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## Foreword

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This first edition, together with ISO 9693-1, cancels and replaces ISO 9693:1999.

This part of ISO 9693 replaces the bi-material portions of ISO 9693:1999 to focus only on the compatibility of veneering porcelains fired onto substrate ceramics. Tests of all ceramic materials for either metal or ceramic substructures are now contained in a global ceramics standard ISO 6872. Some elements of ISO 9693:1999 remain for all materials (e.g. measurement of thermal expansion coefficients) and one remains only for porcelain fired to zirconia (Schwickerath bond characterization test). New requirements have been added for porcelain-ceramic systems, including thermal shock testing for ceramic-ceramic compatibility (allowing many protocols that are in widespread use within industry).

ISO 9693 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Dentistry — Compatibility testing*:

- *Part 1: Metal-ceramic systems*
- *Part 2: Ceramic-ceramic systems*

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## Introduction

Dental porcelains and substructure ceramics are suitable for use in fabrication of all-ceramic dental restorations. Their compatibility under mechanical and thermal loading is essential if they are to function in a prosthetic construction. This part of ISO 9693 sets out requirements and test methods for allowing the risks associated with masticatory forces and the oral environment to be assessed.

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