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- alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013.
- determination of probability of component failure during the *expected service life*;
- delivered gas maximum enthalpy requirement;
- new test protocol for *internal electrical power source* operation time;
- performance test and disclosure requirements for other *inflation-types*;
- additional protections against hazardous outputs;
- clarification of performance requirements during abnormal testing;
- consideration of input gas of Oxygen 93 %; and
- harmonization of terminology with ISO 19223, where appropriate.

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Introduction

In this document, the following print types are used:

- Requirements and definitions: roman type;
- *Instructions, test specifications and terms defined in Clause 3 of the general standard, in this document or as noted: italic type;*
- Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.

In referring to the structure of this document, the term

- “clause” means one of the four numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8, etc.);
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 201.7, 201.8 and 201.12 are all subclauses of Clause 201).

References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this document are by number only.

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

For the purposes of this document, the auxiliary verb

- “shall” means that conformance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for conformance with this document,
- “should” means that conformance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for conformance with this document;
- “may” is used to describe permission (e.g. a permissible way to achieve conformance with a requirement or test),
- “can” is used to describe a possibility or capability, and
- “must” is used to express an external constraint.

Annex C contains a guide to the marking and labelling requirements in this document.

Annex D contains a summary of the symbols referenced in this document.

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 rationale related to that item in Annex AA.

Medical electrical equipment — Part 2-12: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of critical care ventilators

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

NOTE The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012.

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This document applies to the *basic safety* and *essential performance* of a *ventilator* in combination with its *accessories*, hereafter referred to as *ME equipment*:

- intended for use in an environment that provides specialized care for *patients* whose conditions can be life-threatening and who can require comprehensive care and constant monitoring in a *professional healthcare facility*;

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, such an environment is referred to as a critical care environment. *Ventilators* for this environment are considered life-sustaining.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this document, such a *ventilator* can provide transport within a *professional healthcare facility* (i.e. be a *transit-operable ventilator*).

NOTE 3 A critical care *ventilator* intended for use in transport within a *professional healthcare facility* is not considered as an *emergency medical services environment ventilator*.

- intended to be operated by a *healthcare professional operator*; and
- intended for those *patients* who need differing levels of support from artificial ventilation including for *ventilator-dependent patients*.

A critical care *ventilator* is not considered to utilize a *physiologic closed-loop-control system* unless it uses a physiological *patient* variable to adjust the ventilation therapy settings.

This document is also applicable to those *accessories* intended by their *manufacturer* to be connected to a *ventilator breathing system*, or to a *ventilator*, where the characteristics of those *accessories* can affect the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of the *ventilator*.

NOTE 4 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.

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Hazards inherent in the intended physiological function of *ME equipment* or *ME systems* within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in IEC 60601-1:2005, 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE 5 Additional information can be found in IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012, 4.2.

This document is not applicable to *ME equipment* or an *ME system* operating in a *ventilator-operational mode* solely intended for *patients* who are not dependent on artificial ventilation.

NOTE 6 A critical care *ventilator*, when operating in such a *ventilator-operational mode*, is not considered life-sustaining.

This document is not applicable to *ME equipment* that is intended solely to augment the ventilation of spontaneously breathing *patients* within a *professional healthcare facility*.

This document does not specify the requirements for:

- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for anaesthetic applications, which are given in ISO 80601-2-13^[2];
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for the *emergency medical services environment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-84^[3], the future replacement for ISO 10651-3^[4];
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for *ventilator-dependent patients* in the *home healthcare environment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-72:2015^[5];
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for home-care ventilatory support devices, which are given in ISO 80601-2-79:2018^[6] and ISO 80601-2-80:2018^{[7]1};
- obstructive sleep apnoea therapy *ME equipment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-70^[9];
- *continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) ME equipment*;
- high-frequency jet ventilators (HFJVs) and high-frequency oscillatory ventilators (HFOVs), which are given in ISO 80601-2-87^[63];

NOTE 7 A critical care *ventilator* can incorporate high-frequency jet or high-frequency oscillatory *ventilator-operational modes*.

- oxygen therapy constant flow *ME equipment*; and
- cuirass or “iron-lung” ventilation equipment.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish *basic safety* and *essential performance* requirements for a *ventilator* and its *accessories*.

