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and endotherapy devices —**

**Part 4:
Determination of maximum width of
insertion portion**

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- 5.2, Capsule endoscope, was added.

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Endoscopes — Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices —

Part 4: Determination of maximum width of insertion portion

1 Scope

This document specifies a method of measurement of the maximum insertion portion width of medical endoscopes and certain endoscopic accessories.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 8600-1, *Endoscopes — Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 8600-6, *Endoscopes — Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices — Part 6: Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8600-1, ISO 8600-6 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Test conditions

4.1 Test environments

The test environment conditions shall be as follows:

- temperature from 15 °C to 35 °C.

NOTE Relative humidity and atmospheric pressure is not defined because measurement devices made of metal or plastic are not affected by them.

4.2 Accuracy of measuring instruments

Measuring instruments with a minimum accuracy of 0,05 mm shall be used (e.g. by a vernier caliper).

For measurement of the peripheral length, in French size, measuring instruments with a minimum accuracy of 0,5 mm shall be used (e.g. by a tape measure or a similar tool).

5 Method of measurement

5.1 Flexible and rigid endoscope

5.1.1 General

For measurement of the millimetre indication, the maximum diameter of a circumscribed circle perpendicular to the nominal axis of the insertion portion shall be measured. See [Figure 1 a\)](#) and [Figure 1 b\)](#). This maximum diameter is defined as the largest diameter measured in all sections perpendicular to the nominal axis along the length of the insertion portion.

For measurement of the French size indication, the maximum peripheral length of a section perpendicular to the nominal axis of the insertion portion shall be measured. The maximum peripheral length is defined as the largest peripheral length measured in all sections perpendicular to the nominal axis along the length of the insertion portion.

Flexible endoscopes shall be measured with the insertion portion straight.

5.1.2 Diameter indication, d

To obtain the diameter of an endoscope:

- measure the maximum diameter of a circumscribed circle, in millimetres;
- if an endoscope utilizes a detachable hood, measure the maximum diameter of the endoscope both with and without the detachable hood. See [Figure 1 a\)](#) and [Figure 1 b\)](#);
- the unit of measurement shall be millimetres.

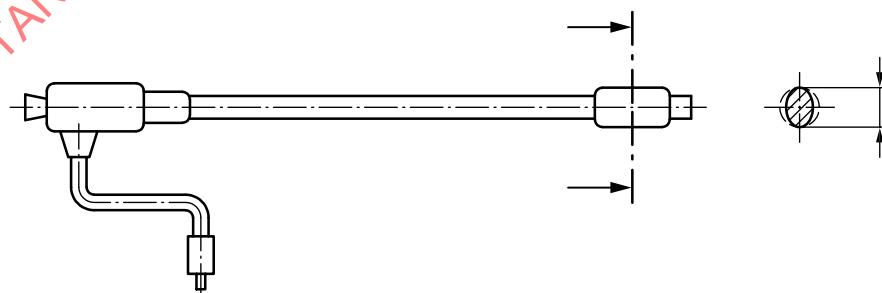
5.1.3 French size indication, Fr

To obtain the French size indication:

- if the section of the insertion portion is circular, the French size is calculated by multiplying the measured diameter by three;
- if the section of the insertion portion is noncircular (see [Figure 2](#)) measure the minimum length, u of the circumscribed curve and calculate the French size, Fr , by [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$Fr = \frac{3u}{\pi} \quad (1)$$

where u is the minimum length of the circumscribed curve, in millimetres.



a) Without detachable hood