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Introduction

This document replaces the number coding of endodontic instruments of ISO 6360-5 and provides a modified number coding format.

This document also makes provisions for the information on endodontic instruments in the ISO 3630 series.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a coding system for specific characteristics of endodontic instruments, with a 12-digit code identifying general and specific characteristics of instruments or groups of instruments. The numerals identify the type of instrument, nominal size, taper, length, working part material, type and material of handle or shank.

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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 3630-1, *Dentistry — Endodontic instruments — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and ISO 3630-1 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

unspecified

characteristic which is not clearly stated and left to the discretion of the manufacturer

4 Numeric coding system for endodontic instruments

The coding system for endodontic instruments consists of 12 digits in six groups, as follows:

000	000	00	00	0	0
A	B	C	D	E	F

[Table 1](#) and [Figure 1](#) show the groupings.

Table 1 — Numeric groups

Group	Description	Subclause
A	type of instrument	5.1
B	nominal size of the working part	5.2