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Foreword

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- *Part 2: Orthodontic base polymers*

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Introduction

Polymeric materials based on methacrylates have been widely used in the construction of both active and passive removable orthodontic appliances for many years. These removable appliances are mainly used in the orthodontic treatment of children. The method of preparing the polymeric part of the orthodontic appliance has several potential problems. Depending on the polymerization process and polymer/monomer mixing ratio, the polymer part of the removable orthodontic appliance may be weaker than if conventional flasking and heat systems of polymerization were used. There may be a greater risk that an appliance will have more residual substances such as monomers than a conventional heat-cured denture base polymer. In addition, a high monomer content of the polymer/monomer mix may cause increased contraction on polymerization.

Specific qualitative and quantitative requirements for freedom from biological hazard are not included in this part of ISO 20795, but it is recommended that, in assessing possible biological or toxicological hazards, reference be made to ISO 10993-1 and ISO 7405.