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## Dentistry — Excavators

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 106, *Dentistry*, Subcommittee SC 4, *Dental instruments*.

This first edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13397-4:1997), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- new shapes have been added — see [Figures 5 to 10](#) and [Table 3](#);
- test values for connection between working end and handle have been reduced from 600 N to 450 N (tensile load) and from 400 Ncm to 0,25 Nm (torque) (see [6.7](#));
- a requirement for UDI-code has been added in [Clause 8](#);
- a requirement for instructions for use has been added in [8.3](#).

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# Dentistry — Excavators

## 1 Scope

This document specifies dimensions and performance requirements for excavators used in dentistry.

## 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 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 15223-1:2016, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 17664, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices*

ISO 21850-1, *Dentistry — Materials for dental instruments — Part 1: Stainless steel*

## 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:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **excavator**

handheld dental instrument for excavating caries

### 3.2

#### **datum point**

section point between the centreline of the *handle* (3.3), at a right angle to the centreline, and the *blade* (3.6)

### 3.3

#### **handle**

area used for holding the *excavator* (3.1) during use

### 3.4

#### **shank**

part of the *excavator* (3.1) that connects the *working end* (3.5) to the *handle* (3.3)

### 3.5

#### **working end**

part of the *excavator* (3.1) after the first bend of the *shank* (3.4) including the working tip

### 3.6 blade

active part of the *working end* (3.5) which first contacts the tooth surface

## 4 Symbols

The following symbols are used in this document:

$b_1$	blade width
$b_2$	blade thickness
$b_3$	blade length
$b_4$	neck thickness
$h_1$	blade height
$h_2$	shank height
$\alpha$	blade angle
$\beta$	offset angle

## 5 Classification

The classification of forms of excavators is given in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Classification of excavator forms**

Form	Figure	Shape of working end		Classification
		Overall	Top	
A	<a href="#">Figure 1</a>	Straight	Discoid	100
B	<a href="#">Figure 2</a>	Angled	Discoid	200
C	<a href="#">Figure 3</a>	Contra-angled	Discoid	300
D	<a href="#">Figure 4</a>	Angled, complex	Discoid	400
E	<a href="#">Figure 5</a>	Spoon	Pear	500

## 6 Requirements for excavators

### 6.1 Design and dimensions

Excavators shall have the designs shown in [Figures 1](#) to [10](#) and the dimensions as given in [Tables 2](#) and [3](#).

The points of measurement associated with the dimensions are listed in [Table 4](#).

**Table 2 — Dimensions of excavators (Form A to Form D)**

Dimensions in millimetres

Angles in degree

Type	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$h_1$	$h_2$	$\alpha$	$\beta$
<b>Tolerance</b>	±0,1	±0,1	±0,1	±0,1	±0,3	±0,3	±5	±5
<b>Form A:</b>								
<b>100 = Straight</b>								