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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

International Standard ISO 9170 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 121, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment*.

Annexes A, B, C, D and E form an integral part of this International Standard. Annexes F, G and H are for information only.

Introduction

Terminal units are the points on a medical gas pipeline system where the user makes connections and disconnections in the supply of a variety of medical gases to anaesthetic machines or other items of medical equipment, and where a wrong connection may create a hazard to the life of a patient.

It is important therefore that terminal units and their components are designed, manufactured and installed in such a way as to provide the necessary safety requirements and this International Standard pays particular attention to:

- cleanliness and suitability of materials;
- testing;
- gas-specificity;
- identification and labelling;
- maintenance.

In any one health care facility, gas-specific connection points of only one design should be used for any particular gas. Terminal units of more than one design, which are compatible with these gas-specific connection points, may be installed.

Where medical gas is distributed throughout health care facilities at different pressures, it is essential that the gas-specific components are specific for each pressure.

During hospital renovation it may be desirable to upgrade existing medical gas installations rather than completely renew them. For terminal units this may be achieved via conversion or modification kits. It is recognized that with terminal units modified in this way, it may not be possible to achieve the flow and pressure drop requirements of this International Standard, due to limitations imposed by those components of the original terminal units that remain in the pipeline system or by the pipeline system itself.

This International Standard does not specify the installation, testing and certification of terminal units. Testing is critical to patient safety and it is essential that terminal units are not used until full testing in accordance with ISO 7396 has been completed.

The manufacturer should supply installation and maintenance instructions. The purchaser of the system should ensure correct installation and testing. The owner or user of the system should ensure that proper maintenance is carried out under an effective method of control.

In many countries, there are national standards, regulations or legal requirements dealing with one or more matters referred to in this Inter-

national Standard, for example building, fire and electrical regulations. These often vary in their details and it is recognized that these may have to take precedence over the requirements of this International Standard.

Annex A to annex E describe test methods used to verify compliance with performance requirements.

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Terminal units for use in medical gas pipeline systems

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies minimum performance and safety requirements for terminal units intended for use in non-flammable medical gas pipeline systems specified in ISO 7396 for use with the following medical gases:

- oxygen;
- nitrous oxide;
- medical air;
- nitrogen;
- helium;
- carbon dioxide;
- specified mixtures of the above gases;
- medical vacuum.

It is intended especially to ensure the gas-specific assembly of terminal units and to prevent their interchange between different gases.

This International Standard also specifies requirements for conversion and modification kits for use with terminal units in existing installations.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 32:1977, *Gas cylinders for medical use — Marking for identification of content*.

ISO 5359:1989, *Low-pressure flexible connecting assemblies (hose assemblies) for use with medical gas systems*.

ISO 7396:1987, *Non-flammable medical gas pipeline systems*.

3 Definitions

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

3.1 non-flammable medical gas pipeline system: Central supply system with control equipment, a pipeline distribution system and terminal units at the points where non-flammable medical gases may be required.

3.2 terminal unit: Outlet assembly (inlet for vacuum) in a piped medical gas distribution system at which the user makes connections and disconnections.

3.3 terminal unit check valve: Valve which remains closed until opened by insertion of an appropriate probe and which then permits flow in either direction.

3.4 terminal unit maintenance valve: Valve within the terminal unit assembly which permits maintenance of the terminal unit without shutting down the pipeline system to other terminal units.

3.5 terminal unit base block: That part of a terminal unit which is attached to the pipeline distribution system.

3.6 gas-specific: Having characteristics which prevent interchangeability and thereby allow assignment to one gas or vacuum service only.

3.7 gas-specific connection point: That part of a terminal unit which is the receptor for a non-interchangeable gas-specific connector and which is either integral or attached to the base block by the appropriate non-interchangeable gas-specific device.

3.8 gas-specific connector: Screw-threaded connector [either NIST (non-interchangeable screw-threaded) or DISS (diameter-index safety system)], or a non-interchangeable quick connector. (See ISO 5359.)

3.9 low-pressure flexible connecting assembly (hose assembly): Assembly which consists of a hose with permanently attached gas-specific supply and equipment connectors which is designed to conduct a medical gas at pressures between 300 kPa and 1400 kPa and for use with a vacuum service at pressures between 40 kPa and 90 kPa below atmospheric pressure.

3.10 maximum operating pressure: Maximum pressure at which the terminal unit is designed to operate.

3.11 maximum test pressure: Maximum pressure to which the terminal unit is designed to be subjected during pipeline pressure testing.

3.12 conversion kit: Gas-specific assembly of components supplied by a manufacturer that is intended to change the configuration of a terminal unit made by another manufacturer.

3.13 modification kit: Gas-specific assembly of components supplied by a manufacturer that is intended to change the configuration of a terminal unit of his own manufacture.

3.14 quick connector: Pair of gas-specific components which can be easily and rapidly joined together by a single action of one or both hands without the use of tools, usually consisting of a probe and socket with check valve.

4 Materials and cleaning

The components of terminal units for all services shall be supplied clean and free from oil, grease and particulate matter.

NOTES

1 Any method of cleaning and degreasing may be used which effectively removes all surface dirt and hydrocarbons, and which leaves no residue itself. Chemical cleaning methods will normally require a subsequent washing and drying process to remove residues.

2 Recommendations for materials are given in annex F.

3 Lubricants recommended for use in oxygen atmospheres at the appropriate pressure may be used.

5 Design

The principal components of a terminal unit are shown in figure 1.

Terminal units of the quick-connect design should permit single-handed insertion and release of the quick-connect probe when the terminal unit is rigidly mounted.

If the axis of an installed terminal unit of the quick-connect design is horizontal, the terminal unit may include a non-swivel feature for the quick-connect probe. If the axis is vertical, as in a pendant, the non-swivel feature may be omitted.

5.1 Incomplete assembly

If any component is removed from the terminal unit, it shall either render the terminal unit inoperable or shall maintain its gas-specificity. (See also 5.5.1 and 5.6.1.)

5.2 Gas-specific connection

Each terminal unit shall include a gas-specific connection point which shall accept only the appropriate gas-specific connector. This connection point on the terminal unit shall be either a quick-connect socket or the body of a DISS or NIST connector complying with ISO 5359.

Terminal units for the same gas at different pressures shall have specific connection points for each pressure.

5.3 Terminal unit check valve

Each terminal unit shall include a check valve which shall open the gas supply when the connection is made and which shall shut off automatically when the connection is broken. The check valve shall be a separate component or assembly from the maintenance valve specified in 5.4.

5.4 Terminal unit maintenance valve

Except for vacuum services, each terminal unit shall be equipped with a maintenance valve, which may be manual or automatic. The maintenance valve shall be a separate component or assembly from the check valve specified in 5.3.

5.5 Connection or terminal units

5.5.1 The base block of a terminal unit shall be designed and manufactured for either permanent or gas-specific connection to a pipeline.