¹ ISO 80601-2-79 and ISO 80601-2-80 replace ISO 10651-6, which has been withdrawn.

Accessories are included because the combination of the *ventilator* and the *accessories* needs to be adequately safe. *Accessories* can have a significant impact on the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of a *ventilator*.

NOTE 1 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles of safety and performance* of ISO 16142-1:2016 as indicated in Annex CC.

NOTE 2 This document has been prepared to address the relevant general safety and performance requirements of European regulation (EU) 2017/745 as indicated in Annex DD.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Amendment (add after existing text):

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

IEC 60601-1-2, IEC 60601-1-6 and IEC 60601-1-8 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206 and 208 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3^[12], IEC 60601-1-9^[13], IEC 60601-1-11 and IEC 60601-1-12 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard, including the collateral standards, as appropriate for the particular *ME equipment* under consideration, and may add other *basic safety* or *essential performance* requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over IEC 60601-1:2005 or the collateral standards.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012 is referred to in this particular document as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this document corresponds to those of the general standard with the prefix “201” (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix “2xx” where xx is the final digits of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 208.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-8 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 IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012 or the applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this document.

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“Amendment” means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012 or the applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this document.

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Subclauses, figures or tables that are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.147, additional definitions in this document are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses or figures that 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, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3^[12], etc.

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

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this document, the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012 or the applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012 or the applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular document.

201.2 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.

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

Replacement:

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment — Registered symbols*

ISO 7010:2019, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs*

ISO 15223-1:2016, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances — Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Usability*

IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012, *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*

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 62304:2006+AMD1:2015, *Medical device software — Software life cycle processes*

Addition:

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 5356-1:2015, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

ISO 5359:2014, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Low-pressure hose assemblies for use with medical gases*

ISO 5367:2014, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Breathing sets and connectors*

ISO 7396-1:2016, *Medical gas pipeline systems — Part 1: Pipeline systems for compressed medical gases and vacuum*

ISO 8836:2014, *Suction catheters for use in the respiratory tract*

ISO 9000:2015, *Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

ISO 9360-1:2000, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Heat and moisture exchangers (HMEs) for humidifying respired gases in humans — Part 1: HMEs for use with minimum tidal volumes of 250 ml*

ISO 9360-2:2001, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Heat and moisture exchangers (HMEs) for humidifying respired gases in humans — Part 2: HMEs for use with tracheostomized patients having minimum tidal volumes of 250 ml*

ISO 14937:2009, *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 16142-1:2016, *Medical devices — Recognized essential principles of safety and performance of medical devices — Part 1: General essential principles and additional specific essential principles for all non-IVD medical devices and guidance on the selection of standards*

ISO 17510:2015, *Medical devices — Sleep apnoea breathing therapy — Masks and application accessories*

ISO 17664:2017, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices*

ISO 18562-1:2017, *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 19223:2019, *Lung ventilators and related equipment — Vocabulary and semantics*

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ISO 23328-1:2003, *Breathing system filters for anaesthetic and respiratory use — Part 1: Salt test method to assess filtration performance*

ISO 23328-2:2002, *Breathing system filters for anaesthetic and respiratory use — Part 2: Non-filtration aspects*

ISO 80369-1:2018, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 1: General requirements*

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IEC 60601-2-2:2017, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 2-2: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories*

IEC 62366-1:2015, *Medical devices — Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

IEC 62570:2014, *Standard practice for marking medical devices and other items for safety in the magnetic resonance environment*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7010:2019, ISO 7396-1:2016, ISO 8836:2014, ISO 9000:2015, ISO 9360-1:2000, ISO 16142-1:2016, ISO 17510:2015, ISO 17664:2017, ISO 18562-1:2017, ISO 19223:2019, ISO 23328-2:2002, IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-2:2014, IEC 60601-1-6:2010, IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-10:2007, IEC 60601-1-11:2015, IEC 60601-1-12:2014, IEC 60601-2-2:2017, IEC 62304:2006+AMD1:2015, IEC 62366-1:2015, ISO 80601-2-74:2017 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

NOTE An alphabetized index of defined terms is found Annex EE.

