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This European Standard is based on the reference standard ISO 5364, Oropharyngeal airways.

It differs from ISO 5364 primarily in that it introduces a limit and test for resistance to distortion which is relevant to the ability of the oropharyngeal airway to assist in keeping the base of the patient's tongue in a forward position while it is in use.

It also introduces a limit and test for resistance to collapse of the buccal end, if bitten by the patient. This is relevant to the ability of the oropharyngeal airway to maintain a patent passage for gases and for passing a suction catheter.

This European Standard also differs from ISO 5364 in that it excludes metal airways because of their particular association with dental trauma.

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