

Specification for

Metal tripod and tetrapod walking sticks

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Health Care Standards Policy Committee and supersedes BS 4922:1973, which is withdrawn. BS 4922 was first published in 1973 and gave requirements for metal tripod and tetrapod walking sticks based on tests carried out on various types of walking stick that had been found to be satisfactory in use. It was amended in 1984 by the publication of AMD 4583, which introduced a number of minor changes.

This edition of BS 4922 incorporates the published amendment and introduces technical changes to bring the standard up-to-date but it does not reflect a full review of the standard, which will be undertaken in due course. This edition introduces a wider range of surface finishes for aluminium walking sticks and components, a greater range of length adjustment and a requirement that the walking stick be marked with the batch number.

Attention is drawn to the Manufacturer's Registration Scheme administered by the Department of Health.

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