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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13897:2003) including Technical Corrigendum 1 (ISO 13897:2003/Cor.1:2003), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— the scope has been revised and is now restricted to dental amalgam reusable mixing-capsules;

— classification into two types has been deleted;

— labelling requirements have been updated.

— requirements for single-use capsules are now within the scope of ISO 20749:2017, these being:

  — the requirement for surface contamination of the package and the capsule for pre-capsulated dental amalgam alloy products;

  — loss of mass during mixing from single-use capsules;

  — the requirement for containers in which single-use capsules are supplied to prevent spillage of dental mercury leaking from faulty or damaged single-use capsules;

  — labelling requirements for pre-capsulated dental amalgam products;

  — manufacturer’s instructions regarding conditions of storage and the disposal of single-use capsules in pre-capsulated dental amalgam products.

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Introduction

In order to produce dental amalgam, an electrically-powered mixing machine, as described in ISO 7488 is used for mixing dental amalgam alloy powder with dental mercury. In addition, a removable mixing-capsule is used to contain the dental amalgam alloy and the dental mercury during the mixing process.

NOTE Traditionally, the mixing machine for dental amalgam has been called an amalgamator. The latter is now a deprecated term.

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Dentistry — Dental amalgam reusable mixing-capsules

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for reusable mixing-capsules intended to contain dental amalgam alloy powder and dental mercury when these are mixed to produce dental amalgam, and the test methods used to determine conformity to these requirements.

NOTE ISO 7488 specifies requirements for mixing machines. The requirements for mixing-capsule are not dealt with in ISO 7488, although the mixing-capsule is an essential part of the mixing machine.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitute 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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 7488, *Dentistry — Mixing machines for dental amalgam*

ISO 24234:2015, *Dentistry — Dental amalgam*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
dental amalgam alloy
alloy in fine particles, composed mainly of silver, tin and copper, which when mixed with dental mercury produces a dental amalgam

[SOURCE: ISO 20749:2017, 3.1]

3.2
dental mercury
mercury supplied for use in the preparation of dental amalgam

[SOURCE: ISO 20749:2017, 3.2]

4 Requirements

4.1 Dimensions

4.1.1 Length tolerance

The overall length of the mixing-capsule shall be within ±1 mm of the length specified by the manufacturer.

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