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Relationship between this European standard and the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 aimed to be covered

This European standard has been prepared under M/575 to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of 5 April 2017 concerning medical devices [OJ L 117] and to system or process requirements including those relating to quality management systems, risk management, post-market surveillance systems, clinical investigations, clinical evaluation or post-market clinical follow-up.

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Where a definition in this standard differs from a definition of the same term set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/745, the differences shall be indicated in this Annex Z. For the purpose of using this standard in support of the requirements set out in Regulation (EU) 2017/745, the definitions set out in this Regulation prevail.

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NOTE 1 Where a reference from a clause of this standard to the risk management process is made, the risk management process needs to be in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/745. This means that risks have to be ‘reduced as far as possible’, ‘reduced to the lowest possible level’, ‘reduced as far as possible and appropriate’, ‘removed or reduced as far as possible’, ‘eliminated or reduced as far as possible’, ’removed or minimized as far as possible’, or ‘minimized’, according to the wording of the corresponding General Safety and Performance Requirement.

NOTE 2 The manufacturer’s policy for determining **acceptable risk** must be in compliance with General Safety and Performance Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the Regulation.

NOTE 3 When a General Safety and Performance Requirement does not appear in Table ZA.1, it means that it is not addressed by this European Standard.

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Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European standard and Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 [OJ L 117]

General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745	Clause(s)/subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks/notes
1	4	Clause 4 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 4 of the Regulation in respect of detailing the requirements for spectacle frames.
3 a)	4.3	4.3 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 3 (a) of the Regulation in respect of risk management since it gives only general guidance.
4 (a)	4.2	4.2 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 4 (a) of the Regulation in respect of construction since it gives only guidance.
5 (a)	4.2, 4.12	4.2 and 4.12 of the standard only partially meet the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 5 (a) of the Regulation in respect of reducing risk (4.2) and mechanical stability (4.12).
6	4.10, 4.11, 4.12	4.10, 4.11 and 4.12 of the standard only partially meet the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 6 of the Regulation in respect of possible changes in shape caused by raised temperature (4.10), surface quality (4.11) and mechanical strength (4.12).
7	4.10	4.10 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 7 of the Regulation in respect of temperature when in use but not in packaging or transport. The test temperature is, however, greater than any likely to be met during transport.

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10.1 (a)	4.4, 4.13	4.4 and 4.13 of the standard only meet the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.1 (a) of the Regulation in respect of flammability (4.13) and only partially met with respect to toxicity by the guidance on materials in 4.4.
10.1 (b)	4.4, 4.5, 4.11	4.5 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.1 (b) of the Regulation in respect of nickel allergy (4.5); 4.4 and 4.11 of the standard only partially meet the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.1 (b) of the Regulation in respect of manufacture since while 4.4 gives guidance on the materials that can be used, it does not specifically address the aspects of chemicals from the frame being absorbed, distributed, metabolised and excreted. 4.11 covers damage to the surface by perspiration, which might be a two-way process, allowing damaged constituents of the frame to enter the skin.
10.1 (d)	4.5	4.5 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.1 (d) of the Regulation in respect of nickel release – the welding of metals to construct a spectacle frame can result in changes to the original material properties of the metals.
10.1 (f)	4.12	4.12 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.1 (f) of the Regulation in respect of all listed mechanical properties except ductility which is not relevant to spectacle frames.

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General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745	Clause(s)/subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks/notes
10.1 (g)	4.2, 4.11	4.2 and 4.11 of the standard only meet the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.1 (g) of the Regulation in respect of surface quality when new by 4.2 and after wear by 4.11
10.4.1	4.5	4.5 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.4.1 of the Regulation in respect of nickel release
10.4.3	4.4	4.4 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 10.4.3 of the Regulation in respect of phthalates which are not specifically mentioned; manufacturers are aware of these substances.
14.1	4.12.2	4.12.2 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 14.1 of the Regulation in respect of retaining spectacle lenses.
14.2 (a)	4.8	4.8 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 14.2 (a) of the Regulation in respect of dimensional tolerances.
14.2 (b)	4.10	4.10 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 14.2 (b) of the Regulation in respect of temperature. All the other external influences are not applicable.
14.3	4.13	4.13 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 14.3 of the Regulation in respect of the risk of catching fire.
14.5	4.12.2	4.12.2 of the standard only meets the requirements of

