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Standard Practice for Marking Medical Devices and Other Items for Safety in the Magnetic Resonance Environment¹

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1. Scope

~~1.1 This international standard applies to the practice of marking of items that might be used in practice applies to medical devices and other items that are anticipated to enter the magnetic resonance (MR) environment.~~

~~NOTE 1—“Medical devices and other items” will be referred to as “items” for the remainder of this practice.~~

~~1.2 The purpose of this practice is to mark items that might be brought into practice specifies the marking of items anticipated to enter the MR environment and to recommend by means of terms and icons, and recommends information that should be included in the marking-labeling.~~

~~1.3 The standard specifies the permanent marking of items, which are used in an MR environment, by means of terms and icons.~~

~~1.3 MR image artifacts are not considered to be a performance issue and so are not addressed in this international standard practice in the scope of the mandatory portions of this practice because they do not present a direct safety issue resulting from specific characteristics of the MR examination (see ~~X1.5~~X1.12).~~

~~1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.~~

~~1.5 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.~~

~~1.6 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.~~

2. Referenced Documents

~~2.1 The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document practice. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.~~

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F04 on Medical and Surgical Materials and Devices and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F04.15 on Material Test Methods.

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2.2 ASTM Standards:²

- [F2052 Test Method for Measurement of Magnetically Induced Displacement Force on Medical Devices in the Magnetic Resonance Environment](#)
- [F2119 Test Method for Evaluation of MR Image Artifacts from Passive Implants \(Withdrawn 2022\)³](#)
- [F2182 Test Method for Measurement of Radio Frequency Induced Heating On or Near Passive Implants During Magnetic Resonance Imaging](#)
- [F2213 Test Method for Measurement of Magnetically Induced Torque on Medical Devices in the Magnetic Resonance Environment](#)

2.3 ~~Other Standards~~ Standards and Documents:

- [IEC 60601-2-33 Medical Electrical Equipment—Part 2-33: Particular Requirements for the ~~Safety~~ Basic Safety and Essential Performance of Magnetic Resonance Equipment for Medical Diagnosis⁴](#)
- [ISO 14971 Medical Devices—Application of Risk Management to Medical Devices⁵](#)
- [ISO/IEC Guide 51 Safety Aspects—Guidelines for their Inclusion in Standards⁵](#)
- [ISO TS 10974 Assessment of the Safety of Magnetic Resonance Imaging for Patients with an Active Implantable Medical Device⁵](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 active item—an item that serves its functions with the supply of electrical power (definition modified from Test Method F2213, passive implant).

3.1.2 harmful interaction—~~cylindrical MR system—unintended direct or indirect interaction of items with MR equipment, especially with the static magnetic field, the MR system with a substantially cylindrical patient aperture, and a static magnetic field (B_0 gradient fields and the RF fields of the MR equipment, that can pose hazards to patients or other persons.) aligned with the long axis of the cylinder.~~ **IEC 60601-2-33**

3.1.2.1 Discussion—
This is inclusive of elliptical patient aperture systems.

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In this context, the affected image quality or image artifacts are not considered to be a harmful interaction.

3.1.3 *hazard*—potential source of harm. **ASTM F2503-23** **ISO/IEC Guide 51**

3.1.4 *item*—object that might be brought into the MR environment.

3.1.5 magnetically induced displacement force—force produced when a magnetic object an item is exposed to the spatial gradient of a static magnetic field. This force will tend to cause the object to translate in the spatial gradient of the static magnetic field. field gradient. This force may cause the item to translate.

3.1.6 magnetically induced torque—torque produced when a magnetic object an item is exposed to a magnetic field. This torque will may tend to cause the object item to align itself along the magnetic field in an equilibrium direction that induces no torque.

3.1.6 magnetic induction or magnetic flux density (B in T)—that magnetic vector quantity which at any point in a magnetic field is measured either by the mechanical force experienced by an element of electric current at the point, or by the electromotive force induced in an elementary loop during any change in flux linkages with the loop at the point. The magnetic induction is frequently referred to as the magnetic field. B_0 is the static field in an MR equipment and accessories. Plain type indicates a scalar (for example, B) and bold type indicates a vector (for example, \mathbf{B}).

