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5; 20; 21	9.1	
5; 20; 21	13.1	Essential requirement 13.1 is not fully covered here; only the aspects of classification are addressed.
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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard offers alternatives to the structural tests on ankle-foot devices and foot units specified in 17.2 of ISO 10328:2006, which still suffer from several “weaknesses”, such as:

- a) the inconsistency of the lines of application of the heel and forefoot test forces with those of the test forces of test loading conditions I and II for the principal structural tests specified in 16.2 (static tests) and 16.3 (cyclic test) of ISO 10328:2006;
- b) the unrealistic course and magnitude of loading in the phase between the instants of maximum heel and forefoot loading during the cyclic test;
- c) the effect of periodical “stepping in a hollow” during the cyclic test, resulting from simultaneous heel and forefoot loading at different angles.

In this relation it is important to note that the complexity of the test equipment required for the testing of ankle-foot devices and foot units specified in this International Standard is low, comparable to that of the test equipment required for the corresponding separate structural tests specified in ISO 10328. Apparently, basic components of both types of test equipment are similar and can be re-used in a modified design.

Finally, it has to be noted that the potential of the general concept applied to the test procedures specified in this International Standard allows other applications directed to the assessment of specific performance characteristics of ankle-foot devices and foot units that may be of relevance in the future.

In order to allow continuity of testing by checking the test methods for ankle-foot devices and foot units specified in this International Standard against those specified in 17.2 of ISO 10328:2006, a transition period will be established, during which both test methods are valid. For practical reasons, this transition period will be adapted to the period of time after which the systematic review of ISO 10328:2006 and this International Standard is indicated. The systematic review of both standards is expected to result, among other outcomes, in the finding on whether the test methods specified in this International Standard have demonstrated their suitability.

NOTE Further guidance on the specification of the test loading conditions and test loading levels and on the design of appropriate test equipment is given in a separate document, published as a Technical Report (see Bibliography).

Prosthetics — Testing of ankle-foot devices and foot units — Requirements and test methods

1 Scope

IMPORTANT — This International Standard is *suitable* for the assessment of the conformity of prosthetic ankle-foot devices and foot units with the strength requirements specified in 4.4 of ISO 22523:2006 (see NOTE 1). Prosthetic ankle-foot devices and foot units on the market, which have demonstrated their compliance with the strength requirements specified in 4.4 of EN 12523:1999 through submission to the relevant tests of ISO 10328:1996, need not be retested to this International Standard.

WARNING — This International Standard is *not suitable* to serve as a guide for the selection of a specific ankle-foot device or foot unit in the prescription of an individual lower limb prosthesis! Any disregard of this warning can result in a safety risk for amputees.

This International Standard primarily specifies a cyclic test procedure for ankle-foot devices and foot units of external lower limb prostheses, distinguished by the potential to realistically simulate those loading conditions of the complete stance phase of walking from heel strike to toe-off that are relevant to the verification of performance requirements such as strength, durability and service life.

This potential is of particular importance for the assessment of the performance of a variety of recent designs of ankle-foot devices and foot units with specific characteristics that will only develop under realistic conditions of loading.

In addition, this International Standard specifies a static test procedure for prosthetic ankle-foot devices and foot units, consisting of a static proof test and a static ultimate strength test, distinguished, besides other features, (see NOTE 2) by the potential to generate heel and forefoot forces at lines of action conforming to those occurring at the instants of maximum heel and forefoot loading during the cyclic test.

The loading conditions addressed in the third paragraph are characterized by a loading profile determined by the resultant vector of the vertical and horizontal (A-P) ground reaction forces and by a locomotion profile determined by the tibia angle.

The test loading conditions specified in this International Standard are characterized by standardized formats of these loading and locomotion profiles, to be uniformly applied by the cyclic and static test procedures to each sample of ankle-foot device or foot unit submitted for test.

According to the concept of the tests of this International Standard, each sample of ankle-foot device or foot unit submitted for test is, nevertheless, free to develop its individual performance under load.

NOTE 1 ISO 22523 (formerly EN 12523) addresses those of the Essential Requirements listed in Annex I of the European Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC that are applicable to external limb prostheses and external orthoses.

NOTE 2 The lines of action of the heel and forefoot forces generated by the static test procedure specified in this International Standard approach those determining the sagittal plane loading of the test loading conditions I and II for the principal structural tests specified in ISO 10328, without changing the values of the angles of the heel and forefoot platform(s) for the structural tests on ankle-foot devices and foot units specified in ISO 10328.