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## Foreword

This document (EN 1639:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 55 “Dentistry”, 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2010, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2010.

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The following changes were made:

a) Normative references:

- 1) Addition of new relevant product standards, issued after 2004: EN 13060, EN ISO 8325, EN ISO 11135-1, EN ISO 11137-1, EN ISO 11607-1, EN ISO 11607-2, EN ISO 14155-1, EN ISO 14155-2, EN ISO 14971, EN ISO 15883-1, EN ISO 17664, EN ISO 17665-1 and EN ISO 21571;
- 2) Deletion of the following withdrawn standards: EN 550, EN 552, EN 554, EN 26360-2 and EN 28325.

b) 4.7 Clinical evaluation: Clarification of requirement for a clinical evaluation;

c) 4.10.6 Instructions for use: Clarification of requirement that information may be provided in an electronic format;

d) Annex ZA: Actualisation of correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC, as amended by Directive 2007/47/EC.

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## **Introduction**

There are three levels of European Standards dealing with medical devices used in dentistry. These are as follows:

- Level 1: General requirements for medical devices;
- Level 2: Requirements for families of medical devices used in dentistry;
- Level 3: Specific requirements for types of medical devices used in dentistry.

There are no level 1 standards written exclusively in respect of medical devices used in dentistry.

This European Standard is a level 2 standard and details requirements that apply to instruments used in the practice of dentistry. For instruments to be connected to an energy source, this European Standard should be used in conjunction with EN 1640, which is applicable for dental equipment. This European Standard also indicates that there are additional requirements in the level 3 standards. Where available, these are included as normative references. To cover all the requirements for a particular product, it is necessary to use a standard of the lowest available level.

In the Bibliography a reference for guidance on the classification of dental devices and accessories [3] is given.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies general requirements for instruments used in the practice of dentistry and which are medical devices. It includes requirements for intended performance, design attributes, components, reprocessing, packaging, marking, labelling, and information supplied by the manufacturer.

This European Standard does not apply to any necessary energy source to which an instrument needs to be connected. These energy sources are covered by EN 1640.

Tests for demonstrating compliance with this European Standard are contained in the level 3 standards, if appropriate.

## 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 556-1, *Sterilization of medical devices — Requirements for medical devices to be designated "STERILE" — Part 1: Requirements for terminally sterilized medical devices*

EN 980, *Symbols for use in the labelling of medical devices*

EN 1041, *Information supplied by the manufacturer of medical devices*

EN 1640, *Dentistry — Medical devices for dentistry — Equipment*

EN 13060, *Small steam sterilizers*

EN 21942-1:1991, *Dental vocabulary — Part 1: General and clinical terms (ISO 1942-1:1989)*

EN 21942-3:1993, *Dental vocabulary — Part 3: Dental instruments (ISO 1942-3:1989)*

EN 23964, *Dentistry — Dental handpieces — Coupling dimensions (ISO 3964:1982)*

EN 29168, *Dental handpieces — Hose connectors (ISO 9168:1991)*

EN 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance (IEC 60601-1:2005)*

EN ISO 1797-1, *Dental rotary instruments — Shanks — Part 1: Shanks made of metals (ISO 1797-1:1992)*

EN ISO 1797-2, *Dental rotary equipment — Shanks — Part 2: Shanks made of plastics (ISO 1797-2:1992)*

EN ISO 2157, *Dental rotary instruments — Nominal diameters and designation code number (ISO 2157:1992)*

EN ISO 3630-1, *Dentistry — Root-canal instruments — Part 1: General requirements and test methods (ISO 3630-1:2008)*

EN ISO 3630-2, *Dental root-canal instruments — Part 2: Enlargers (ISO 3630-2:2000)*

EN ISO 3630-3, *Dental root-canal instruments — Part 3: Condensers, pluggers and spreaders (ISO 3630-3:1994)*

EN ISO 3823-1, *Dental rotary instruments — Burs — Part 1: Steel and carbide burs (ISO 3823-1:1997)*

EN ISO 3823-2, *Dentistry — Rotary bur instruments — Part 2: Finishing burs (ISO 3823-2:2003)*

EN ISO 7153-1, *Surgical instruments — Metallic materials — Part 1: Stainless steel (ISO 7153-1:1991, including Amendment 1:1999)*

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