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### Relationship between this European standard and the essential requirements of Directive 93/42/EEC [OJ L 169] aimed to be covered

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request 'M/023 concerning the development of European standards related to medical devices' to provide one voluntary means of conforming to essential requirements of Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices [OJ L 169].

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NOTE 1 Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Directive 93/42/EEC as amended by 2007/47/EC. This means that risks have to be reduced 'as far as possible', 'to a minimum', 'to the lowest possible level', 'minimized' or 'removed', according to the wording of the corresponding essential requirement.

NOTE 2 The manufacturer's policy for determining acceptable risk must be in compliance with Essential Requirements 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of the Directive.

NOTE 3 This Annex ZA is based on normative references according to the table of references in the European foreword, replacing the references in the core text.

NOTE 4 When an Essential Requirement does not appear in Table ZA.1, it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC [OJ L 169]**

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7.3 (first part only)	This entire standard	
9.3	This entire standard	



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**Table — Correlations between undated normative references and dated EN and ISO standards**

Normative references as listed in Clause 2	Equivalent dated standard	
	EN	ISO
ISO 11146-1	EN ISO 11146-1:2005	ISO 11146-1:2005
ISO 11810	EN ISO 11810:2015	EN ISO 11810:2015
ISO/IEC Guide 99	—	ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007
ISO 5361:2016	EN ISO 5361:2016	ISO 5361:2016
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## ISO 11990:2018(E)

### Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Laser and electro-optical systems*.

This third edition of ISO 11990 cancels and replaces ISO 11990-1:2011 and ISO 11990-2:2010 which have undergone a revision in order to adjust the two documents to each other thereby eliminating redundancies and unintended discrepancies.

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## **Introduction**

A fire in the airway is always a serious matter. In addition to local damage in the larynx, injury can occur to the lower airway and the parenchymal tissue in the lung. The products of combustion can be blown into the lungs.

Procedures performed in the airway, where a tracheal tube and a laser are used, bring together an oxygen-enriched atmosphere, a fuel and high power, the three ingredients necessary to create a fire. The likelihood that a laser beam will contact the tracheal tube during airway procedures is high. This led to the development of a test method, described in this document, to assist the clinician in determining which tracheal tube shaft was the most laser-resistant under a defined set of conditions.

Unfortunately, fires with tracheal tubes, whose shafts were laser-resistant according to this document have continued to occur. Investigations have shown that the cuff, and not the shaft, of the tracheal tube is the area of lowest laser resistance and most likely to be contacted by the laser beam, even when used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Clinical experience has shown that not only perforation of the part of the shaft below the cuff has happened, but also ignition of the outer surface of the cuff. This could then ignite other parts of the tracheal tube, such as the tip, which is normally unprotected.





# Lasers and laser-related equipment — Determination of laser resistance of tracheal tube shaft and tracheal tube cuffs

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method of testing the continuous wave (cw) laser resistance of the shaft of a tracheal tube and the cuff regions including the inflation system of tracheal tubes designed to resist ignition by a laser.

NOTE 1 When interpreting these results, the attention of the user is drawn to the fact that the direct applicability of the results of this test method to the clinical situation has not been fully established.

NOTE 2 The attention of the users of products tested by this method is drawn to the fact that the laser will be wavelength sensitive and tested at the wavelength for which it is intended to be used. If tested using other wavelengths, explicitly state the power settings and modes of delivery.

**CAUTION — This test method can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This document provides advice on minimizing some of the risks associated with its use but does not purport to address all such risks. It is the responsibility of the user of this document to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.**

## 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.

ISO 11146-1, *Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test methods for laser beam widths, divergence angles and beam propagation ratios — Part 1: Stigmatic and simple astigmatic beams*

ISO 11810, *Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test method and classification for the laser resistance of surgical drapes and/or patient protective covers — Primary ignition, penetration, flame spread and secondary ignition*

ISO/IEC Guide 99, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

ISO 5361:2016, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Tracheal tubes and connectors*

ISO 11145:2016, *Optics and photonics — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Vocabulary and symbols*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11810, ISO/IEC Guide 99 and the following apply.

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