201.3.201

emergency intake port

dedicated *gas intake port* through which ambient air is drawn when the supply of *fresh gas* is insufficient or absent

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2001^[14], 3.2.3, modified — Removed "air" from term, replaced 'may be' with 'is', added '*gas*' and 'or absent' and deleted 'and/or inflating gas'.]

201.3.202

flow-direction-sensitive component

component or *accessory* through which gas flow has to be in one direction only for proper functioning or *patient safety*

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2001^[14], 3.1.7, modified — Added 'or *accessory*' and replaced 'must' with 'has to'.]

201.3.203

fresh gas

respirable gas delivered to a *ventilator breathing system*

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2001^[14], 3.1.8, modified — Added '*ventilator*' and note to entry.]

Note 1 to entry: *Fresh gas* does not include the following:

- air drawn through the *emergency intake port*;
- air drawn through leaks in the *ventilator breathing system*;
- gas exhaled by the *patient*.

201.3.204

gas intake port

port through which gas is drawn for use by the *patient*

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2001^[14], 3.2.11, modified — Added "gas" to term, replaced 'a ventilator or by a patient' with 'for use by the *patient*'.]

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201.3.205

healthcare professional

appropriately trained, knowledgeable, and skilled, providing systematic preventive, curative, promotional or rehabilitative healthcare services to families or communities

Note 1 to entry: This term functions as an adjective.

201.3.206

high-pressure input port

input port to which gas is supplied at a pressure exceeding 100 kPa

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2001^[14], 3.2.10.1, modified — Replaced 'may be' with 'is'.]

201.3.207

minimum limited pressure

$P_{LIM\ min}$

lowest *airway pressure* during *normal use* or under *single fault condition*

Note 1 to entry: The *minimum limited pressure* can be subatmospheric.

201.3.208

monitoring equipment

ME equipment or part that continuously or continually measures and indicates the value of a variable to the *operator*

201.3.209

*** professional healthcare facility**

facility that is continually staffed by suitably trained *healthcare professional operators*

EXAMPLE Hospitals, physician offices, freestanding surgical centres, dental offices, freestanding birthing centres, limited care facilities, first aid rooms or rescue rooms, multiple treatment facilities and emergency medical services

201.3.210

protection device

part or function of *ME equipment* that, without intervention by the *operator*, protects the *patient* from hazardous output due to incorrect delivery of energy or substances

201.3.211

ventilator-dependent

<*patient*> dependent upon artificial ventilation in order to prevent serious deterioration of health or death

Note 1 to entry: A *ventilator-dependent patient* cannot breathe well enough to maintain life-sustaining levels of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the blood. For the purposes of this document, dependent means the loss of therapy can require immediate medical intervention.

EXAMPLE *Patients* with Duchenne muscular dystrophy or other degenerative disease resulting in their unsupported respiratory effort being insufficient to sustain life.

201.4 General requirements

Clause 4 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.4.3 Essential performance

Addition:

201.4.3.101 * Additional requirements for essential performance

Additional *essential performance* requirements are found in the subclauses listed in Table 201.101.

201.4.4 Additional requirements for expected service life

Amendment (add as a second paragraph):

In the *risk management file*, the *manufacturer* shall:

- aa) state the probability of component failure that results in the *ventilator* needing to be taken out of service during the *expected service life* assuming that the preventative inspection, maintenance and calibration are performed according to the *accompanying documents*; and
- bb) summarize the methodology used to determine this probability.

Table 201.101 — Distributed essential performance requirements

| Requirement | Subclause |
|---|--------------|
| Delivery of ventilation at the <i>patient-connection port</i> within the <i>alarm limits</i> set by the <i>operator</i> | a |
| or generation of an <i>alarm condition</i> | |
| oxygen level | 201.12.4.101 |
| <i>airway pressure</i> | 201.12.4.106 |
| CO ₂ level, if provided | 201.12.4.104 |
| disconnection | 201.12.4.109 |
| expired volume, if provided | 201.12.4.103 |
| <i>internal electrical power source</i> nears depletion | 201.11.8.101 |
| gas supply failure | 201.13.2.102 |
| obstruction | 201.12.4.108 |
| PEEP | 201.12.4.107 |
| ^a Subclause 202.8.1.101 indicates methods of evaluating delivery of ventilation as acceptance criteria following specific tests required by this document. | |