
**Intravascular catheters — Sterile and
single-use catheters —**

**Part 1:
General requirements**

*Cathéters intravasculaires — Cathéters stériles et non réutilisables —
Partie 1: Exigences générales*



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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- added definitions for “inside diameter”, “gauge length”, and “coating” in [Clause 3](#);
- added clarification on requirements ([Clause 4](#)) related to:
 - peak tensile force (revised the NOTE in [Table 1](#));
 - leakage during pressurization: option for air pressure test ([Annex I](#));
 - power injection burst pressure.
- added new requirements ([Clause 4](#)) related to:
 - risk approach;
 - usability engineering;
 - shelf life;
 - packaging system;
 - simulated use, kink and torque;

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- coating integrity, particulate;
- distal tip stiffness.
- removed the requirements on side holes and distal tip;
- added text on “Nominal inside diameter for some applications” ([Clause 5](#));
- added test details in the instructions for use for power injection ([Clause 6](#));
- added reporting of maximum, minimum, standard deviation for variable data analysis in test reports;
- clarified “conditioning time” and “gauge length” ([Annex B](#));
- clarified “minimum outside pressure requirement” ([Annex D](#));
- introduced alternative test method using constant flowrate source ([Annex G](#));
- replaced Figure H.1 in previous version with the new [Table H.1](#);
- added new [Annex I](#) for alternative leakage under pressurization using air pressure;
- added new [Annex J](#) for rationale.

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Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for intravascular catheters, supplied sterile and intended for single use, for any application.

This document does not apply to intravascular catheter accessories, e.g. those covered by ISO 11070.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 7886-1, *Sterile hypodermic syringes for single use — Part 1: Syringes for manual use*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 11607-1, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 15223-1, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with information to be supplied by the manufacturer — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 80369-7, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 7: Connectors for intravascular or hypodermic applications*

IEC 62366-1, *Medical devices — Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

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intravascular catheter

tubular device, single or multilumen, designed to be partially or totally inserted or implanted into the vascular system for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes