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**Part 1:**  
Classification of prosthetic components

*Prothèses et orthèses — Classification et description des composants de  
prothèses —*

*Partie 1: Classification des composants de prothèses*



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- *Part 1: Classification of prosthetic components*
- *Part 2: Description of lower-limb prosthetic components*
- *Part 3: Description of upper-limb prosthetic components*

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## Introduction

At present no internationally accepted method exists to classify or describe the components of prostheses. This situation causes considerable difficulty for manufacturers who are producing literature describing their products and for practitioners who are reporting on the prescriptions they employ in the treatment of particular patients.

The system proposed is designed to permit users to classify and describe systematically each component which is incorporated in a finished prosthesis, in a manner which clearly explains its principal characteristics.

Manufacturers' tradenames and details of the materials and manufacturing processes employed have been avoided.

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# Prosthetics and orthotics — Classification and description of prosthetic components —

## Part 1: Classification of prosthetic components

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 13405 establishes a means of classifying the components of limb prostheses and their construction.

### 2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 13405. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 13405 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 8549-1:1989, *Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms.*

ISO 8549-2: 1989, *Prosthetics and orthotics — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to external limb prostheses and wearers of these prostheses.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 13405, the definitions given in ISO 8549-1 and ISO 8549-2 and the following definitions apply.

**3.1 support:** That attribute of interface components which relates to the transmission of longitudinal (proximally directed) forces from the prosthesis to the body.

**3.2 stabilization:** That attribute of interface components which relates to the transmission of transversely directed forces between the prosthesis and the body, and is concerned with the maintenance of the angular relationship of the prosthesis with the body consistent with use.

**3.3 suspension:** That attribute of interface components concerned with the retention of the prosthesis on the body, i.e. the transmission of longitudinal (distally directed) forces from the prosthesis to the body.