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Introduction

Amalgam separators are items of dental equipment designed to retain amalgam particles carried by the waste water from the dental treatment centre, so as to reduce the number of amalgam particles and therefore the mass of amalgam entering the sewage system.

Separation of the amalgam particles may be effected by the use of a centrifuge, filtration, sedimentation or a combination of any of these methods.

It is recognized that the test sample used to assess the efficiency of an amalgam separator should have a particle size distribution which reflects the actual situation in dental treatment centres. The test sample used in this International Standard is based on investigations that have been carried out to determine the particle size distribution of amalgam particles in waste water from dental treatment centres (see annex D).

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for amalgam separators used in connection with dental equipment in the dental treatment centre. It specifies the efficiency of the amalgam separators in terms of the level of retention of amalgam based on a laboratory test and the test procedure for determining this efficiency. It also includes requirements for the safe functioning of the separator, marking, instructions for use, operation and maintenance.

All tests described in this International Standard are type tests.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1559:1995, *Dental materials — Alloys for dental amalgam*.

ISO 3585, *Borosilicate glass 3.3 — Properties*.

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*.

ISO 9687, *Dental equipment — Graphical symbols*.

ISO 10076:1991, *Metallic powders — Determination of particle size distribution by gravitational sedimentation in a liquid and attenuation measurement*.

IEC 60601-1:1988, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for safety*.

IEC 61010-1:1990, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use — Part 1: General requirements*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

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amalgam separator

item of dental equipment designed to remove amalgam particles from the waste water from the dental treatment centre, so as to reduce the number of amalgam particles and therefore the mass (amount) of amalgam entering the sewage system