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Major changes in this edition include new legibility test methods and requirements and a colour code to indicate designated size.

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## Introduction

This International Standard specifies dimensions and other requirements for oropharyngeal airways.

Airway size is designated by length, which is important when selecting an oropharyngeal airway to hold forward the base of the tongue to prevent obstruction of the airway by the soft tissues.

Airway size is indicated by a legible marking and by a colour code, which are important to allow rapid identification and selection in emergencies.