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**Washer-disinfectors —**

Part 3:

**Requirements and tests for washer-  
disinfectors employing thermal  
disinfection for human waste containers**

*Laveurs désinfecteurs —*

*Partie 3: Exigences et essais pour laveurs désinfecteurs destinés à la  
désinfection thermique de récipients à déjections humaines*



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## Foreword

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ISO 15883 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Washer-disinfectors*:

- *Part 1: General requirements, terms and definitions and tests*
- *Part 2: Requirements and tests for washer-disinfectors employing thermal disinfection for surgical instruments, anaesthetic equipment, bowls, dishes, receivers, utensils, glassware, etc.*
- *Part 3: Requirements and tests for washer-disinfectors employing thermal disinfection for human waste containers*
- *Part 4: Requirements and tests for washer-disinfectors employing chemical disinfection for thermolabile endoscopes*
- *Part 5: Test soils and methods for demonstrating cleaning efficacy* [Technical Specification]

## Introduction

It is recommended that this Introduction be read in conjunction with the introduction to ISO 15883-1.

This part of ISO 15883 is the third of a series of standards specifying the performance of washer-disinfectors and specifies the general requirements for performance applicable to bedpan washer-disinfectors. The requirements given in this part apply to washer-disinfectors used for emptying, flushing, cleaning and thermally disinfecting human waste containers intended for re-use such as:

- portable sanitary pans;
- supports for single-use bed pans;
- hospital bowls;
- urine bottles;
- suction bottles; and
- products similar to the above and used for similar purposes.

Fields of application within the scope of the ISO 15883 series of standards include laboratory, veterinary, dental and pharmaceutical applications and other specific applications, such as washer-disinfectors for bedsteads and transport carts and the disinfection of crockery and cutlery intended for use with immunologically compromised patients.

Requirements for washer-disinfectors for other applications are specified in other parts the ISO 15883 series of standards.

Bedpan washer disinfectors are loaded manually. In order to reduce the risk of spillage and the generation of aerosols most machines incorporate means to empty human waste containers automatically e.g. by the action of closing the door.

Where equipment does not provide automatic emptying facilities, extra care is needed by the user to avoid exposure to human waste and contamination of the work environment including the generation of aerosols.

The reliability of a bedpan washer-disinfector may be adversely affected if the machine is connected to a poorly designed or constructed drainage system. The purchaser is therefore recommended to ensure that the drainage system complies with the manufacturer's recommendations in all respects.

Safety requirements for washer-disinfectors are given in IEC 61010-2-045.

In respect of the potential adverse effects on the quality of water intended for human consumption caused by the washer-disinfectors:

- a) note that until verifiable European criteria are adopted, existing national regulations concerning the use and/or the characteristics of the washer-disinfectors remain in force;
- b) this part of ISO 15883 provides no information as to whether the washer-disinfectors may be used without restriction in any of the member states of the EU or EFTA.

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## Washer-disinfectors —

### Part 3:

## Requirements and tests for washer-disinfectors employing thermal disinfection for human waste containers

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15883 specifies particular requirements for washer-disinfectors (WD) that are intended to be used for emptying, flushing, cleaning and thermal disinfection of containers used to hold human waste for disposal by one operating cycle.

This part of ISO 15883 is to be applied in conjunction with ISO 15883-1.

### 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 15883-1:2006, *Washer-disinfectors — Part 1: General requirements, definitions and tests*

ISO/TS 15883-5, *Washer-disinfectors — Part 5: Test soils and methods for demonstrating cleaning efficacy*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15883-1 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

$A_0$

equivalent time in seconds at 80 °C, delivered by the disinfection process, with reference to a microorganism with a  $z$  value of 10 K

[ISO 15883-1:2006, definition 3.1]

NOTE See also ISO 15883-1:2006, Annex B.

#### 3.2

##### emptying

discharging the contents of a container by gravity

#### 3.3

##### human waste

excretions and body fluids including faeces, urine, blood, pus, vomit and mucus