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Requirements and test methods for manual wheelchairs are specified in EN 12183.

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Introduction

This is the fifth edition of this European Standard. The previous editions were published in 1999, 2006, 2009 and 2014.

Where this document does not apply to particular wheelchairs, contracting parties should consider whether appropriate parts of this document can be used. Manufacturers can also consider whether appropriate parts of this document can be used to assess the performance of their products against the general safety and performance requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 [21] of 5 April 2017 on medical devices.

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for electrically powered wheelchairs, with a maximum speed not exceeding 20 km/h, intended to carry one person of mass not less than 25 kg and not greater than 300 kg, including

— electrically powered scooters with three or more wheels,

— manual wheelchairs with an add-on electrically powered drive system,

— handrim-activated power-assisted wheelchairs,

— electrically powered stand-up wheelchairs,

— wheelchairs with a pivot drive wheel unit, and

— push-assist wheelchairs.

This document does not apply to balancing wheelchairs, custom-made electrically powered wheelchairs or electrically powered wheelchairs intended for use in sports.

This document also specifies requirements and test methods for manual wheelchairs with electrically powered ancillary equipment.

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.

EN 614-1:2006+A1:2009, *Safety of machinery - Ergonomic design principles - Part 1: Terminology and general principles*

EN 1021-2:2014, *Furniture - Assessment of the ignitability of upholstered furniture - Part 2: Ignition source match flame equivalent*

EN 12183:2022, *Manual wheelchairs - Requirements and test methods*

EN 15194:2017, *Cycles - Electrically power assisted cycles - EPAC Bicycles*

EN 60335-2-29:2004,[1)] *Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety - Part 2-29: Particular requirements for battery chargers (IEC 60335-2-29:2002)*

EN 60601-1:2006,[2)] *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance (IEC 60601-1:2005)*

EN 62133-2:2017,[3)] *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications - Part 2: Lithium systems*

EN 62304:2006,[4)] *Medical device software - Software life-cycle processes (IEC 62304:2006)*

EN ISO 10993-1:2020, *Biological evaluation of medical devices - Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process (ISO 10993-1:2018, including corrected version 2018-10)*

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1) EN 60335-2-29:2004 is amended by EN 60335-2-29:2004/A2:2010 and EN 60335-2-29:2004/A11:2018.

2) EN 60601-1:2006 is amended by EN 60601-1:2006/A2:2021, EN 60601-1:2006/A12:2014 and EN 60601-1:2006/A1:2013; and corrected by EN 60601-1:2006/corrigendum Mar. 2010.

3) EN 62133-2:2017 is amended by EN 62133-2:2017/A1:2021.

4) EN 62304:2006 is amended by EN 62304:2006/A1:2015.