
Dental handpieces —

Part 1:

High-speed air turbine handpieces

Pièces à main dentaires —

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ISO 7785 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Dental handpieces*.

— Part 1: *High-speed air turbine handpieces*

— Part 2: *Straight and geared angle handpieces* [ISO 7785-1:1997](#)

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Introduction

This part of ISO 7785 takes priority over IEC 601-1:1988 as specified in the individual clauses of this part of ISO 7785.

Only the specifications laid down in this part of ISO 7785 are applicable.

This part of ISO 7785 refers to IEC 601-1:1988, the basic standard on safety of medical electrical equipment wherever relevant, by stating the respective clause numbers of IEC 601-1:1988.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 7785 specifies requirements and test methods for the application of high-speed air turbine dental handpieces (hereafter termed handpieces) to patients. It also contains specifications on manufacturer's instructions, packaging and marking.

This part of ISO 7785 is not applicable to single-use dental handpieces.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 7785. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 7785 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 554:1976,	Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing - Specifications.
ISO 1797-1:1992,	Dental rotary instruments - Shanks - Part 1: Shanks made of metals.
ISO 1942-3:1989,	Dental vocabulary - Part 3: Dental instruments.
ISO 3696:1987,	Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods.
ISO 6507-2:1983,	Metallic materials - Hardness test - Vickers test - Part 2: HV 0,2 to less than HV 5.
ISO 9168:1991,	Dental handpieces - Hose connectors.
ISO 9687: 1993,	Dental equipment - Graphical symbols.
ISO 13402:1995,	Surgical and dental hand instruments - Determination of resistance against autoclaving, corrosion and thermal exposure.
IEC 651:1979,	Sound level meters.
IEC 601-1:1988,	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for safety.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 7785, the definitions given in ISO 1942-3 apply.

4 Classification

High-speed air turbine handpieces are dental handpieces with a minimum free-running speed of 160 000 min⁻¹ (r/min).

Dental handpieces are classified according to their gear ratio (see table 1).

High-speed air turbine handpieces are usually type 2 handpieces.

Table 1 - Gear ratio

Type	Gear ratio
1	1 : < 1
2	1 : 1
3	1 : > 1

5 Requirements

5.1 General design

5.1.1 General

The handpiece should be comfortable for the operator to use and easy to manipulate. The outside surface should be easy to clean and particular attention should be given to providing secure gripping surfaces for operator manipulation.

Compliance with these requirements cannot be objectively assessed.

If in addition the requirements of 5.1.2, 5.1.3 and 5.2 to 5.10 are complied with, the requirements of 5.1.1 are considered to be fulfilled.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.1.

5.1.2 Materials

All materials used in the construction of the handpieces should be suitable for their intended use and should be resistant to cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing procedures recommended by the manufacturer.

Compliance with these requirements cannot be objectively assessed.

If in addition the requirements of 5.1.1, 5.1.3 and 5.2 to 5.10 are complied with, the requirements of 5.1.2 are considered to be fulfilled.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.1.

5.1.3 Construction and layout

The construction of the handpiece should provide for safe and reliable operation and, if field-repairable, should be capable of being easily disassembled and reassembled for maintenance and repair, using readily available tools or those supplied by the manufacturer.

Compliance with these requirements cannot be objectively assessed.

If in addition the requirements of 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.2 to 5.10 are complied with, the requirements of 5.1.3 are considered to be fulfilled.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.1.

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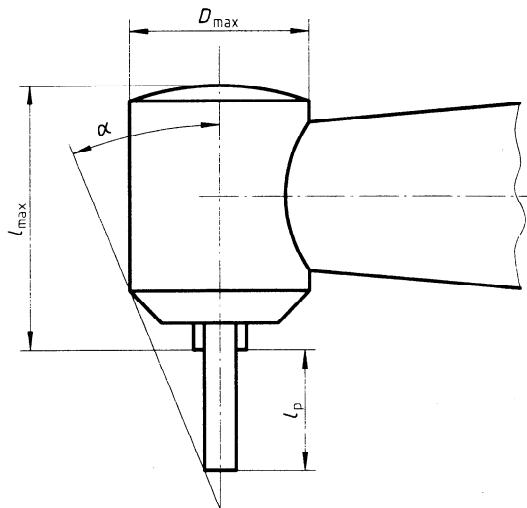
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5.1.4 Head dimensions and nomenclature

If the manufacturer includes the head dimensions in the operator's manual (see note in clause 8) they shall be the dimensions as shown in figure 1 and shall be expressed to an accuracy of $\pm 0,1$ mm on lengths and $\pm 1^\circ$ on angles using the nomenclature of figure 1.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.2.



