
**Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment —
Conical connectors —**

**Part 1:
Cones and sockets**

*Matériel d'anesthésie et de réanimation respiratoire — Raccords
coniques —*

Partie 1: Raccords mâles et femelles



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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 5356-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 121, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Breathing attachments and anaesthetic machines*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 5356-1:1996), which has been technically revised. The major differences are the inclusion of 8,5 mm size connectors and some minor corrections to the figures and tables.

ISO 5356 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors*:

- *Part 1: Cones and sockets*
- *Part 2: Screw-threaded weight-bearing connectors*

Introduction

In clinical practice, several breathing attachments used in anaesthetic and respiratory equipment may have to be joined together to provide a suitable breathing system. Items of medical equipment, such as a humidifier or a spirometer, are often incorporated into the breathing system which may also be connected to an anaesthetic-gas scavenging system. Connections for these purposes are usually cone and socket joints, and a lack of standardization of these connections has given rise to problems of interchangeability when connecting equipment made by different manufacturers. This part of ISO 5356 specifies the requirements and dimensions for conical connectors used in anaesthetic and respiratory equipment.

An important consideration is that conical connections need to be secure but nevertheless disconnectable by the operator. The use of connectors meeting the requirements of this part of ISO 5356 will not necessarily prevent them being disconnected accidentally. To minimize the risk of 22 mm connectors being accidentally disconnected, latching connectors can be used.

Annex A includes a figure and a table detailing plug and ring test gauges that are used to check conical connectors made of materials other than metal. Annexes B, C and D provide test methods for latching connectors, Annex E includes a figure and table detailing plug and ring test gauges that may be used to check metal conical connectors, and Annex F contains recommendations for testing security of latching connectors.

Figure 1, detailing the dimensions and tolerances of metal conical connectors, has been prepared in accordance with ISO 3040.

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Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors —

Part 1: Cones and sockets

1 Scope

This part of ISO 5356 specifies dimensional and gauging requirements for cones and sockets intended for connecting anaesthetic and respiratory equipment, e.g. in breathing systems, anaesthetic-gas scavenging systems and vaporizers.

This part of ISO 5356 gives requirements for the following conical connectors:

- 8,5 mm size intended for use in paediatric breathing systems;
- 15 mm and 22 mm sizes intended for general use in breathing systems;
- 22 mm latching connectors (including performance requirements);
- 23 mm size intended for use with vaporizers, but not for use in breathing systems;
- 30 mm size intended for the connection of a breathing system to an anaesthetic gas scavenging system.

This part of ISO 5356 does not specify the medical devices and accessories on which these connections are to be provided.

Requirements for the application of conical connectors are not included in this part of ISO 5356, but are or will be given in the relevant International Standards for specific medical devices and accessories.

NOTE Requirements for screw-threaded weight-bearing conical connectors are specified in ISO 5356-2.

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 4135, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Vocabulary*

ISO 5367, *Breathing tubes intended for use with anaesthetic apparatus and ventilators*

IEC 60601-1:1988, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for safety*, including Amendment 1:1991 and Amendment 2:1995