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Foreword

This British Standard, which has been prepared under the direction of the Health and Environment Sector Board, supersedes BS 3215:1960 which is now withdrawn.

The design criteria established in the 1960 edition of BS 3215 have become generally accepted such that urinals conforming to the standard are compatible with bed pan washers specified in BS 2745. However, there had been criticism of the first edition of this standard because it was specific to one design and, hence, in this revision the outdated design and material specification for male urinals has been replaced by performance criteria in order to allow for greater flexibility in the design and manufacture of portable urinals. The standard has also been expanded to include both male and female urinals as well as specifying a smaller urinal for those males of small stature. The provision of a cap for a urinal has been made optional.

This British Standard specifies performance and marking requirements and also specifies the surface finish as the quality of finish is of particular importance from the standpoint of resistance to corrosion and of ease of cleaning and disinfection.

The Committee preparing this standard was aware that the entry to the urinal should not damage the patient's skin and this is referred to in note 1 to clause 6. However, no appropriate objective test procedure was available to assess this quality.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this standard that the tests for assessing compliance will be carried out by those who are appropriately qualified or under the supervision of experienced personnel.

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