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## **Prosthetics and orthotics — Categorization and description of external orthoses and orthotic components**

*Prothèses et orthèses — Classification et description des orthèses  
externes et des composants d'orthèses*



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## Introduction

No internationally accepted method has been available to classify or describe external orthoses and the components from which they are assembled. This situation has created difficulty for practitioners prescribing orthoses, for manufacturers producing literature describing their products, and for those reporting on prescriptions employed in the treatment of particular patient groups.

This International Standard permits the systematic classification and description of both the finished orthosis and the components from which it is assembled in a manner that clearly explains their principal characteristics.

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