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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 5361:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- alignment with the general standard for airway devices ISO 18190;
- to provide additional requirements and design guidance for *tracheal tubes* designed for use in paediatric and neonatal patients;
- to clarify the requirements for speciality *tracheal tubes* such as *preformed tracheal tubes*;
- updating of references.

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This corrected version of ISO 5361:2023 incorporates the following corrections:

- in [Table 1](#), the values for *tracheal tubes* designed specifically for neonatal and paediatric patients were corrected;
- in [9.5](#), "the maximum diameter that can pass through the lumen of the *tracheal tube*" has been deleted; items k) and l) have been renumbered as j) and k) respectively;
- in [A.7](#), the reference to "Annex E" has been corrected and replaced by "[Annex B](#)";

- in the title of [Table B.1](#), "dimension 1" has been corrected and replaced by "dimension C".

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## Introduction

This document provides the essential performance and safety requirements of *tracheal tubes* and *tracheal tube connectors*. *Tracheal tubes* are intended to be inserted orally or nasally through the larynx into the trachea to convey gases and vapours to and from a patient's lungs during spontaneous, assisted or controlled ventilation for short or prolonged durations.

In addition, *tracheal tubes* with *cuffs* are intended to seal and protect the trachea from aspiration.

A variety of *cuff* designs are available to meet particular clinical requirements. *Cuff* performance requirements with associated test methods remain unchanged from the second edition.

Requirements for paediatric *tracheal tubes*, with and without *cuffs*, have been updated from the third edition to include new guidance on the design of *tracheal tubes* used in paediatric and neonatal patients. The maximum distance from the *patient end* of the *tracheal tube* to the *machine end* of the inflatable length of the *cuff* has been revised in this edition to minimise the *risk* of the inflatable length of the *cuff* aligning with the larynx of neonatal and paediatric patients.

Clinical considerations have also dictated the historical maximum distance from the *patient end* of the *tracheal tube* to the *machine end* of the inflatable length of the *cuff* be maintained for tracheal tubes designed for the general population. Anatomical abnormalities or disease states can require smaller tracheal tube sizes to be used in adult patients than would typically be appropriate. Because long *tracheal tubes*, sometimes of relatively narrow diameter, can be required, *tracheal tubes* designed to the historical specification should be readily available.

*Tracheal tubes* are intended to conform as closely as possible to human anatomy when in position.

Kink resistance requirements with associated test methods to measure the ability of the shaft of the *tracheal tube* to resist collapse and avoid increased breathing resistance when bent or curved remain unchanged from the second edition.

Radiopacity requirements and test methods to characterize the visibility of *tracheal tubes* in X-rays used to determine proper placement of the tube remain unchanged from the second edition.

Where applicable a rationale for some of the requirements in this document are included in [Annex A](#)

The requirements of this document were developed using the hazard identification for *risk assessment* in [Annex G](#).

Throughout 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: smaller type. The normative text of tables is also in smaller type;
- *terms defined in [Clause 3](#): italics.*

# Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Tracheal tubes and connectors

## 1 Scope

This document provides specific requirements for the basic safety and essential performance for *oro-tracheal* and *naso-tracheal* tubes and *tracheal tube connectors*, *tracheal tubes* with walls reinforced with metal or plastic, *tracheal tubes* with *shoulders*, *tapered tracheal tubes*, *tracheal tubes* with means for suctioning, monitoring or delivery of drugs or other gases, and the many other types of *tracheal tubes* devised for specialized applications.

Tracheobronchial (including endobronchial) tubes (see ISO 16628), tracheostomy tubes (see ISO 5366), and supralaryngeal airways (see ISO 11712) are excluded from the scope of this document.

*Tracheal tubes* intended for use with flammable anaesthetic gases or agents, lasers, or electrosurgical equipment are outside the scope of this document.

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this clause contained in Annex [A.2](#).

NOTE 2 ISO 11990-1, ISO 11990-2, and ISO 14408 deal with laser surgery of the airway.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4135, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Vocabulary*

ISO 5356-1, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

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

ISO 18190:2016, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — General requirements for airways and related equipment*

ISO 18562 (all parts), *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications*

ISO 80369-7, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 7: Connectors for intravascular or hypodermic applications*

ASTM F640-20, *Standard test methods for determining radiopacity for medical use*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4135, ISO 14971, ISO 18190 and the following apply:

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