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The significant difference between this second edition and the first edition is:

— a requirement (4.6) and a test (5.7) for handle impact resistance have been added.

## Introduction

Manual toothbrushes are used for the removal of dental plaque and oral debris in order to facilitate oral hygiene. This International Standard is intended to determine the physical properties of manual toothbrushes, including impact resistance.

Specific qualitative and quantitative requirements for freedom from biological hazards are not included in this International Standard. It is recommended that, in assessing possible biological hazards, reference be made to ISO 7405 and ISO 10993-1.