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**Part 5:  
Shaping and cleaning instruments**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3630-5:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous editions is as follows:  $D$  and  $d_3$  have been harmonized with the other parts of ISO 3630.

A list of all parts in the ISO 3630 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Specific qualitative and quantitative requirements for freedom from biological hazards are not included in this document. However, in assessing possible biological or toxicological hazards, it is recommended that reference be made to ISO 10993-1 and ISO 7405.

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# Dentistry — Endodontic instruments —

## Part 5: Shaping and cleaning instruments

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for hand-held and mechanically operated instruments used for shaping and cleaning root canals, and which are not specified in other parts of the ISO 3630 series.

This document specifies requirements for size, marking, product designation, safety considerations, labelling and packaging.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 3630-1, *Dentistry — Endodontic instruments — Part 1: General requirements*  
ISO 3630-5:2020

### 3 Terms and definitions

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For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and ISO 3630-1 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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Classification

For the purposes of this document, shaping and cleaning instruments are classified into five classes, as specified in ISO 3630-1:2019, Clause 4.

### 5 Requirements

#### 5.1 Material

The materials used for the working part, the shank and the handle of shaping and cleaning instruments are left to the discretion of the manufacturer but shall meet the requirements of ISO 3630-1:2019, 5.7.

## 5.2 Dimensions

### 5.2.1 General

The dimensions for the nominal diameter and taper of shaping and cleaning instruments shall meet the requirements of ISO 3630-1:2019, Clause 5.

The allowable tolerance for the identified diameters of Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5 shall be less than 75 % of the difference between the preceding size and the next larger size instrument of the available brand sizes.

### 5.2.2 Diameter

The diameter of the shaping and cleaning instrument shall be as specified in ISO 3630-1.

### 5.2.3 Length

The length of the shaping and cleaning instrument shall be as specified in ISO 3630-1.

#### 5.2.3.1 For Class 1

The working part length shall be at least 16 mm. The operative part length and overall length shall be left to the discretion of the manufacturer. The manufacturer shall specify operative part length, which shall be within 0,5 mm of the length specified. When provided by the manufacturer, the actual overall length shall be within 1,0 mm of the stated length.

#### 5.2.3.2 For Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5

The working part length, operative part length, and overall length shall be left to the discretion of the manufacturer. The manufacturer shall specify working part length as a minimum; operative part length shall be within 0,5 mm of the length specified. When provided by the manufacturer, the actual overall length shall be within 1,0 mm of the stated length.

## 5.3 Mechanical

### 5.3.1 Resistance to fracture by twisting and angular deflection

The shaping and cleaning instrument shall not fracture at less than the minimum value specified for the resistance to fracture in twisting and angular deflection, given as follows:

- a) for Class 1 (standard) instruments in [Table 1](#);
- b) for Class 2 (taper) instruments in [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#);
- c) for Class 3 (non-taper) instruments in [Table 1](#);
- d) for Class 4 (non-uniform taper) instruments in [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#);
- e) for Class 5 (shape) instruments in [Table 1](#).



**Table 1 — Resistance to fracture by twisting and angular deflection  
(applicable to Class 1, Class 3 and Class 5 instruments)**

Nominal size, <i>D</i> mm	Resistance to fracture (torque) mN·m, minimum			Angular deflection °, minimum	
	K File	H File	K Reamer	K File and K Reamer	H File
06	0,34	0,34	0,34	360	180
08	0,50	0,50	0,50	360	180
10	0,60	0,60	0,60	360	180
15	0,80	0,80	0,80	360	180
20	1,76	1,18	1,18	360	180
25	2,94	1,96	1,96	360	180
30	4,42	3,43	3,43	360	180
35	6,36	4,91	4,91	360	180
40	9,81	6,37	6,87	360	120
45	11,78	8,82	9,32	360	120
50	16,68	11,78	11,78	360	120

**Table 2 — Resistance to fracture by twisting (applicable to Class 2 and Class 4 instruments)**

Diameter of instrument at test location, <i>d</i> <sub>3</sub> mm	Resistance to fracture (torque) mN·m, minimum		
	K File	H File	K Reamer
<0,124	0,34	n/a <sup>a</sup>	0,34
0,124 to <0,164	0,59	0,59	0,59
0,164 to <0,214	0,79	0,79	0,79
0,214 to <0,264	1,77	1,18	1,18
0,264 to <0,314	2,94	1,96	1,96
0,314 to <0,364	4,42	3,43	3,43
0,364 to <0,414	6,38	4,91	4,91
0,414 to <0,464	9,81	6,38	6,87
0,464 to <0,514	11,78	8,83	9,32
0,514 to <0,564	16,68	11,78	11,78

<sup>a</sup> n/a = not applicable.