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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 215 "Respiratory and anaesthetic equipment", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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Introduction

Flow-metering devices are widely used in delivery of medical gases supplied by a medical gas supply system directly to a patient. It is essential that these devices deliver accurate flows under varying conditions of temperature and inlet pressure. It is therefore important that the operating characteristics be specified and tested in a defined manner.

This standard pays particular attention to:

- Suitability of materials

- Safety (mechanical strength, safe relief of excess pressure and resistance to ignition)

- Gas specificity
- Cleanliness
- Accuracy
- Testing
- Identification
- Information supplied

Clauses and subclauses marked with R after their number have corresponding rationales contained in annex C.



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