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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Single-use sharps containers are designed for the containment and disposal of sharps such as scalpel blades, trocars, hypodermic needles and syringes. They are supplied in a wide range of sizes and can be manufactured from a variety of materials. This International Standard does not specify the size range of the containers or the materials selected to manufacture the containers.

Sharps containers can be either single-use or reusable. This International Standard covers single-use sharps containers. The test methods included in this International Standard might be applicable when developing a reusable sharp container standard.

This International Standard includes informative annexes with rationales on several subjects, which have undergone profound debate in ISO/TC 84. These rationales have been elaborated to provide further explanation on the present requirements. In future editions of this International Standard, these rationales will also clarify the justification of the current requirements.

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