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**Dentistry — Reprocessable cartridge  
syringes for intraligamentary  
injections**

*Médecine bucco-dentaire — Seringues à cartouche pour injections  
intra-ligamentaires, pouvant être retraitées*

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 21533:2003), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- dosage-wheel design was added;
- clarification of reprocessing was added.

It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 21533:2003/Cor.1:2009.

# Dentistry — Reprocessable cartridge syringes for intraligamentary injections

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for reprocessable cartridge syringes intended for intraligamentary injections.

It specifies requirements for cartridge syringes with ISO metric thread sizes, and only intended for intraligamentary injections. However, attention is drawn to the existence of a variety of syringes with imperial thread sizes (see [Annex A](#)).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 7885, *Dentistry — Sterile injection needles for single use*

ISO 9997, *Dental cartridge syringes*

ISO 11499, *Dentistry — Single-use cartridges for local anaesthetics*

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## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### **intraligamentary injection**

injection made via the periodontal ligament

### 3.2

#### **reprocessable cartridge syringe for intraligamentary injections**

syringe which can be reprocessed and is specifically designed by the manufacturer for intraligamentary injections and uses a local anaesthetic cartridge

### 3.3

#### **plunger rod**

rigid component which transmits the activating force to the cartridge plunger

### 3.4

#### **lever**

component which delivers the force to the plunger rod

**3.5 dosage wheel**  
part of the syringe system that regulates the volume of solution delivered by using a rotating wheel

**3.6 dosage-wheel design**  
cartridge syringe where the plunger rod is activated by a dosage wheel

**3.7 protective sleeve**  
component which prevents pieces of a fractured cartridge leaving the syringe through the viewing port

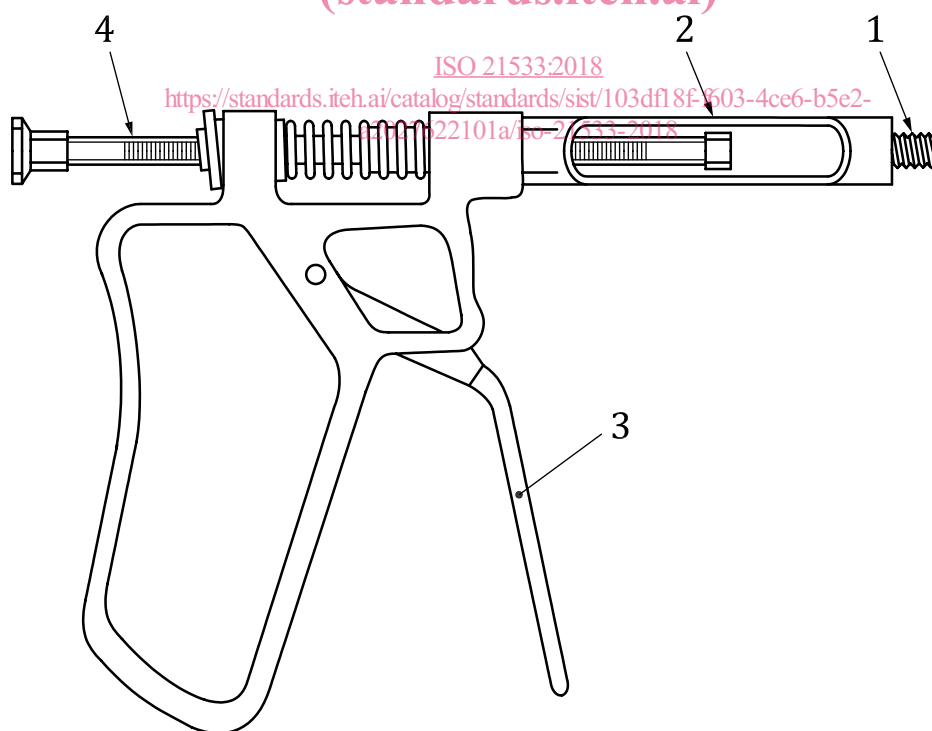
**3.8 unit pack**  
pack which contains the syringe

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Design

The design of the cartridge syringe shall be as shown in [Figures 1](#) to [3](#) of a

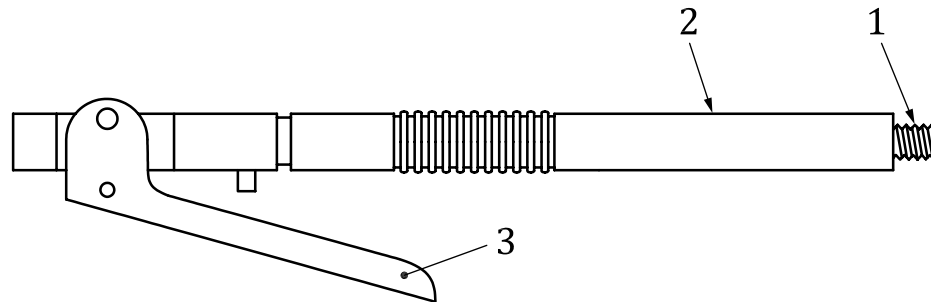
- a) pistol-grip design,
- b) pen-grip design, or
- c) dosage-wheel design.



