
**Tips for assistive products for walking —
Requirements and test methods —**

Part 2:
Durability of tips for crutches

*Embouts pour produits d'assistance à la marche — Exigences et
méthodes d'essai —*

Partie 2: Durabilité des embouts de béquilles



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ISO 24415 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Tips for assistive products for walking — Requirements and test methods*:

- Part 1: *Friction of tips*
- Part 2: *Durability of tips for crutches*

Introduction

The characteristics of tips attached to the bottom of assistive products for walking are essential to ensuring user safety. The tips are continuously and repeatedly subjected to load and friction while walking; durability against this repeated load is important both for safety and for cost effectiveness.

Tips are used on many different assistive products for walking, including canes, walking sticks, crutches, walking frames, rollators, and walking tables. They are produced in many different sizes and are made of many different materials, depending on the sort of assistive products for walking to which they are applied. A variety of bottom shapes are available on the market for the many kinds of assistive products for walking.

Generally, durability of rubber is estimated based on a wearing resistance test using test pieces rather than finished goods. However, tips for assistive products for walking are used in several different ways, therefore it is favourable to perform the test on manufactured tips (not manufactured test pieces) to obtain realistic data. For example, tips for crutches can endure less abrasion, because the load on tips for crutches is higher than that on tips for other assistive products for walking.

This part of ISO 24415 specifies requirements and test methods for durability of tips for crutches to enable developers, manufacturers, distributors, and health care providers to determine whether tips have the necessary durability.

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Part 2: Durability of tips for crutches

1 Scope

This part of ISO 24415 specifies requirements and test methods for the durability of tips for crutches, and is not applicable to tips manufactured for special purposes. The requirements and test method are based on tips being used with an ordinary gait on dry and flat walking surfaces.

Crutches include elbow crutches, forearm support crutches, and axillary crutches, as described in ISO 9999.

NOTE Special purposes might include walking on ice and/or snow.

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 9999, *Assistive products for persons with disability — Classification and terminology*

EN 13036-4, *Road and airfield surface characteristics — Test methods — Part 4: Method for measurement of slip/skid resistance of a surface — The pendulum test*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

tip

that part of the crutch which is in contact with ground

NOTE See Figure 1.

3.2

test track

surface against which the tip is to be tested

3.3

actuator

mechanism to produce the dynamic loading force

3.4

loading rod

part onto which the tip is fixed and which transfers the loading force from the actuator to the tip

3.5

loading force

force exerted on the tip along the longitudinal axis of the loading rod