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**Part 3:
Compactors**

*Médecine bucco-dentaire — Instruments d'endodontie —
Partie 3: Compacteurs*



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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous editions are as follows:

- the symbols D , d_3 and d_{16} in this document have been harmonized with the other parts of the ISO 3630 series;
- 'types' has been changed to 'classes';
- test methods have been improved.

A list of all parts in the ISO 3630 series can be found on the ISO website.

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Part 3: Compactors

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements and test methods for endodontic compactors (pluggers and spreaders) which are used for the compaction of endodontic filling materials, and also heat-carriers (which are not specified in the other parts of the ISO 3630 series).

This document specifies the requirements for size, marking, product designation, safety considerations, and their labelling and packaging.

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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 3630-1:2019, *Dentistry — Endodontic instruments — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942, ISO 3630-1, 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/>

3.1

compactor

endodontic instrument used manually as a *plugger* (3.2) or *spreader* (3.3) designed to compact filling materials in the root canal system

Note 1 to entry: There are two types: finger (hand) and binangle.

3.2

plugger

compactor (3.1), used mainly in an apical direction, whose *working surface* (3.7) is tapered or non-tapered, circular in cross-section and has a flat tip

Note 1 to entry: [Figure 1](#) and [Table 1](#) describe the specific dimensions and characteristics of a plugger.