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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 5361-4 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 121, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5361-4:1984), sub-clause 7.2 of which has been technically revised. <https://www.iso.org/standards/catalog/standards/sist/e0725491-dd2e-4a9f-b9b7-3f82dcc7140c/iso-5361-4-1987>

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# Tracheal tubes —

## Part 4: Cole type

### 0 Introduction

This part of ISO 5361 is one of a series of International Standards dealing with anaesthetic equipment and medical breathing machines; it makes provision for tracheal tubes of the Cole type, i.e. the type with a small patient end for use with infants. The narrowest part of the infant airway is the non-distensible cricoid cartilage ring which is the main controlling factor during tracheal intubation. Consequently, the size of the tracheal portion is the limiting factor which determines the choice of size of tube to be used.

Provision is made for a large number of sizes of tubes at close intervals so that the laryngo-tracheal portion of the Cole tube may easily fit the cricoid ring without causing trauma or undue resistance to gas flow.

**WARNING NOTE — Users are cautioned that in clinical practice the shoulder must not exert pressure on the laryngeal tissues.**

The larger lumen in the oral portion of the Cole type is provided mainly to enable the use of a tracheal tube connector of larger size than would otherwise be possible, to minimize resistance to gaseous flow and to facilitate the introduction of a suction catheter.

### 1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 5361 specifies general requirements for Cole tubes for use in infants.

### 2 Reference

ISO 5361-1, *Tracheal tubes — Part 1: General requirements.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 5361, the definitions given in ISO 5361-1 and the following definitions apply.

**3.1 Cole tube:** Specialized tracheal tube combining a short laryngo-tracheal portion of a small diameter and a longer oral portion of larger diameter with transition from one to the other resulting in a shoulder.

**3.2 laryngo-tracheal portion:** That portion of a Cole tube of small diameter extending from the bevel tip to the point at which there is an increase in the outside diameter.

**3.3 oral portion:** That portion of a Cole tube of a larger diameter extending from the machine end to the point at which there is a decrease in the outside diameter.

**3.4 shoulder:** That portion of a Cole tube at which transition from the oral portion to the laryngo-tracheal portion occurs.

### 4 General

Cole tubes shall, unless otherwise specified, comply with the general requirements for tracheal tubes specified in ISO 5361-1.

### 5 Size designation

The size of Cole tubes shall be designated by the nominal inside diameter of the tracheal portion of the tube,  $d_1$  (see the figure), expressed in millimetres.

### 6 Size range

The size range of Cole tubes shall be in accordance with the table.

### 7 Dimensions

**7.1** The dimensions of Cole tubes shall be in accordance with the table and the figure.

**7.2** The inside diameter (ID) shall be the nominal diameter subject to a tolerance of  $^{+0,25}_0$  mm.

### 8 Bevel

**8.1** Cole tubes shall have a bevel of  $45^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  in relation to the axis of the tube.

**8.2** The end of the tube at the bevel shall be rounded and the orifice(s) shall be free from sharp edges.

**8.3** The bevel shall have the opening facing to the left when the tube is viewed towards the concave aspect from the machine end.

**9 Shoulder**

**9.1** There shall be smooth transitional blending at the inside and outside surfaces between the tracheal and oral portions of the tube.

**9.2** The combination of the inside and outside profiles shall be such as to minimize kinking in the region of the shoulder.

**9.3** The axial length of the outside surface of the shouldered region,  $S_1S_2$  (see the figure), shall not exceed 4 mm for sizes up to and including 3 mm.

**10 Curvature of the tube**

Cole tubes shall be smoothly curved to a radius of about 60 mm so that the machine end makes an angle of  $45^\circ \pm 15^\circ$  to the patient end as illustrated in the figure.

The curvature shall start within 20 mm of the beginning of the taper (see  $S_1$  in the figure) on the outside surface.

**11 Marking**

**11.1** In addition to the general requirements for marking given in ISO 5361-1, Cole tubes shall be marked with the size, in accordance with clause 5 and the table, together with the maximum outside diameter of the tracheal portion (OD; see the figure), in millimetres, and designated as shown in the following examples:

**TRACHEAL END ID 3,5/5,0 OD or ID 3,5/5,0 OD**

**11.2** The marking of the size of the Cole tube shall be situated on the bevelled side of the oral portion within the minimum length of the tube reading from the patient end to the machine end (see the figure).

