
Medical electrical equipment —

Part 2-55:

**Particular requirements for the basic
safety and essential performance of
respiratory gas monitors**

Appareils électromédicaux —

*Partie 2-55: Exigences particulières relatives à la sécurité de base et
aux performances essentielles des moniteurs de gaz respiratoires*

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Foreword

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International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 21647:2004 and ISO 21647:2004/Cor.1:2005. This edition constitutes a minor technical revision and alignment with the third edition of IEC 60601-1.

ISO 80601 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Medical electrical equipment*:

- *Part 2-12: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of critical care ventilators*
- *Part 2-13: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of an anaesthetic workstation*
- *Part 2-55: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of respiratory gas monitors*
- *Part 2-56: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of clinical thermometers for body temperature measurement*
- *Part 2-61: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of pulse oximeter equipment*

IEC 80601-2-30: *Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of automated non-invasive sphygmomanometers*, IEC 80601-2-35: *Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of heating devices using blankets, pads or mattresses and intended for heating in medical use*, IEC 80601-2-58: *Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of lens removal devices and vitrectomy devices for ophthalmic surgery*, IEC 80601-2-59: *Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of screening thermographs for human febrile temperature screening* and IEC 80601-2-60: *Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of dental equipment* are published by IEC.

Introduction

In this International Standard, the following print types are used:

- Requirements and definitions: roman type.
- *Test specifications: italic type.*
- Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.
- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this International Standard, the term

- “clause” means one of the 17 numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 201.7.1, 201.7.2 and 201.7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 201.7).

References to clauses within this International Standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

In this International Standard, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this International Standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

- “shall” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;
- “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;
- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

An asterisk (*) as the first character of a title or at the beginning of a paragraph or table title indicates that there is guidance or a rationale related to that item in Annex AA.

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Medical electrical equipment —

Part 2-55:

Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of respiratory gas monitors

1 Scope

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

IEC 60601-1:2005, Clause 1 applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard specifies particular requirements for the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of a RESPIRATORY GAS MONITOR (RGM), hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT, intended for CONTINUOUS OPERATION for use with a PATIENT.

This International Standard specifies requirements for

- anaesthetic gas monitoring,
- carbon dioxide monitoring, and
- oxygen monitoring.

NOTE 1 An RGM can be either standalone ME EQUIPMENT or integrated into other equipment, e.g. an anaesthetic workstation or a ventilator.

This International Standard is not applicable to an RGM intended for use with flammable anaesthetic agents.

Environmental aspects are addressed in Annex BB.

NOTE 2 Additional aspects of environmental impact are addressed in ISO 14971 and IEC 60601-1-9.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this standard are not covered by specific requirements in this particular standard, except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard (IEC 60601-1).

NOTE 3 See also 4.2 of the general standard.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for an RGM (as defined in 201.3.210) and its ACCESSORIES.

NOTE ACCESSORIES are included because the combination of the RGM and the ACCESSORIES needs to be safe. ACCESSORIES can have a significant impact on the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of an RGM.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-3 does not apply.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Subclause 1.4 of the general standard is replaced by:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "20x" where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2:2007 collateral standard, 206.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-6:2010 collateral standard, etc.).

The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular standard.

"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this particular standard.

Subclauses or figures which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses or figures which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where "x" is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2:2007, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3:2008, etc.

The term “this standard” is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding section, clause or subclause in this particular standard, the section, clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

201.2 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.

IEC 60601-1:2005, Clause 2 applies, except as follows:

Replacement:

IEC 60601-1-2:2007, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic compatibility — Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral standard: Usability*

IEC 60601-1-8:2006, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*

Addition:

ISO 7000:2004, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Index and synopsis*

ISO 7010:2011, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs*

ISO 14937, *Sterilization of health care products — General requirements for characterization of a sterilizing agent and the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 15223-1:—¹⁾, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*
Amendment 1:2008

ISO 17664, *Sterilization of medical devices — Information to be provided by the manufacturer for the processing of resterilizable medical devices*

ISO 80369-1:2010, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO/IEC 80601-2-13:2011²⁾, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 2-13: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of an anaesthetic workstation*

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

1) To be published.

2) Cancels and replaces ISO 8835-2:2007, ISO 8835-3:2007, ISO 8835-4:2004, ISO 8835-5:2004 and IEC 60601-2-13:2003.

IEC 60068-2-31:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-31: Tests — Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-64:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-64: Test methods — Test Fh: Vibration, broad band random and guidance*

IEC 60529:2001, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

Corrigendum 1:2003

Corrigendum 2:2007

Corrigendum 3:2009

IEC 60601-1-9:2007, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-9: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Requirements for environmentally conscious design*

IEC 60601-1-10:2007, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers*

IEC 60601-1-11:2010, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1-2:2007, IEC 60601-1-6:2010, IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-11:2010 and ISO/IEC 80601-2-13:2011 apply, except as follows:

NOTE An alphabetized index of defined terms is found beginning on page 50.

Addition:

201.3.201

DIVERTING RGM

SIDESTREAM MONITOR

RGM that transports a portion of respiratory gases from the SAMPLING SITE through a SAMPLING TUBE to the SENSOR, which is remote from the SAMPLING SITE

201.3.202

DRIFT

change in the GAS READING of an RGM, for a given GAS LEVEL over a stated period of time, under reference conditions that remain constant

201.3.203

GAS LEVEL

content of a specific gas in a gaseous mixture

201.3.204

GAS READING

measured GAS LEVEL as displayed by the RGM

201.3.205

MEASUREMENT ACCURACY

quality which characterizes the ability of an RGM to give indications approximating to the true value of the quantity measured