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# Implants for surgery — Coatings on metallic surgical implants —

## Part 1: Plasma-sprayed coatings derived from titanium or titanium-6 aluminum-4 vanadium alloy powders

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métalliques —*

*Partie 1: Revêtements obtenus par projection plasma de poudres de  
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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13179-1:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the title and scope of the document were changed to include coatings derived from titanium-6 aluminum-4 vanadium alloy powder;
- two new terms [3.2](#) and [3.3](#) were introduced to add a distinction between vacuum plasma spraying and atmospheric plasma spraying;
- in [4.2.1](#), three separate tables were introduced to distinguish the chemical composition limits of different coating addressed by this document;
- in [4.4.3](#), the term shear fatigue maximum strain was corrected to shear fatigue maximum stress.

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## Introduction

While no known surgical implant material has ever been shown to be completely free of adverse reactions in the human body, long term clinical experience with the material referred to in this document has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected, if the material is used in appropriate applications. However, this document covers the raw material, coating structures and properties and not finished medical devices, where the design and fabrication of the device can also impact biological response.