless otherwise specified in the ISO 18250 series.

APPLICATION parts of the ISO 18250 series can specify additional CONNECTORS with which RESERVOIR CONNECTORS (as specified in those APPLICATION parts) are to be NON-INTERCONNECTABLE.

This document provides the methodology to assess NON-INTERCONNECTABLE characteristics of RESERVOIR CONNECTORS based on their inherent design and dimensions in order to reduce the RISK of MISCONNECTIONS between MEDICAL DEVICES or between ACCESSORIES for different APPLICATIONS.

This document does not specify requirements for the MEDICAL DEVICES or ACCESSORIES that use these RESERVOIR CONNECTORS. Such requirements are given in particular International Standards for specific MEDICAL DEVICES or ACCESSORIES.

NOTE 1 MANUFACTURERS are encouraged to incorporate the RESERVOIR CONNECTORS specified in the ISO 18250 series into MEDICAL DEVICES, medical systems or ACCESSORIES, even if currently not required by the relevant particular MEDICAL DEVICE standards. It is expected that when the relevant particular MEDICAL DEVICE standards are revised, requirements for RESERVOIR CONNECTORS as specified in the series of standards will be included.

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NOTE 2 The ISO 18250 series does not apply to screw and crown cork caps and necks as they are not CONNECTORS specific for MEDICAL DEVICES. Examples of screw caps and necks are defined in DIN 55525, ASTM D2911/D2911M, DIN 6063-1, DIN 6063-2, DIN 168-1. Examples of crown cork caps and necks are defined in DIN 6094, ISO 12821, EN 14635.

This document also specifies the TEST METHODS to verify the common performance requirements for RESERVOIR CONNECTORS. The performance requirements for these common TEST METHODS are specified in the APPLICATION parts and not in the general part.

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 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 178, *Plastics — Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 14971:2007, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 17256²⁾, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Respiratory therapy tubing and connectors*

ISO 18250-3, *Medical devices — Connectors for reservoir delivery systems for healthcare applications — Part 3: Enteral applications*

ISO 18250-6³⁾, *Medical devices — Connectors for reservoir delivery systems for healthcare applications — Part 6: Neural applications*

ISO 18250-7⁴⁾, *Medical devices — Connectors for reservoir delivery systems for healthcare applications — Part 7: Intravascular applications*

ISO 18250-8, *Medical devices — Connectors for reservoir delivery systems for healthcare applications — Part 8: Citrate-based anticoagulant solution for apheresis applications*

ISO 80601-2-74:2017, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 2-74: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of respiratory humidifying equipment*

IEC 62366-1, *Medical devices — Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14971, IEC 62366-1, 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/>

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