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Requirements and test methods for electrically powered wheelchairs are specified in EN 12184.

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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 [18] of 5 April 2017 on medical devices.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for manual wheelchairs intended to carry one person of mass not less than 25 kg and not greater than 250 kg, including

- stand-up manual wheelchairs, and
- manual wheelchairs whose intended use includes showering and/or toileting.

This document does not apply to custom-made manual wheelchairs, manual wheelchairs intended for use in sports, or manual wheelchairs intended only for showering and/or toileting.

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 12184:2022, *Electrically powered wheelchairs, scooters and their chargers - Requirements and test methods*

EN ISO 14971:2019¹⁾, *Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical devices (ISO 14971:2019)*

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ISO 7176-3:2012, *Wheelchairs — Part 3: Determination of effectiveness of brakes*

ISO 7176-8:2014, *Wheelchairs — Part 8: Requirements and test methods for static, impact and fatigue strengths*

ISO 7176-11:2012, *Wheelchairs — Part 11: Test dummies*

ISO 7176-13:1989, *Wheelchairs — Part 13: Determination of coefficient of friction of test surfaces*

ISO 7176-19:2008²⁾, *Wheelchairs — Part 19: Wheeled mobility devices for use as seats in motor vehicles*

1) EN ISO 14971:2019 is amended by EN ISO 14971:2019/A11:2021.

2) ISO 7176-19:2008 is amended by ISO 7176-19:2008/AMD 1:2015.