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Foreword

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 5367:2000), which has been technically revised.

The following major changes were made:

- title and scope;
- additional normative references;
- additional terms and definitions;
- additional general requirements, including risk management, usability, clinical and biophysical research;
- requirements for coaxial tubing, revised leakage limits, and testing for flow resistance and compliance;
- revised limits for prevention of electrostatic charges;
- revised requirements for marking of packaging, including the use of symbols, disclosure of intended patient category, flow resistance and compliance;
- added an annex for rationale;
- added an annex for hazard identification for risk assessment;
- revised test method annexes for resistance to flow, security of attachments, leakage and compliance;
- added an annex for compliance with the EU Directives.

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Introduction

This International Standard contains requirements for **breathing sets, breathing tubes**, and connectors that are intended to function as accessories to anaesthetic and respiratory equipment. **Breathing sets and breathing tubes** are characterized by certain design requirements such as a means of connection and leakage limits. Disclosure requirements for **compliance** and flow resistance values allow the user to make an informed choice when connecting these accessories to a **breathing system**. These design requirements are intended to allow operation within the limits of performance of the **anaesthetic breathing systems** and **ventilator breathing systems** with which the accessories are intended to operate.

This International Standard includes requirements for both single-use and reusable **breathing sets and breathing tubes**. Re-usable **breathing sets and breathing tubes** are intended to comply with the requirements of this International Standard for the recommended service life.

Certain tests are performed under constant pressure to simplify the test methodology. It is recognized that this does not reflect clinical use, where pressure is intermittent and peak pressures occur for short periods. The limits in the test methods take this into account. While such test methods do not address product variability, the limits required also take this into account.

Terms defined in this International Standard are set in **bold type**.

Throughout this International Standard, text for which a rationale is provided in [Annex A](#) is indicated by an asterisk (*).

Throughout this International Standard, all pressures are denoted in SI units of hPa with corresponding cmH₂O equivalent values rounded to the nearest whole cmH₂O.

NOTE The unit cmH₂O is not an SI notation and is not used in ISO documents; rounded cmH₂O values are given for information only to allow comparison to medical literature and related **breathing system** standards.