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General Safety and Performance Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745	Clause(s)/subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks/notes
		Annex I, GSPR 14.5 of the Regulation in respect of compatibility with spectacle lenses required by the lens retention test in 4.12.2.
20.1	4.12	4.12 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 20.1 of the Regulation in respect of mechanical performance.
22.1	4.2, 4.4 ,4.10, 4.11 4.12	4.2, 4.4, 410, 4.11 and 4.12 of the standard together only meet the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 22.1 of the Regulation in respect of performance requirements from the wearer's point of view. Spectacle frames are intentionally designed for use by lay persons and as a Class I product have no information for users.
23.1 (a)	9	9 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 23.1 (a) of the Regulation in respect of the labelling to be put on a spectacle frame.
23.1 (b)	9	9 of the standard only meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 23.1 (b) of the Regulation in respect of the labelling to be put on a spectacle frame.
23.2 (c)	10.4	10.4 of the standard only partially meets the requirements of Annex I, GSPR 23.2 (c) of the Regulation in respect of the manufacturer's or agent's name and address. Spectacle frames do not have labels but are usually mounted on an accompanying card. If not, information can be provided on the packaging or in catalogues or electronic database.

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ISO 105-A02	ISO 105-A02:1993 ISO 105-A02:1993/Cor 1:1997 ISO 105-A02:1993/Cor 2:2005	Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour	EN 20105-A02:1994 For applicable standard edition see Column 2.
ISO 3696	ISO 3696:1987	Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods	EN ISO 3696:1995
ISO 7998	ISO 7998:2005	Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Lists of equivalent terms and vocabulary	EN ISO 7998:2005
ISO 8624	ISO 8624:2020	Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Measuring system and vocabulary	EN ISO 8624:2020
ISO 11380	ISO 11380:1994	Optics and optical instruments — Ophthalmic optics — Formers	EN ISO 11380:1996
ISO 11381	ISO 11381:2016	Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Screw threads	EN ISO 11381:2016
EN 16128	None	Ophthalmic optics — Reference method for the testing of spectacle frames and sunglasses for Nickel release	EN 16128:2015 Note – a revision is at the FprEN stage.
ISO 14971	EN ISO 14971:2019	Medical devices. Application of risk management to medical devices	EN ISO 14971:2019 EN ISO 14971:2019/A11:2021

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 12870:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— rimmed clip-ons, prescription inserts, and frames made by additive manufacture are now included in the scope;

— additional terms and definitions;

— clarification of the tests to be applied for the biological properties of custom-made frames in Table 1 (in 4.1);

— some re-arrangement of and additional text in 4.2;

— simplification of the text in 4.2 to make it more general, and addition of a note on magnets;

— additional wording has been added to 4.12.3 and 8.5 to emphasize that the apparatus prevents rotational movements of the "fixed" side;

— minor changes to 4.2, 6.1, 8.5.2.3, 8.6, 8.7 (with a new Annex E), Clause 9 and 10.3;

— 4.5 and 4.9 have been made optional, while the original 10.5 and 10.6 are now in a Note to 4.2;

— 10.1 refers to an informative Annex F on frame handling information.

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1 Scope

This document specifies fundamental requirements and their test methods for unglazed spectacle frames designed for use with prescription lenses. It is applicable to spectacle frames at the point of sale by the manufacturer or supplier to the retailer.

This document is applicable to:

— all mass-produced spectacle frame types, including rimless mounts, semi-rimless mounts and folding spectacle frames;

— spectacle frames made with additive manufacturing, for example, 3D printing;

— spectacle frames made from natural organic materials;

— the frame or mount of clip-ons designed specifically for attachment to particular models of spectacle frame, but not to their lenses or filters to which ISO 16034 or ISO 12312-1 apply;

— prescription inserts designed for attachment to particular models of, for example, eye protector, sunglass or diving mask.

Parts of this document are applicable to custom-made frames – see 3.1.3 and Table 1.

NOTE See Annex A for recommendations on the design of spectacle frames and terms to be used when describing metal frames.

This document is not applicable to spectacle frames used in eye protection, where ISO 16321-1 applies, or to sunglasses with afocal filters, where ISO 12312-1 applies.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

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

ISO 7998, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Lists of equivalent terms and vocabulary*

ISO 8624, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Measuring system and vocabulary*

ISO 11380, *Optics and optical instruments — Ophthalmic optics — Formers*

ISO 11381, *Ophthalmic optics — Spectacle frames — Screw threads*

EN 16128, *Ophthalmic optics — Reference method for the testing of spectacle frames and sunglasses for Nickel release*

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