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**Table – Dimensions of Cole tubes (see the figure)**

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Dimensions in millimetres

Designation size* (nominal inside diameter of tracheal portion) $d_1$	Length of laryngo-tracheal portion $C$		Oral portion			Overall length $A$	
			Inside diameter $d_2$		Outside diameter $d_3$		
	min.	max.	min.	max.	max.	min.	max.
1,5	20	24	3,9	5,0	7,0	110	140
1,75	20	24	4,1	5,0	7,0	110	140
2,0	20	25	4,2	5,0	7,0	120	140
2,25	25	30	4,3	5,0	7,0	120	140
2,5	25	30	4,3	5,0	7,5	125	140
3,0	25	30	4,3	5,0	7,5	125	140
3,5	25	35	5,0	6,0	9,5	130	150
4,0	25	35	5,5	6,5	9,5	140	160
4,5	28	38	6,5	7,0	10,5	150	170

\* For convenience in size designation, the second decimal place may be omitted.

Dimensions in millimetres

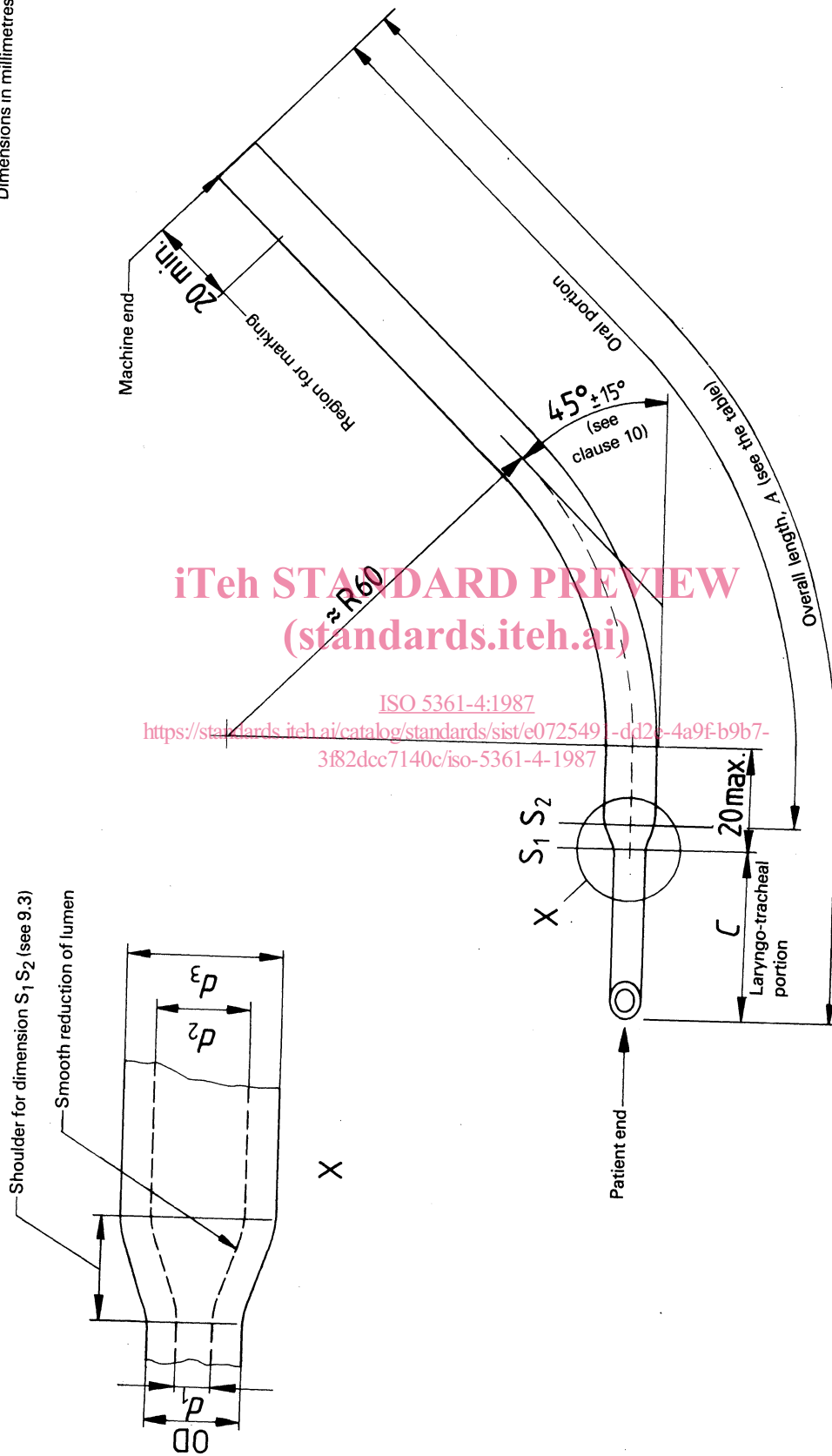


Figure — Cole type tube

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