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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11712:2009), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— the format of this document has changed to align with ISO 18190; and

— conformity checks for each requirement have been added.

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Introduction

A *supralaryngeal airway* is a medical device placed through the mouth, without passing through the vocal cords, intended to seal the supralaryngeal area to isolate the respiratory pathway from gases and liquids in the pharynx and to maintain airway patency to facilitate ventilation in anaesthetized or unconscious patients with or without delivery of anesthetic gases. Ventilation may be spontaneous, assisted or controlled. *Supralaryngeal airways* intended to provide a breathing airway and/or to simultaneously provide a guide for the intubation of tracheal tubes, bronchoscopes and suction devices are also included in the scope of this document, as are the *connectors* inserted into the *machine end* of these devices.

Examples of *supralaryngeal airways* are laryngeal masks, laryngeal tubes, airways and seals, cuffed oropharyngeal airways, and pharyngeal airways, and combination airway/oesophageal obturators.

The requirements of this document were developed using the hazard identification for risk assessment in Annex D.

The requirements for testing and disclosure apply to *supralaryngeal airways* introduced to the market after the publication of this document.

This document is written following the format of ISO 18190. The requirements in this document take precedence over any conflicting requirements in ISO 18190.

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1 Scope

NOTE There is guidance or rationale for this Clause in Annex A.2.

1.1 This document provides the essential requirements for the design of *supralaryngeal airways* and *connectors*. These devices are intended to provide a distinct respiratory pathway to the top of the larynx to provide an unobstructed airway in patients during spontaneous, assisted or controlled ventilation.

1.2 This document specifies the dimensions, basic properties and method of size designation of the available types of *supralaryngeal airways*. Airways devised for specialized applications are not specifically covered, although most may be classified by the sizing and dimensions (or other characteristics) required by this document.

1.3 The following devices are outside the scope of this document: nasal and oropharyngeal airways, anesthetic masks, oro- and naso-tracheal tubes, cricothyrotomy devices, dental appliances, tracheal stents, tracheal tubes, ventilating laryngoscopes, CPAP devices, esophageal obturators, bougies and devices that require surgical placement.

1.4 This document specifies dimensional disclosure so the operator will know which auxiliary devices, such as tracheal tubes and bronchoscopes will be size-compatible.

1.5 Flammability of airways, for example if used with certain flammable anesthetic gases, electrosurgical units or lasers, is a well-recognized hazard that is outside the scope of this document. (See E.1.7).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 4135, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Vocabulary*

ISO 5356-1, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

ISO 18190, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — General requirements for airways and related equipment*

ISO 18562-1, *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 80369-7, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications —Part 7: Connectors with 6 % (Luer) taper for intravascular or hypodermic applications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4135, ISO 18190 and the following apply.

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