3.1.7 *magnetic resonance (MR)*—resonant absorption of electromagnetic energy by an ensemble of atomic nuclei situated in a magnetic field. **IEC 60601-2-33, definition 201.3.21760601-2-33**

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), 3, rue de Varembe, P.O. Box 131, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, <http://www.iec.ch>.

⁵ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

~~3.1.8 *magnetic resonance (MR) equipment*—*medical device*—medical electrical equipment which is intended any instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, appliance, implant, reagent for *in vivo*/*in vitro* magnetic resonance examination of a patient comprising all parts in hardware and software from the supply mains to the display monitor; use, software, material, or other similar or related article, intended by the manufacturer to be used, alone or in combination, for human beings for one or more of the specific medical purpose(s) of:~~

- ~~(1) Diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment, or alleviation of disease;~~
- ~~(2) Diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of or compensation for an injury;~~
- ~~(3) Investigation, replacement, modification, or support of the anatomy or of a physiological process;~~
- ~~(4) Supporting or sustaining life;~~
- ~~(5) Control of conception;~~
- ~~(6) Disinfection of medical devices;~~
- ~~(7) Providing information for medical purposes by means of *in vitro* examination of specimens derived from the human body; and does not achieve its primary intended action by pharmacological, immunological, or metabolic means, in or on the human body, but which may be assisted in its intended function by such means.~~

~~3.1.8.1 *Discussion*—~~

~~The MR equipment is a programmable electrical medical system (PEMS). Products which may be considered to be medical devices in some jurisdictions but not in others include:~~

- ~~(1) Disinfection substances;~~
- ~~(2) Aids for persons with disabilities;~~
- ~~(3) Devices incorporating animal and/or human tissues;~~
- ~~(4) Devices for *in vitro* fertilization or assisted reproduction technologies. **IEC 60601-2-33, definition 201.3.21****ISO 13485**~~

~~3.1.9 *magnetic resonance (MR) examination*—process of acquiring data by magnetic resonance from a patient. **IEC 60601-2-33, definition 201.3.21**~~

~~3.1.10 *magnetic resonance (MR) environment*—the three dimensional volume of space surrounding the MR magnet that contains both the Faraday shielded volume and the 0.50 mT field contour (5 gauss (G) line). This volume is the region in which an item might pose a hazard from exposure to the electromagnetic fields produced by the MR equipment and accessories.~~

~~3.1.9 *MR Conditional*—an item with demonstrated safety in the MR environment within defined conditions including conditions for the static magnetic field, the time-varying gradient magnetic fields, and the radiofrequency fields.~~

~~3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—~~

~~Additional conditions, including specific configurations of the item, may be required. Demonstrated safety can be achieved by scientific rationale in certain circumstances.~~

~~3.1.10 *Supplementary Marking*—*MR environment*—additional information that, in association with a marking as “MR Conditional,” states via additional language three-dimensional volume surrounding the MR magnet that contains both the Special Environment (Faraday shielded volume) and the *conditions* B_0 Hazard Area (space around the MR equipment where the static magnetic field can cause harm). This volume is the region in which an item can be used safely within the MR environment. might pose a hazard from exposure to the electromagnetic fields produced by the MR equipment and accessories, and for which access control is part of the risk mitigation. **Adapted from IEC 60601-2-33**~~

~~3.1.11 *MR equipment*—medical electrical equipment which is intended for *in vivo* magnetic resonance examination of a patient comprising all parts in hardware and software from the supply mains to the display monitor. **Adapted from IEC 60601-2-33**~~

~~3.1.12 *MR examination*—process of acquiring data by magnetic resonance from a patient. **IEC 60601-2-33**~~

~~3.1.13 *MR Safe*—an item that poses no known hazards resulting from exposure to any MR environment. MR Safe items are composed of materials that are electrically nonconductive, nonmetallic, and nonmagnetic.~~

~~3.1.13.1 *Discussion*—~~

~~An item composed entirely of electrically nonconductive, nonmetallic, and nonmagnetic materials may be determined to be MR Safe by providing a scientifically based rationale rather than test data. Examples of MR Safe items are a cotton blanket or a silicone catheter.~~

3.1.14 *MR Unsafe*—an item which poses unacceptable risks to the patient, medical staff, or other persons within the MR environment.

