
Implants for surgery — Wear of total hip-joint prostheses —

Part 3:

Loading and displacement parameters for orbital bearing type wear testing machines and corresponding environmental conditions for test

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ISO 14242 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Implants for surgery — Wear of total hip-joint prostheses*:

- *Part 1: Loading and displacement parameters for wear-testing machines and corresponding environmental conditions for test*
- *Part 2: Methods of measurement*
- *Part 3: Loading and displacement parameters for orbital bearing type wear testing machines and corresponding environmental conditions for test*

Introduction

The orbital bearing hip wear simulator (OBM) is widely used and has been successful in evaluating the wear properties of Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA) articulating surfaces. These test results have been shown to correlate well with clinical experience. Since this type of test machine is widely used, it is important that the parameters be standardized to make the results more uniform and comparable between laboratories.

This test method differs from that in ISO 14242-1 in the articulating motion of the test. Although the motion of the OBM is simpler and less anatomic than the motion described in ISO 14242-1, OBM hip simulators have been used to evaluate the wear of THA articulating components for more than 25 years. The equipment is used globally for wear testing of THA components, and has been very successful in reproducing the types and amounts of wear that occur *in vivo* with a wide variety of bearing materials, including polyethylene, metals and ceramics. Because of this, tests on OBM machines have provided very accurate predictions of the subsequent clinical performance of newly developed materials. This is particularly true for the new crosslinked polyethylenes. Several recent reports with more than five years of follow up have shown percent reductions in wear, compared to historical polyethylene, that are very close to those that were predicted as much as ten years earlier in tests run on OBM hip simulators.

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