
**Technical aids for persons with
disability — Environmental control
systems for daily living**

*Aides techniques pour personnes handicapées — Systèmes de
commande à distance pour la vie quotidienne*



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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard provides one means to demonstrate that environmental control systems for persons with disability, which are also medical devices, conform to the essential requirements outlined in general terms in Annex 1 of the EU Directive 93/42 EEC. It is not intended to provide a means to show conformity with the requirements of any other directive.

There are three levels of European Standards dealing with technical aids for persons with disability. These are as follows, with level 1 being the highest:

- a) Level 1: general requirements for technical aids;
- b) Level 2: particular requirements for families of technical aids;
- c) Level 3: specific requirements for types of technical aids.

Where standards for particular aids or groups of aids exist (Level 2 or 3), the requirements of lower level standards take precedence over higher level standards. Therefore, to address all requirements for a particular aid, it is necessary to start with standards of the lowest available standard.

This is a combined Level 2, and Level 3 standard (lowest possible) for environmental control systems for persons with disability, which are also medical devices, as specified in the scope.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies functional and technical requirements and test methods for environmental control systems intended for use to alleviate or compensate for a disability.

NOTE Such systems are also known as electronic aids to daily living.

The aim of this International Standard is to provide safety requirements and recommendations for manufacturers of such environmental control systems.

Target devices are not covered by this International Standard. Technical requirements for items of equipment connected within the system are to be covered by their own specific standards, e.g. adjustable beds.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

EN 55011, *Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio-frequency equipment — Radio disturbance characteristics — Limits and methods of measurement*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

IEC 60601-1-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-1: General requirements for safety — Collateral standard: Safety requirements for medical electrical systems*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products — Part 1: Equipment classification, requirements and user's guide*

IEC 60950-1, *Information technology equipment — Safety — Part 1: General requirements*