3.1.14.1 *Discussion*—

ISO 14971 Medical devices—Application of risk management to medical devices, includes a process for evaluating risks, including identifying unacceptable risks. MR Unsafe items include items such as a pair of ferromagnetic scissors.

3.1.15 *medical device—passive item*—~~any instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, appliance, implant, an item that serves its functions without in vitro the supply reagent or calibrator, software, material, or other similar of electrical power (definition modified from Test Method F2213 or, related article, passive implant intended by the manufacturer to be used, alone or in combination, for human beings for one or more of the specific purpose(s) of:).~~

- (1) diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment, or alleviation of disease;
 - (2) diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of, or compensation for an injury;
 - (3) investigation, replacement, modification, or support of the anatomy or of a physiological process;
 - (4) supporting or sustaining life;
 - (5) control of conception;
 - (6) disinfection of medical devices;
 - (7) providing information for medical purposes by means of *in vitro* examination of specimens derived from the human body; and which does not achieve its primary intended action in or on the human body by pharmacological, immunological, or metabolic means, but which may be assisted in its function by such means.
- ISO 13485**

3.1.16 *radio frequency (RF) magnetic field*—the magnetic field in MRI that is used to flip the magnetic moments. The frequency of the RF field is γB_0 where γ is the gyromagnetic constant, 42.56 MHz/T for protons, and B_0 is the static magnetic field in Tesla.

3.1.17 *safety*—freedom from unacceptable risk. **ISO 14971**

3.1.18 *spatial field gradient (SFG)*—spatial rate of change of the main magnetic field $|\nabla \vec{B}|$. **IEC 60601-2-33**

3.1.18.1 *Discussion*—

Attractive magnetic forces on magnetizable or saturated ferromagnetic objects scale linearly with SFG.

3.1.19 *specific absorption rate (SAR)*—radio frequency power absorbed per unit of mass (W/kg). **IEC 60601-2-33**

3.1.19 *tesla, (T)*—the SI unit of magnetic induction equal to 10^4 gauss (G).

4. Significance and Use

4.1 ~~Interactions of medical devices and other items with the MR environment have resulted in serious injuries and death of patients and other individuals. Additionally, hazards stemming from equipment malfunction are of concern. Section 4.2 lists possible direct and indirect causes of hazards in the MR environment. This practice lists hazards that may be present in the MR environment. It specifies marking of items anticipated to enter the MR environment and recommends information that should be included in the associated labeling.~~

4.2 ~~Potential direct and indirect causes of hazards:~~

4.2.1 ~~Direct causes:~~

4.2.1.1 ~~mechanical causes, including magnetically induced displacement force, torque, and vibration~~

4.2.1.2 ~~electromagnetic causes, including induction (heating, stimulation) and discharge (spark gap)~~

4.2.1.3 ~~acoustic causes~~

4.2.2 ~~Indirect causes:~~

4.2.2.1 ~~malfunction of items, for example of vital components such as valves, monitors and pumps~~

4.2 This practice provides a uniform system for marking to indicate the conditions for which it has been determined that a medical device or other item may be safely placed and used in the MR environment. It provides simple of visual icons and terms which are intended to reduce injuries and other mishaps that occur when items that pose hazards for marking items for use in the MR environment are brought into the MR environment.

5. Requirements for Assessment of Potential Hazards Caused by Interactions of an Item and Hazards Pertaining to Items Entering the MR Environment

5.1 For items entering the MR environment that could interact with the static magnetic field associated with an MR scanner, assess static magnetic field interactions.

