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Lasers et équipements associés aux lasers - Méthode d'essai et classification de la résistance au laser pour des draps chirurgicaux et/ou des couvertures de protection des patients - Partie 1: Inflammation primaire et pénétration (ISO 11810-1:2005)

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## **Foreword**

The text of ISO 11810-1:2005 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172 "Optics and optical instruments" of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and has been taken over as EN ISO 11810-1:2009 by Technical Committee CEN/TC 123 "Lasers and photonics" the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 93/42/EEC

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**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of EU Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
This entire standard	§§ 1; 2; 3; 4; 7.1; 9.3; 12.7.5; 13.1	Only the test method and the classification system

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**Part 1:  
Primary ignition and penetration**

*Lasers et équipements associés aux lasers — Méthode d'essai et  
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et/ou des couvertures de protection des patients —*

*Partie 1: Allumage primaire et pénétration*



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## **Foreword**

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 11810-1 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Electro-optical systems*.

This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 11810:2002, which has been technically revised.

ISO 11810 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test method and classification for the laser resistance of surgical drapes and/or patient protective covers*:

- *Part 1: Primary ignition and penetration*
- *Part 2: Secondary ignition*

## Introduction

Some laser applications in medicine may require laser-resistant surgical drapes or other patient protective covers. Surgical drapes or other patient protective covers are necessary when a sterile procedure is performed and the surrounding area needs to be protected from liquids, secretions and inadvertent laser radiation. While conventional surgical drapes or other patient protective covers are not necessarily laser-resistant, specifically designed drapes offer the possibility of laser resistance.

Laser induced risks include ignition, flammability, melting, penetration, thermal transfer and reflectivity. Textile and non-woven drape materials may have other risks but they may provide a laser barrier. While there are many potential ignition devices present in the operating room (e.g. fibre optic illumination systems, electro-surgical units, hot wire cauteries), this test method addresses only the laser ignition source. This part of ISO 11810 is intended for use in testing a surgical drape or other patient protective cover that claims to be laser-resistant. In addition, areas within this product may vary in material composition or design. Depending on the claims being made by the manufacturer or end-user requirements, all areas for which laser resistance is claimed may need to be tested.

CO<sub>2</sub> lasers may provide the most challenging conditions of all medical lasers. Ignition/flammability tests and penetration tests may disclose more challenging laser wavelengths as well as modes of laser delivery, for example Q-switching in the nanosecond range. The 20 W CO<sub>2</sub> laser (continuous wave) has been selected as the laser for this part of ISO 11810.

Users of this test method are cautioned that the laser resistance of a surgical drape or other patient protective cover will be wavelength sensitive and that a surgical drape or other protective cover should be tested at the wavelengths for which it is intended to be used. If tested using other wavelengths, the power settings and modes of delivery need to be explicitly stated.

The results from this part of ISO 11810 should not be applied to other wavelengths and temporal formats.

The performance of laser-resistant surgical drapes or other patient protective covers may be changed when used in combination rather than individually.

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# Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test method and classification for the laser resistance of surgical drapes and/or patient protective covers —

## Part 1: Primary ignition and penetration

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11810 is applicable to disposable and reusable, as well as woven and non-woven materials used as surgical drapes and other patient protective covers which claim to be laser-resistant.

The purpose of this part of ISO 11810 is to provide a standardized method for testing and classifying surgical drapes and other patient protective covers with respect to laser-induced hazards. An appropriate classification system is given. It is not the purpose of this part of ISO 11810 to serve as a general fire safety specification, and as such, this part of ISO 11810 does not cover other sources of ignition. It also does not cover the issue of laser-induced secondary ignition.

All materials reflect portions of the beam and it is necessary for the user to decide whether specular reflectance may be a hazard. This measurement, however, is not covered in this part of ISO 11810.

### 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 11145:2001, *Optics and optical instruments — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Vocabulary and symbols*

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*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **afterflame**

persistence of flaming of a material, under specified test conditions, after the ignition source has been removed

#### 3.2

##### **afterflame time**

length of time for which a material continues to flame, under specified test conditions, after the ignition source has been removed

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