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bicycles —**

**Part 9:
Saddles and seat-post test methods**

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The main changes are as follows:

- improvement of [4.3.1](#);
- addition of [4.3.2](#);
- improvement of [4.4](#);
- addition of test condition for dropper/suspension dropper seat-post in [4.5](#);
- [4.5.3](#) has been changed to be only applicable if the seat-post is known to be constructed from composite materials;
- addition of [4.5.4](#).

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Introduction

This document has been developed in response to demand throughout the world, and the aim has been to ensure that bicycles manufactured in conformity with this document will be as safe as is practically possible. The tests have been designed to ensure the strength and durability of individual parts as well as of the bicycle as a whole, demanding high quality throughout, and consideration of safety aspects from the design stage onwards.

The scope has been limited to safety considerations and has specifically avoided standardization of components.

If the bicycle should be used on public roads, national regulations apply.

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Part 9: Saddles and seat-post test methods

1 Scope

This document specifies saddle and seat-post test methods for ISO 4210-2.

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 4210-1, *Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 4210-2:2023, *Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles — Part 2: Requirements for city and trekking, young adult, mountain and racing bicycles*

ISO 4210-3:2023, *Cycles — Safety requirements for bicycles — Part 3: Common test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4210-1 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Test methods

4.1 General

If a suspension seat-post is involved, the test may be conducted with the suspension system either free to operate or locked. If it is locked, the pillar shall be at its maximum length.

4.2 Saddle/seat-post — Security test

With the seat-post correctly assembled to the bicycle frame at minimum insertion depth of the seat-post, as specified in ISO 4210-2:2023, 4.15.2, and the clamps tightened to the torque recommended by the bicycle manufacturer, apply a force of F_1 vertically downwards at a point 25 mm from either the front or rear of the saddle, whichever produces the greater torque on the saddle clamp. The saddle shall be positioned in the seat-post clamp assembly as defined by the saddle manufacturer's rail markings or instructions. Maintain this force for 1 min. Remove this force and apply a lateral force of F_2 horizontally at a point 25 mm from either the front or rear of the saddle and maintain this force for 1 min, whichever produces the greater torque on the clamp (see [Figure 1](#)). The forces are given in [Table 1](#). The fixture shall be such that it does not damage the surface of the saddle.