5.1.1 Static magnetic field interactions can include, as applicable, force, torque, and malfunction.

5.2 For items entering the MR environment that could interact with the time varying gradient field (dB/dt), assess time varying gradient magnetic field (dB/dt) interactions.

5.2.1 Switched gradient magnetic field (dB/dt) interactions can include, as applicable, gradient-induced heating, vibration, electrical extrinsic potential (induced voltages), and malfunction.

5.3 For items entering the MR environment that could interact with the RF field, assess RF field interactions.

5.3.1 RF-induced interactions can include, as applicable, RF-induced heating, RF rectification, and RF-induced malfunction.

5.4 Perform testing sufficient to characterize the behavior of the item in the MR environment. Other possible considerations for assessment can include, but are not limited to, interaction between different items. Also see X1.4.

5.4.1 In particular, testing for items that may be placed in the MR environment should address magnetically induced displacement force (Test Method F2052), magnetically induced torque (Test Method F2213), and RF heating (Test Method F2182 for passive implants and ISO TS 10974 for active implants). Additionally, electronic components shall be evaluated for malfunction.

NOTE 2—MR image artifacts, while not considered a direct safety issue (see 1.3), should be considered. The accompanying documentation should contain a statement concerning item-induced MR image artifacts.

5.4.2 Other possible safety issues to consider for the hazard assessment include, but are not limited to, thermal injury, induced currents/voltages, interaction with the switched gradient field (dB/dt) for all items that may go inside the magnet bore, electromagnetic compatibility, neurostimulation, acoustic noise, interaction among devices, and the malfunction of the item and the malfunction of the MR equipment and accessories. See Table X1.1 for some hazards and associated test methods. Also see section X1.2.1.4.

5.5 List any parameter that affects the safety. An assessment may include testing. See Table X1.1 of the item. Describe any condition that is known to produce an unsafe condition for a list of some of the potential hazards and associated test methods.

NOTE 1—These remarks do not claim to be complete. Therefore it is recommended that the user of this standard consider specific questions and topics that may be applicable to the specific item being evaluated. Some potential hazards to patients and others in the MR environment are given in X1.2.1 and Table X1.1.

5.6 An assessment may include computational simulations (for example, RF-induced heating).

5.7 An assessment may include leveraging previous results with appropriate justification and/or scientific rationale.

6. Methods of Marking

6.1 The marking method shall not compromise performance or function of the marked item and should provide legibility over the anticipated service life of the item. For all items external to the body of a person for which it is technically feasible, labeling for MR Conditional items shall appear on the item and include the conditions for safety in the MR environment.

6. Information Included in MR Marking

6.1 The marking method shall not compromise performance or function of the marked item and should provide legibility over the anticipated service life of the item.

6.2 ~~Medical devices and other items~~ Items that are anticipated to enter the MR environment vary widely in size, and the amount of information that ~~practically can~~ practically be included in marking varies accordingly. For ~~implants, implanted items,~~ the MR marking shall be included in the labeling (including the instructions for use, package inserts, patient and physician manuals) ~~and on the patient information card, manuals, patient information card~~ and may be included on the item. Non-implanted items, where feasible, shall ~~have MR marking be~~ marked with the appropriate MR icons. If a non-implanted item is MR Conditional, where feasible, include the conditions for safety in the MR environment on the item as well as in the labeling. Some items (for example, small or very thin ones) do not provide ~~any surfaces which~~ adequate surfaces that can be marked practically. For items for which direct marking is not practical, the MR marking shall be included in the labeling. For both ~~implants~~ implanted and non-implanted items, the MR marking may be placed on the product packaging label (e.g., ~~for example,~~ on the box), however the package label should clearly indicate the item(s) inside the packaging to which the MR marking applies (e.g., ~~for example,~~ implant only or implant and delivery system).

