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## EESTI STANDARDI EESSÕNA

## NATIONAL FOREWORD

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<p><b>Käsitlusala:</b> This standard describes test methods to determine the resistance of stainless steel surgical and dental hand instruments against autoclaving, corrosion and thermal exposure.</p>	<p><b>Scope:</b> This standard describes test methods to determine the resistance of stainless steel surgical and dental hand instruments against autoclaving, corrosion and thermal exposure.</p>
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English version

Surgical and dental hand instruments

Determination of resistance against autoclaving, corrosion  
and thermal exposure  
(ISO 13402 : 1995)

Instruments chirurgicaux et dentaires  
à main – Détermination de la  
résistance au passage à l'autoclave,  
à la corrosion et à l'exposition à la  
chaleur (ISO 13402 : 1995)

Chirurgische und zahnärztliche  
Handinstrumente – Bestimmung der  
Beständigkeit gegenüber Sterilisa-  
tion, Korrosion und Wärme-  
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## Foreword

International Standard

ISO 13402 : 1995 Surgical and dental hand instruments – Determination of resistance against autoclaving, corrosion and thermal exposure,

which was prepared by ISO/TC 170 'Surgical instruments' of the International Organization for Standardization, has been adopted by Technical Committee CEN/TC 55 'Dentistry', the Secretariat of which is held by DIN, as a European Standard.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, and conflicting national standards withdrawn, by April 2001 at the latest.

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## Endorsement notice

The text of the International Standard ISO 13402 : 1995 was approved by CEN as a European Standard without any modification.

NOTE: Normative references to international publications are listed in Annex ZA (normative).

## Introduction

The procedures described in this International Standard are intended to form a harmonized series of tests that may be referred to, individually or in combination, in other separate product standards. The requirements for such tests shall be defined and stated within the body of the product standard along with the number of cycles for each test procedure.

The tests apply to dental and surgical instruments and are already standardized in relevant product standards (e.g. ISO 7151, *Surgical instruments — Non-cutting, articulated instruments — General requirements and test methods*; ISO 9173-1 *Dental extraction forceps — Part 1: Screw and pin joint types*). However, the test procedures as stated in the product standards differ in minor details. An alignment and a compilation was established. The most important test methods for dental and surgical instruments have been brought together in one general International Standard.

Other, additional, tests may also be required in individual product standards; those procedures and requirements will be determined by the members of the working groups concerned. When established, it is intended that these additional test procedures are incorporated in this International Standard as an addendum or at the next revision.

This International Standard does not specify any test sequence nor any requirements related to specific instruments. The requirements, the test sequence and the number of test cycles have to be defined in the relevant product standards or, if no standard is available, it has to be left to the decision of the purchaser and/or the manufacturer.

Apart from the boiling water test, the autoclave test applies for determining corrosion resistance. In this sense, this International Standard specifies two test methods for determining corrosion resistance. When placing an order, it is intended that the purchaser state whether both tests are to be carried out or which of the two tests. If the purchaser does not so indicate, the choice is left to the discretion of the manufacturer.

## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes test methods to determine the resistance of stainless steel surgical and dental hand instruments against autoclaving, corrosion and thermal exposure.

The requirements for such tests are defined and stated in the product standard along with the number of cycles for each test procedure.

Other, additional, tests may also be required (see the Introduction).

## 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*.

## 3 Autoclave test for corrosion

The autoclave test attempts to simulate the service environment; it is therefore based on recommended methods of sterilization.

### 3.1 Reagent

The water used for the test shall be of quality 3 in accordance with ISO 3696:1987.

### 3.2 Apparatus

Autoclave, operating in the non-vacuum mode, capable of being operated at 134° C to 138° C and 0,22 MN·m<sup>-2</sup>.

### 3.3 Preparation

Scrub the instrument using soap and warm water. Rinse thoroughly in water (3.1) and dry.

### 3.4 Test procedure

Place the instrument, unwrapped on a tray, into the autoclave. Using the water (3.1) subject the instrument to an autoclaving cycle of  $(3^{+0,5}_0)$  min at 134 °C to 138 °C and 0,22 MN·m<sup>-2</sup>. After the cycle, open the door. Remove the tray and allow the contents to cool to room temperature.

### 3.5 Evaluation

Refer to the appropriate product standard for specific requirements.