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Part 2: Description of lower limb prosthetic components

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 168, *Prostheses and orthotics*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13405-2:1996), which has been technically revised.

The major technical changes are the following:

- a) classification tree for lower limb prosthetic components added in [Clause 5](#);
- b) levels of amputation extended to include all partial foot levels;
- c) methods of socket suspension extended;
- d) classification tree for functional components added in [Clause 6](#);
- e) range of types of ankle foot units, knee units, hip units, and external (side) joints extended;
- f) load attenuators and turntables added to [Clause 6](#).

ISO 13405 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Prosthetics and orthotics — Classification and description of prosthetic components*:

- *Part 1: Classification of prosthetic components*
- *Part 2: Description of lower limb prosthetic components*
- *Part 3: Description of upper limb prosthetic components*

Introduction

This part of ISO 13405 was the first internationally accepted standard method to describe the components of lower limb prostheses. It is designed to permit users to describe systematically each component which is incorporated in a finished prosthesis in a manner which clearly explains its principal characteristics. It is envisaged as being suitable for use by both manufacturers producing literature describing their products and practitioners who are reporting on the components used in the treatment of persons requiring prosthesis.

Prosthetic technology has made considerable advances since the publication of this part of ISO 13405. This first revision is designed to include the new types of components which have come into use during this period.

Manufacturers' trade names and details of the materials and manufacturing methods employed have been avoided.