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Figure 1 — Terminology for measuring head dimensions

D_{max} Maximum diameter
 l_{max} Maximum length of non-rotating component
 α Visibility angle
 l_p Projection using 19 mm test mandrel

5.2 Chuck

5.2.1 General

The chuck shall be capable of accepting rotary instruments the shanks of which comply with ISO 1797-1.

5.2.2 Test mandrel

The test mandrel shall have the dimensions shown in figure 2.

Dimensions in millimetres
 Surface roughness values in micrometres

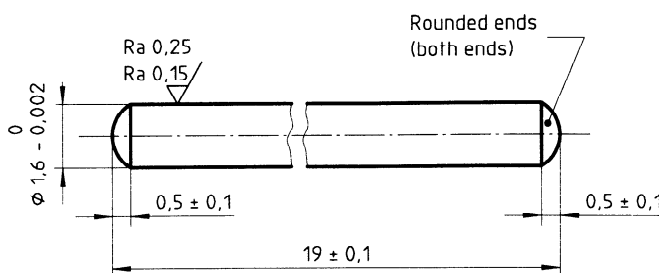


Figure 2 - Test mandrel

5.2.3 Spring-type chuck, friction grip

The force to insert into, or to withdraw the test mandrel from, the spring-type chuck shall be between 22 N and 45 N.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.1.

When locked in the chuck, the test mandrel shall transmit a torque of at least 1,6 N·cm without slipping.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.2.

5.2.4 Mechanical locking chuck

The force to extract the test mandrel from the mechanical locking chuck shall be at least 22 N.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.1.

When locked in the chuck, the test mandrel shall transmit a torque of at least 1,6 N·cm without slipping.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.2.

The locking or unlocking force required to position the rotary instrument in the chuck should be the minimum force sufficient to prevent accidental unlocking in use.

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5.2.5 Push-button locking chucks and other systems

The force to extract the test mandrel from the chuck system shall be at least 22 N.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.1. [ISO 7785-1:1997
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When locked in the chuck, the test mandrel shall transmit a torque of at least 1,6 N·cm without slipping.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.2.

5.2.6 Eccentricity

The eccentricity of the test mandrel in rotation and without applied load shall not exceed a total indicated run-out of 0,03 mm.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.3.3.

5.3 Performance

5.3.1 Speed

The rotational speed of the test mandrel shall be at least the minimum free-running speed stated by the manufacturer in the operator's manual, with a minimum of 160 000 min⁻¹ (r/min).

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.4.

5.3.2 Stall torque

The stall torque shall be at least 0,05 N·cm.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.5.

5.4 Water and spray air supply

5.4.1 General

The handpiece shall provide cooling capability at the operating area.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.1 and 7.6.

5.4.2 Water cooling

The handpiece shall provide water coolant capability at the operating area of the rotary instrument. The handpiece shall have a capability of attaining a water flowrate of at least 50 ml/min at 200 kPa (2,0 bar).

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.6.2.1.

5.4.3 Air cooling

Air coolant capability may be provided at the discretion of the manufacturer. Handpieces having air coolant capability shall direct air to the operating area of the rotary instrument. If water and air are used simultaneously, a cooling mist shall be created and transmitted to the cutting area of the rotary instrument. The handpiece shall be capable of attaining an air flowrate of at least 1,5 l/min at 200 kPa (2,0 bar).

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.6.2.2.

5.5 Handpiece connector

The configuration, dimensions and tolerances of connections for drive air, exhaust air, spray air, cooling water and fibre optic light, as appropriate, shall be in accordance with ISO 9168.

Testing shall be carried out by inspection and measurement in accordance with 7.1.

5.6 Air pressure

Handpieces shall remain intact, i.e. it shall not rupture or burst, when subjected to an air pressure 50 % above the recommended operating pressure.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.7.

5.7 Noise level

The A-weighted sound pressure value generated by the handpiece shall not exceed 80 dB.

NOTE — It is recommended to reduce the noise level to 65 dB.

Testing shall be carried out in accordance with 7.9.

5.8 Resistance to corrosion

Handpieces shall be corrosion-resistant, i.e. the construction materials shall show no visible signs of corrosion after having been subjected to the autoclave procedure specified in 7.8.

Visual inspection shall be carried out in accordance with 7.1.