7.2 ~~The marking method shall not compromise performance or function of the marked item and should remain readable over the anticipated service life of the item.~~

6.3 *Minimum Information*—As a result of the ~~testing~~ assessment described in Section 5, mark the item as MR Safe, MR Conditional, or MR Unsafe using the icons as shown in **Tables 1 and 2**.

6.3.1 The MR Safe icon consists of the letters “MR” surrounded by a green square (**Table 1** and ~~Figures~~ **Figs. 1 and 2**). Two options are given. When color reproduction is not practical, the icon may be printed in black and white (**Table 2** and ~~Figures~~ **Figs. 3 and 4**). The use of the colored icon is strongly encouraged for the added visibility and information provided by the color. For both color and black and white options in **Tables 1 and 2**, the option that is most visible for the individual application should be chosen.

6.3.2 The MR Conditional icon consists of the letters “MR” within a yellow equilateral triangle with a thick black band around the perimeter (**Table 1** and ~~Figure~~ **Fig. 5**). The triangle is oriented with its horizontal side below the letters “MR.” When color reproduction is not practical, the icon may be printed in black and white (**Table 2** and ~~Figure~~ **Fig. 6**). The use of the colored icon is strongly encouraged for the added visibility and information provided by the color.

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TABLE 1 Requirements for Colored MR Icons

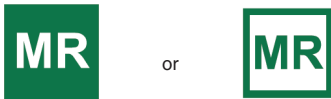


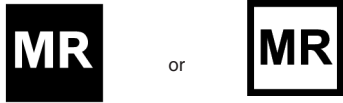
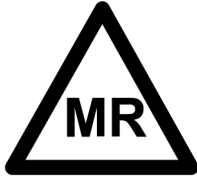

Icon Geometric Shape and Appearance	Meaning
<p>A square</p> 	MR Safe
<p>An equilateral triangle with radiused outer corners</p> 	MR Conditional
<p>A circle with a diagonal bar</p> 	MR Unsafe

TABLE 2 Requirements for Black and White MR Icons

Icon	Geometric Shape and Appearance	Meaning
	A square 	MR Safe
	An equilateral triangle with radiused outer corners 	MR Conditional
	A circle with a diagonal bar 	MR Unsafe

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6.3.2.1 For MR Conditional items, the item labeling (instructions for use, package inserts, operator manual, patient information card, patient and physician information pamphlets, as appropriate) shall include appropriate information from Section 5.

6.3.2.2 For MR Conditional items, the item labeling (instructions for use, package inserts, operator manual, patient information card, patient and physician information pamphlets, as appropriate) shall include appropriate information from Section 5 and describes the conditions for which the item has been demonstrated to be MR Conditional. The supplementary marking consists of text surrounded by a rectangular frame (Figs. 7 and 8).

(1) The MR Conditional icon may be supplemented by supplementary marking which includes the appropriate information from Section 5 and describes the conditions for which the item has been demonstrated to be MR Conditional. The supplementary marking consists of text surrounded by a rectangular frame (Figure 7).

6.3.2.3 For all items external to the body of a person for which it is technically feasible, labeling for MR Conditional items shall appear on the item and include conditions for safety in the MR environment from Section 5.

NOTE 3—Adding that information on the item allows immediate access to the MR conditions.

NOTE 4—This supplementary marking of information for safe usage may be particularly useful for inclusion on non-implanted items that are used in-anticipated to enter the MR environment, for instance on electronic equipment, room furnishings, or such as anesthesia equipment, power injectors, medication pumps, patient transport equipment, physiological monitoring equipment, monitors, interventional equipment, step stools, IV poles, carts, room furnishings, item packaging and labeling, etc.

NOTE 5—This marking may also be used if one portion of a kit or device with accessories is MR Conditional. For example, indicate “stent only” for a system that consists of stent plus delivery catheter.

