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Powered Toothbrushes

Identical adoption of ISO 20127:2005 *Dentistry — Powered toothbrushes-General requirements and test methods*

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The Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Dental Association has approved American Dental Association Specification No. 120 for Powered Toothbrushes. This and other specifications for dental materials, instruments and equipment are being formulated by working groups of the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products (formerly Accredited Standards Committee MD156 for Dental Materials, Instruments and Equipment). The Committee has representation from all interests in the United States in the standardization of materials, instruments and equipment in dentistry. The Council has adopted the specifications, showing professional recognition of their usefulness in dentistry, and has forwarded them to the American National Standards Institute with a recommendation that the specifications be approved as American National Standards. The American National Standards Institute granted approval of ADA Specification No. 120 as an American National Standard on February 2, 2009.

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AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD/AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION SPECIFICATION NO. 120 FOR POWERED TOOTHBRUSHES**FOREWORD**

(This Foreword does not form a part of ANSI/ADA Specification No. 120 for Powered Toothbrushes).

This specification is an identical adoption of ISO 20127:2005, Dentistry – Powered toothbrushes – General requirements and test methods. ADA SCDP Working Group No. 7.44 on Powered Oral Hygiene Devices examined the international standard and found it acceptable for adoption as ANSI/ADA Specification No. 120.

Powered toothbrushes are used for the removal of dental plaque and oral debris in order to facilitate oral hygiene.