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It is published as double logo standard.

This first edition cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 60601-2-38, published in 1996, and its Amendment 1 (1999). This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this particular standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
62D/795/FDIS	62D/815/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this particular standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table. In ISO, the standard has been approved by 20 P-members out of 20 having cast a vote.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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- *Test specifications: italic type.*
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The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

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INTRODUCTION

In 1996, the IEC published the first edition of the particular standard for electrically operated hospital beds, IEC 60601-2-38. The publication was in response to demand in the field for a universal standard addressing HAZARDS specific to the safety of the hospital bed. Used in conjunction with a MANUFACTURER'S RISK ASSESSMENT, the standard was felt to be the current thinking on establishing a basic safety benchmark for industry.

An amendment of IEC 60601-2-38 issued in 1999 recognized the need to mitigate against a RISK of PATIENT entrapment in the SIDE RAILS, again combined with the use of the MANUFACTURER'S RISK ASSESSMENT. Although this improved the particular standard, it still was centered upon electrically operated hospital beds, and failed to take into account manually operated hospital beds and products in other medical environments.

In 2000, the EN 1970 standard (*Adjustable beds for DISABLED PERSONS – Requirements and test methods*) was published, which addressed beds used by DISABLED PERSONS to alleviate or compensate for a disability or handicap. This standard offered a broadened scope in conjunction with IEC 60601-2-38, but after the edition of Amendment 1 to IEC 60601-2-38, the opportunity presented itself to combine the two standards to a common, international standard.

As work began on the integration, the IEC adjusted its stance on BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE, integrating them into the third edition of IEC 60601-1. It therefore became necessary to align the new standard with the third edition. The particular standard was given a new number, IEC 60601-2-52, and work began on alignment to third edition.

This particular standard, therefore, is the realization of much work in alignment, and scope adjustment between IEC 60601-2-38, EN 1970, and the third edition of IEC 60601-1. It represents the current thinking in BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of the MEDICAL BED as used to alleviate illness of PATIENTS and disability of DISABLED PERSONS. This is the effort of a joint working group of the IEC and the ISO.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard¹⁾ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL BEDS intended for adults, hereafter referred to as MEDICAL BED as defined in 201.3.212.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to a MEDICAL BED only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to MEDICAL BED and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of MEDICAL BED or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the General Standard.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MEDICAL BEDS as defined in 201.3.212.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-3, IEC 60601-1-8 and IEC 60601-1-10²⁾ do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

¹⁾ The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

²⁾ IEC 60601-1-10:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers*

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "20x" where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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201.2 Normative references

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography on page 81.

Clause 2 of the general standard applies except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 60068-2-31:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

201.3 Terms and definitions

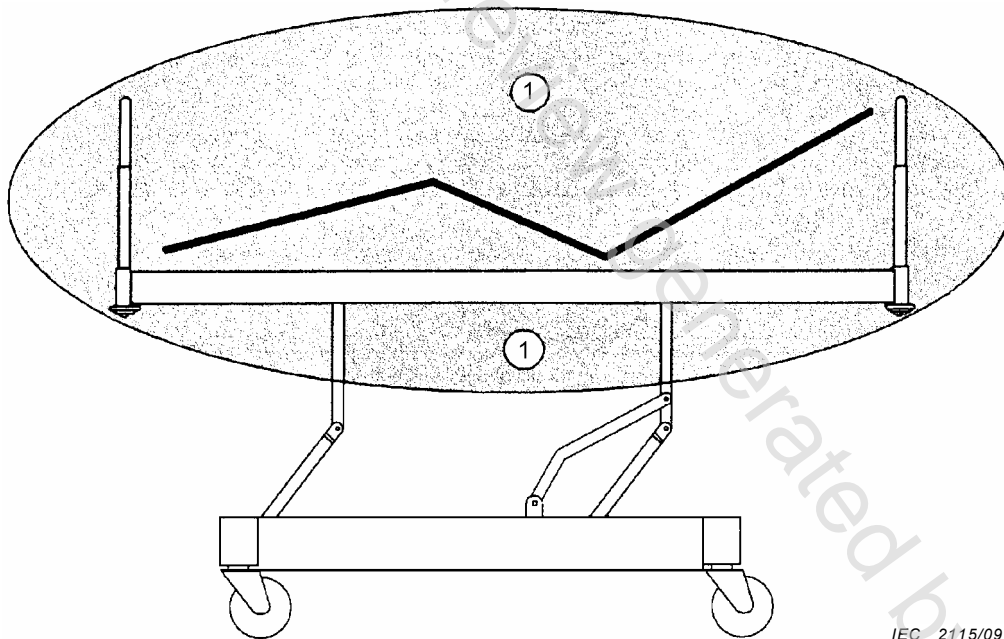
For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005 apply, except as follows:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 82.

201.3.8 APPLIED PART

Addition:

The APPLIED PART includes all parts of the MEDICAL BED that are within reach of the PATIENT, even if they are underneath the MATTRESS SUPPORT SURFACE (see Figure 201.101)



Key

- 1 Region of APPLIED PART including ACCESSORIES

Figure 201.101 – APPLIED PART

201.3.76 PATIENT

Replacement:

person undergoing a medical procedure or DISABLED PERSON