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Foreword

This document (EN 1865-1:2010+A1:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 239 "Rescue systems", 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by November 2015, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 2015.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

$\boxed{A_1}$ This European Standard is a part of EN 1865, *Patient handling equipment used in road ambulances*, which consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General stretcher systems and patient handling equipment* [the present document];
- *Part 2: Power assisted stretcher;*
- *Part 3: Heavy duty stretcher;*
- *Part 4: Foldable patient transfer chair;*
- *Part 5: Stretcher support.* $\langle A_1 \rangle$

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Introduction

This European Standard incorporates specifications for:

- main stretcher – undercarriage;
- chair stretcher;
- transfer mattress;
- carrying sheet;
- pick up stretcher;
- vacuum mattress and pump;
- long spinal board;
- foldable carrying chair;
- non-foldable carrying chair.

Stretcher systems and patient handling equipment covered by this standard EN 1865-1 are for use in road ambulances.

In this standard reference is made to [A1](#) EN 1789:2007+A2:2014 [A1](#) which specifies design requirements and test methods for road ambulances, which are relevant for checking requirements for such handling equipment.

NOTE Standardisation work will continue with the aim of ensuring the safe transfer of patients and equipment without compromising continuity of patient care and the safety of staff.

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1 Scope

This European Standard defines minimum requirements for the design and performance of stretchers and other patient handling equipment used in road ambulances for the handling and carrying of patients. It aims to ensure patient safety and minimize the physical effort required by staff operating the equipment.

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.

[A1] EN 597-1:1994 **[A1]**, *Furniture - Assessment of the ignitability of mattresses and upholstered bed bases - Part 1: Ignition source: Smouldering cigarette*

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[A1] EN 1021-1:2014 **[A1]**, *Furniture - Assessment of the ignitability of upholstered furniture - Part 1: Ignition source smouldering cigarette*

[A1] EN 1041:2008+A1:2013 **[A1]**, *Information supplied by the manufacturer of medical devices*

[A1] EN 1789:2007+A2:2014 **[A1]**, *Medical vehicles and their equipment - Road ambulances*

[A1] EN ISO 14971:2012 **[A1]**, *Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical devices (ISO 14971:2007, Corrected version 2007-10-01)*

[A1] EN ISO 15223-1:2012, *Medical devices - Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied - Part 1: General requirements (ISO 15223-1:2012)* **[A1]**

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

main stretcher

main device for the conveyance of a sick and/or injured person or those in labour with the purpose to transport patients in safety and in comfort whilst facilitating treatment

3.2

chair stretcher

device designed to handle and carry a patient in a sitting or lying position, including conveying a patient in the vehicle

3.3

transfer mattress

device intended to facilitate the transfer of the patient from one stretcher to another

3.4

carrying sheet

special sheet to handle and carry a patient in a lying or sitting position

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