
**Elastomeric parts for parenterals and for
devices for pharmaceutical use —**

Part 4:
Biological requirements and test methods

*Éléments en élastomère pour administration parentérale et dispositifs à
usage pharmaceutique —*

Partie 4: Exigences biologiques et méthodes d'essai



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ISO 8871 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Elastomeric parts for parenterals and for devices for pharmaceutical use*:

- *Part 1: Extractables in aqueous autoclavates*
- *Part 2: Identification and characterization*
- *Part 3: Determination of released-particle count*
- *Part 4: Biological requirements and test methods*
- *Part 5: Functional requirements and testing*

Introduction

The pharmaceutical industry requires, to an increasing extent, concrete details from the rubber manufacturer about the biological status of rubber closures as far as elastomeric closures are used as primary packaging materials in direct contact with the medicinal products. This request has been taken into account by preparing Annexes A to D of this part of ISO 8871.

Tests presented in this part of ISO 8871 can be taken into account as a guideline if the question of biological safety arises in context with primary packaging materials for pharmaceutical products. The use of certain tests of Annex A to Annex D in case of special applications of the packaging material should be agreed upon between users and manufacturers.

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Part 4: Biological requirements and test methods

1 Scope

This part of ISO 8871 specifies biological requirements for elastomeric parts for parenterals and for devices for pharmaceutical use. It also specifies the test methods, i.e. it offers the extraction procedures for elastomeric parts, and it makes reference to relevant biological test instructions in Pharmacopoeias and standards.

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 10993-5, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*

USP, *The United States Pharmacopeia*, United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc., Rockville, MD, USA

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

bacterial endotoxins

lipo-polysaccharides from gram-negative bacteria

3.2

bioburden

population of viable microorganisms on or in product and/or a package

[ISO 11737-1:—, definition 3.1]

3.3

cytotoxicity

biological response of mammalian cell cultures in vitro using appropriate biological parameters to extracts of elastomeric parts

3.4

intracutaneous toxicity

local response to extracts of elastomeric parts after intracutaneous injections into rabbits