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devices for patients, clinical staff and equipment - Part 3:  
Performance requirements and performance levels**

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personnel et les équipements - Partie 3: Exigences et  
niveaux de performance

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## Foreword

This document (EN 13795-3:2006+A1:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 205 “Non-active medical devices”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2010, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by March 2010.

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EN 13795 consists of the following parts under the general title “*Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices, for patients, clinical staff and equipment*”.

Part 1: *General requirements for manufacturers, processors and products*

Part 2: *Test methods*

Part 3: *Performance requirements and performance levels*

Attention is also drawn to the following:

*EN ISO 22610 Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices, for patients, clinical staff and equipment — Test method to determine the resistance to wet bacterial penetration (ISO 22610:2006)*

*EN ISO 22612 Clothing for protection against infectious agents — Test method for resistance to dry microbial penetration (ISO 22612:2005)*

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## **Introduction**

The series of EN 13795 specifies requirements for single-use and reusable coverings (i. e. surgical gowns, surgical drapes and clean air suits) used as medical devices for patients, clinical staff and equipment and intended to prevent the transmission of infective agents between patients and clinical staff during invasive surgical procedures.

General requirements for surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices, for patients clinical staff and equipment are specified in EN 13795-1. In this respect EN 13795-1 specifies the relevant characteristics to be evaluated for products covered by this European Standard. EN 13795-2 specifies test methods for evaluating these characteristics.

**NOTE** For more information on products contained within the scope of this European Standard it is recommended to refer to EN 13795-1.

## 1 Scope

This part of the series of EN 13795 specifies performance requirements for surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits.

NOTE General performance requirements are specified for various characteristics as per EN 13795-1:2002 Tables 1, 2 and 3 and should be evaluated according to EN 13795-2, EN ISO 22610 and EN ISO 22612.

## 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.

EN 13795-1, *Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices, for patients, clinical staff and equipment — Part 1: General requirements for manufacturers, processors and products*

EN 13795-2, *Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices, for patients, clinical staff and equipment — Part 2: Test methods*

EN ISO 22610, *Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices, for patients, clinical staff, and equipment - Test method to determine the resistance to wet bacterial penetration (ISO 22610:2006)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **less critical product area**

product area less likely to be involved in the transfer of infective agents to or from the wound

NOTE 1 For the definition of critical product area please see EN 13795-1.

NOTE 2 If the manufacturer differentiates between critical and less critical areas of the product, EN 13795-1 requires the manufacturer to identify these areas, and, if requested, to supply information on the rationale for this distinction. For more information see EN 13795-1.

### 3.2

#### **performance level**

refers to products designated as “standard” or “high performance” according to Clause 4 of this standard

NOTE With the introduction of two performance levels the EN 13795 series of standards acknowledges the fact that products are challenged to differing extents during surgical procedures, dependent upon the duration, mechanical stress and liquid challenge throughout the surgical procedure.

#### 3.2.1

##### **standard performance**

classification addressing minimum performance requirements for various characteristics of products (see Clause 4) used as medical devices in invasive surgical procedures

#### 3.2.2

##### **high performance**

classification addressing elevated performance requirements for various characteristics of products used as medical devices in invasive surgical procedures

NOTE Examples of surgical procedures where elevated performance level should be considered are those where extensive exposure to liquid, mechanical stresses or longer surgical procedures can be expected

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