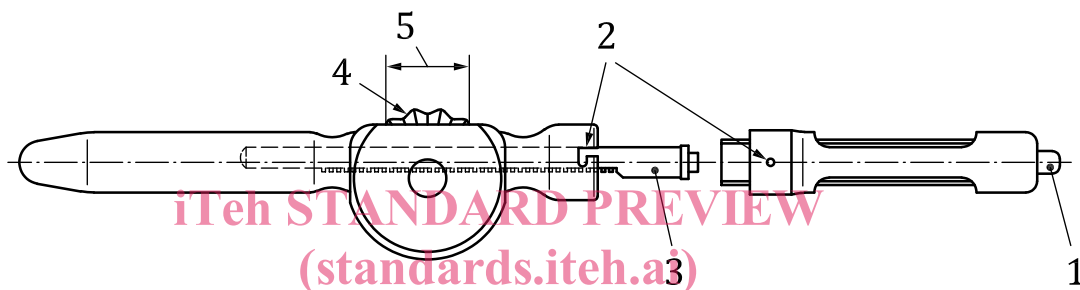
#### Key

- 1 threaded needle-mounting hub
- 2 barrel
- 3 lever
- 4 plunger rod

Figure 1 — Pistol-grip design

**Key**

- 1 threaded needle-mounting hub
- 2 barrel
- 3 lever

**Figure 2 — Pen-grip design****Key**

- 1 threaded needle-mounting hub
- 2 barrel
- 3 plunger rod
- 4 dosage-wheel
- 5 freely accessible area of the dosage-wheel for the activation process

**Figure 3 — Dosage-wheel design****4.2 Barrel****4.2.1 General**

The dimensions of the barrel shall conform to ISO 9997.

**4.2.2 Loading of the cartridge****4.2.2.1 Syringes without viewing ports**

When a viewing port is not present, the dimensions of the barrel shall permit the loading of a cartridge which conforms to ISO 11499.

**4.2.2.2 Syringes with viewing ports**

When a viewing port is present, the dimensions of the barrel shall permit the placement of a protective sleeve and shall permit the loading of a cartridge which conforms to ISO 11499.

### 4.3 Threaded needle-mounting hub

The dimensions of the threaded needle-mounting hub shall conform to ISO 9997.

### 4.4 Plunger rod

The diameter of the plunger rod tip shall conform to ISO 9997. The length of the plunger rod shall allow maximum travel of the cartridge plunger.

The maximum sideways displacement of the plunger rod shall conform to ISO 9997.

Test according to [5.1](#).

### 4.5 Volume of local anaesthetic delivered

The volume of local anaesthetic delivered at each depression of the lever or appropriate rotation of the dosage-wheel shall be within 10 % of the volume claimed by the manufacturer.

Test according to [5.2](#).

### 4.6 Protective sleeve

#### 4.6.1 Number of uses

The protective sleeve, if supplied, shall be either single-use or capable of reprocessing.

Test according to [5.3](#).

#### 4.6.2 Integrity

The protective sleeve shall retain its integrity during use.

Test according to [5.3](#).

### 4.7 Resistance to reprocessing

#### 4.7.1 Syringe

The syringe shall comply with the requirements of [4.2](#), [4.3](#), [4.4](#), [4.5](#), and in addition shall show no signs of corrosion after 100 reprocessing cycles when tested in accordance with [5.4](#).

If the manufacturer states a maximum number of reprocessing cycles less than 100 this maximum number shall be used instead.

#### 4.7.2 Protective sleeve (if supplied)

If the manufacturer states that the protective sleeve can be reprocessed there shall be no visible signs of deterioration and it shall comply with the requirements of [4.6.2](#) after 100 reprocessing cycles when tested in accordance with [5.4](#).

If the manufacturer states a maximum number of reprocessing cycles less than 100 this maximum number shall be used instead.

## 5 Test methods

### 5.1 Visual inspection

Conduct visual inspection at normal visual acuity without magnification.



## 5.2 Measurement of volume delivered

Prepare the syringe with a glass dental local anaesthetic cartridge conforming to ISO 11499 and a needle conforming to ISO 7885.

### 5.2.1 Pistol- and pen-grip designs

Depress the lever a sufficient number of times for anaesthetic to be delivered through the needle.

When the anaesthetic delivery is ensured, depress the lever three more times and measure the volume of anaesthetic delivered during each depression. Ensure that the lever returns to its initial position after each depression.

### 5.2.2 Dosage-wheel design

Rotate the dosage-wheel such that the nominal volume marked on the syringe is delivered, and ensure anaesthetic is being delivered.

When the anaesthetic delivery is ensured, measure the volume delivered for three further successive deliveries.

### 5.2.3 Record of results

Record the volume of anaesthetic delivered for each test delivery.

## 5.3 Protective sleeve dislodgement

Prepare the syringe for use as described in 5.2. After anaesthetic delivery is ensured remove the needle and squeeze the lever until the cartridge breaks. Check by visual inspection if the protective sleeve is intact and not damaged.

## 5.4 Resistance to reprocessing

Carry out 100 reprocessing cycles in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The reprocessing cycle shall include the manufacturer's recommended methods of cleaning, disinfection and sterilization.

Assess visually for any signs of deterioration as in 5.1. Repeat the tests for 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 for the syringe and 4.6.2 for the protective sleeve.

If the manufacturer states a maximum number of reprocessing cycles less than 100 use this number of cycles for the test.

## 6 Instructions for use

Each syringe shall be accompanied by the following information:

- a) indications for use;
- b) information concerning the mechanical advantage produced by the lever;
- c) the recommended cartridge size and material;
- d) method of assembly and disassembly;
- e) method of inserting the cartridge and attaching the needle;
- f) a statement directing the user to check before use that the barrel and handle are securely connected and that the interchangeable barrel end cap with needle hub (if fitted) is securely in position;