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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 16409:2006), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- addition of bigger brush size 8 in [Table 1](#);
- specification of number of test samples (eight manual interdental brushes) in [Clause 6](#);
- clarification of measuring procedure for the passage hole diameter for cylindrical and tapered brush heads.

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 16409:2006/Amd 1:2010.

Introduction

Manual interdental brushes are used for oral hygiene purposes intended to provide health benefits. Their main application purpose is mechanical plaque removal, primarily from the interdental regions.

Dentistry — Oral care products — Manual interdental brushes

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and test methods for performance criteria for manual interdental brushes with a round cross-section of the brush head and consisting of a wired stem with inserted filaments. It also specifies the accompanying information such as manufacturer's instructions for use and labelling of the packaging.

Excluded are interdental brushes with a plastic core.

This International Standard is not applicable to powered interdental brushes, manual toothbrushes, dental floss, tapes, and strings and to interdental cleaners that do not include filaments.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

3.1

manual interdental brush

hand-powered device composed of *filaments* (3.5) emanating radially from a *stem* (3.4) intended for cleaning of interdental surfaces

3.2

interdental brush head

part of *manual interdental brush* (3.1), which passes in and out of spaces between the teeth to clean the exposed surfaces

Note 1 to entry: The brush head may be fixed or removable, but is fixed during use.

3.3

interdental brush handle

part of *manual interdental brush* (3.1), which holds the *stem* (3.4) of the manual interdental brush

3.4

stem

central support structure of the manual *interdental brush head* (3.2), usually composed of twisted wire, which secures the *filaments* (3.5)

Note 1 to entry: The stem is either secured

- in the handle,
- in a connector, or
- fulfils the function of a handle itself.

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