6.3.3 The MR Unsafe marking consists of the letters “MR” surrounded by a red circle with a diagonal red bar across the letters extending from the upper left quadrant to the lower right quadrant of the circle and oriented at 45° from the horizontal (Table 1 and Figure 8). When color reproduction is not practical, the icon may be printed in black and white (Table 2 and Figure 9). The use of the colored icon is strongly encouraged for the added visibility and information provided by the color.

6.4 The icons shall comply with the layout requirements given below. The colors are given in Table 3. Note that the colors represented in an electronic or paper copy of this document practice may not match the colors as defined in Table 3.

**TABLE 3 Examples from Color Order Systems for the Icon Colors
(DIN, RAL, Munsell, AFNOR, and NCS examples from ISO 3864-1:2002/ISO 3864-1:2002)^A**

Color	DIN 5381 DIN 6164	RAL	Munsell	AFNOR NF X08-002 and X08-010	NCS	Pantone
Red	7,5 : 8,5 : 3	RAL 3001	7,5R 4/14	N°2805	S 2080-R	Pantone 1807 C
Yellow	2,5 : 6,5 : 1	RAL 1003	10YR 7/14	N°1330	S 1070-Y10R	Pantone 1235 C
Green	21,7 : 6,5 : 4	RAL 6032	5G 4/9	N°2455	S 3060-G	Pantone 3415 C
White	N : 0 : 0,5	RAL 9003	N 9,5	N°3665	S 0500-N	Pantone White
Black	N : 0 : 9	RAL 9004	N 1	N°2603	S 9000-N	Pantone 6 C

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6.4.1 MR Safe Icon, Color Option 1 (Fig. 1):



FIG. 1 Color Option 1

6.4.1.1 The colors of the MR Safe icon shall be as follows for option 1:

- (1) Background color: ~~green~~green.
- (2) Letters ‘MR’: ~~white~~white.
- (3) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and centered in the square. The letters shall be sized as large as possible to be contained within the green square, but not touching the border of the square.

6.4.2 MR Safe Icon, Color Option 2 (Fig. 2):



FIG. 2 Color Option 2

6.4.2.1 The colors of the MR Safe icon shall be as follows for option 2:

- (1) Background color: ~~white~~white.
- (2) Letters ‘MR’: ~~green~~green.
- (3) Frame: green. The width of the frame shall be approximately ~~10%~~10% of the length of a side of the square.
- (4) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and centered in the square. The letters shall be sized as large as possible, but not touching the border of the frame.

6.4.3 MR Safe Icon, Black and White Option 1 (Fig. 3):



FIG. 3 Black and White Option 1

6.4.3.1 For option 1 of the black and white version of the MR Safe icon, the colors shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~black~~black.
- (2) Letters ‘MR’: ~~white~~white.

(3) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and centered in the square. The letters shall be sized as large as possible, but not touching the border of the square.

6.4.4 *MR Safe Icon, Black and White Option 2 (Fig. 4):*



FIG. 4 Black and White Option 2

6.4.4.1 For option 2 of the black and white version of the MR Safe icon, the colors shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~black~~white.
- (2) Letters ‘MR’: ~~black~~black.
- (3) Frame: black. The width of the border shall be approximately ~~10%~~10 % of the side length of the square.
- (4) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and centered in the square. The letters shall be sized as large as possible, but not touching the frame.

6.4.5 *MR Conditional Icon, Color Option (Fig. 5):*



FIG. 5 MR Conditional Icon Geometry, Color Option

6.4.5.1 The colors of the MR Conditional icon shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~black~~yellow.
- (2) Triangular frame: ~~black~~black.
- (3) Letters ‘MR’: ~~black~~black.
- (4) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and sized as large as possible within the black frame, but not touching the frame.

6.4.6 *MR Conditional Icon, Black and White Option (Fig. 6):*



FIG. 6 MR Conditional Icon Geometry, Black and White Option

6.4.6.1 For the black and white version of the MR Conditional icon, the colors of the icon shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~black~~white.
- (2) Triangular frame: ~~black~~black.
- (3) Letters ‘MR’: ~~black~~black.
- (4) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and sized as large as possible within the black frame, but not touching the frame.

