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Foreword

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ISO 10524 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Pressure regulators for use with medical gases*:

- *Part 1: Pressure regulators and pressure regulators with flow-metering devices*
- *Part 2: Manifold and line pressure regulators*
- *Part 3: Pressure regulators integrated with cylinder valves*
- *Part 4: Low-pressure regulators*

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10524, the CEN annex regarding fulfilment of European Council Directives has been removed.

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Introduction

A pressure regulator is used to reduce high cylinder pressure to a lower pressure suitable for use with medical equipment or for delivery of gas directly to a patient.

These functions cover a wide range of inlet and outlet pressures and flows which require specific design characteristics. It is important that the operating characteristics of the pressure regulators are specified and tested in a defined manner.

A pressure regulator often has coupled to it a device which controls the flow, such as a flow control valve or a fixed orifice. The flow can be indicated by a flowmeter or by a flowgauge.

It is essential that regular inspection and maintenance are undertaken to ensure that pressure regulators continue to meet the requirements of this part of ISO 10524.

This part of ISO 10524 pays particular attention to:

- use of suitable materials;
- safety (mechanical strength, leakage, safe relief of excess pressure and resistance to ignition);
- gas specificity;
- cleanliness;
- type testing;
- marking;
- information supplied by the manufacturer.

Annex B contains rationale statements for some of the requirements of this part of ISO 10524. The clauses and subclauses marked with an asterisk (*) after their number have corresponding rationale, contained in Annex B, included to provide additional insight into the reasoning that led to the requirements and recommendations that have been incorporated in this part of ISO 10524. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for the requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this part of ISO 10524, but will expedite any subsequent revisions.