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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for classifying and designating different types of wheelchairs and is based on readily evident or easily measured features of a wheelchair.

## 2 Description of the classification

The classification uses a five-digit code in which each digit specifies particular types within each group. Each classification position shall be separated by a hyphen (e.g. **1-1-1-1-1**).

The classification is intended to give a general indication of the wheelchair in terms of its most important features. By the addition of further digits, the classification may be extended to cover additional features or to include test data, as desired.

NOTE — The need to extend the classification may arise in certain countries.



### 2.1 First digit: Means of propulsion/steering

The means of propulsion/steering of the wheelchair shall be designated according to the following types:

**Type 1** Attendant controlled — non-powered

**Type 2** Non-powered direct drive on rear wheels, bimanual

**Type 3** Non-powered direct drive on front wheels, bimanual

**Type 4** Non-powered lever drive, bimanual

**Type 5** Non-powered single-sided drive

**Type 6** Non-powered foot propulsion

**Type 7** Attendant controlled — powered

**Type 8** Electromotor for drive, manual steering

**Type 9** Electromotor for drive, power steering

**Type 0** Others

### 2.2 Second digit: Area of use based on overall width and wheel diameters

The wheel diameter and overall chair width combination shall be designated as given in table 1.

NOTE — The second digit gives an overall indication of the suitability of a wheelchair for use on any given terrain and the suitability for any given activity of the occupant. Other digits may also have a bearing on these. The number **0** for the second digit shall indicate any special design such as a wheelchair having an overall width exceeding 700 mm.

### 2.3 Third digit: Seat and backrest adjustments

The combination of seat and backrest adjustments shall be designated as given in table 2.

**Table 2**

| Seat inclination / Backrest inclination | Not adjustable | Manually adjustable | Power adjustable |
|---|---|---|---|
| Not adjustable | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Manually adjustable | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Power adjustable | 3 | 6 | 9 |

The number **0** for the third digit shall indicate either that the wheelchair is supplied without a seat or a backrest, or that the wheelchair features a fixed angle between seat and backrest, the whole body support system being adjustable.

**Table 1**

| Wheel diameter / Overall chair width | All wheels less than 260 mm or 1 or 2 wheels less than 180 mm | Large wheels greater than 260 mm; small wheels 180 to 260 mm | All wheels greater than 260 mm |
|---|---|---|---|
| Below 550 mm | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 550 to 660 mm | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 660 to 700 mm | 3 | 6 | 9 |

## 2.4 Fourth digit: Armrest and leg support adjustments

The combination of armrest and leg support adjustments shall be designated as given in table 3.

**Table 3**

| Armrest / Leg support angle | Fixed | Height adjustable | Removable (folding or exchangeable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Not adjustable | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Manually adjustable | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Power adjustable | 3 | 6 | 9 |

If the wheelchair is supplied with armrests that are both height adjustable and removable, the number for the fourth digit shall be that designated for height adjustable armrests.

The number **0** for the fourth digit shall indicate that either armrests or leg support are not provided.

## 2.5 Fifth digit: Foldability

The manner in which the overall dimensions of the wheelchair can be reduced shall be designated according to the following types:



**Type 1 Rigid wheelchairs**

If the overall dimensions of the wheelchair cannot be reduced, the fifth digit shall be designated as **1**.



**Type 2 Wheelable foldable wheelchairs**

If the overall dimensions of the wheelchair can be reduced in one or more directions without any component part being removed and still allow the use of the wheels for movement when folded, the fifth digit shall be designated as **2**.

**Type 3 Non-wheelable foldable wheelchairs**

If the overall dimensions of the wheelchair can be reduced in one or more directions without being removed, but folding prevents the use of the wheels for movement when folded, the fifth digit shall be designated as **3**.

**Type 4 Demountable wheelchairs**

If the overall dimensions of the wheelchair can be reduced by separating it into component parts without the use of tools, the fifth digit shall be designated as **4**.

**Type 5 Demountable/wheelable foldable wheelchairs**

If the wheelchair is foldable and its dimensions or mass may be further reduced by separating one or more component parts without the use of tools, and it still allows the use of the wheels for movement of the folded wheelchair, the fifth digit shall be designated as **5**.

**Type 6 Demountable/non-wheelable foldable wheelchairs**

If the wheelchair is foldable and its dimensions or mass may be further reduced by separating one or more component parts without the use of tools, and folding prevents the use of the wheels for movement when folded, the fifth digit shall be designated as **6**.