6.4.7 *Supplementary Marking for MR Conditional Items, Color Option (Fig. 7):*

6.4.7.1 For the color option of the MR Conditional Supplementary marking, colors shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~black~~yellow.



FIG. 7 Supplementary Marking for MR Conditional Items, Color Option

- (2) Rectangular Frame: ~~black~~black.
- (3) Text: ~~black~~black.
- (4) The safety color yellow shall cover at least 50 % of the total area of the icon.
- (5) The text shall be in Arial font.

6.4.8 Supplementary Marking for MR Conditional Items, Black and White Option (Fig. 78):



FIG. 8 Supplementary Marking for MR Conditional Items, Black and White Option

6.4.8.1 For the black and white option of the MR Conditional Supplementary marking, the colors shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~white~~white.
- (2) Rectangular Frame: ~~black~~black.
- (3) Text: ~~black~~black.
- (4) The text shall be in Arial font.

6.4.9 MR Unsafe Icon, Color Option (Fig. 89):



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6.4.9.1 The colors of the MR Unsafe icon shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~white~~white.
- (2) Circular frame and diagonal bar: ~~red~~red.
- (3) Letters 'MR': ~~black~~black.
- (4) The letters 'MR' shall be capitalized, in Arial font, and sized as large as possible within the circular frame, but not touching the frame.

6.4.10 MR Unsafe Icon, Black and White Option (Fig. 910):



FIG. 910 MR Unsafe, Black and White Option

6.4.10.1 For the black and white version of the MR Unsafe icon, the colors of the icon shall be as follows:

- (1) Background color: ~~white~~white.
- (2) Circular frame and diagonal bar: ~~black~~black.

(3) Letters ‘MR’: ~~blackblack~~.

(4) The letters ‘MR’ shall be capitalized, in Arial font and sized as large as possible within the circular frame, but not touching the frame.

7. Keywords

7.1 magnet; magnetic; medical devices; metals (for surgical implants); MRI (magnetic resonance imaging); MR safety

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. RATIONALE

X1.1 The intent of this practice is to provide needed information about the safety of items in and near MR scanners using a compact and easily recognized set of icons and terms. The terms MR safe and MR compatible as first defined in 1997 in the FDA draft guidance document, “A Primer on Medical Device Interactions with Magnetic Resonance Imaging Systems,” were used to describe the safety of devices in and near MR equipment and accessories. The obsolete historical definitions are:

MR Safe
(outdated
definition)

~~The device, when used in the MR environment, has been demonstrated to present no additional risk to the patient or other individuals, but may affect the quality of the diagnostic information. The MR conditions in which the device was tested should be specified in conjunction with the terms MR safe and MR compatible since a device that is safe or compatible under one set of conditions may not be found to be so under more extreme MR conditions. The device, when used in the MR environment, is MR safe and has been demonstrated to neither significantly affect the quality of the diagnostic information nor have its operations affected by the MR device. The MR conditions in which the device was tested should be specified in conjunction with the terms MR safe and MR compatible since a device that is safe or compatible under one set of conditions may not be found to be so under more extreme MR conditions.~~

MR Compatible
(obsolete
definition)

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MR safe
(obsolete
definition)

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MR compatible
(obsolete
definition)

There was a great deal of confusion surrounding this terminology. ~~An incorrect assumption was~~ terminology and incorrect assumptions were often made. Users often *incorrectly* assumed that items labeled MR safe or MR compatible were safe or compatible for any MR environment. MR environments vary in terms of magnetic field strength and RF conditions. Therefore, an item tested under one set of conditions may be affected differently by the conditions in another MR environment. In addition, some devices labeled MR safe and MR compatible using the historical definitions in X1.1 have gauss line restrictions or RF pulse sequence limitations that must be adhered to in order to safely use the device have the item in the MR environment. In short, when using the historical definitions it was impossible to definitively establish a device an item as MR safe or MR compatible without