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## Introduction

This document ~~is intended to replace ISO 6360-5 for~~ replaces the number coding of endodontic instruments of ISO 3630-5 and provides a modified number coding format ~~is provided in this document.~~.

This document also makes provisions for the information ~~provided in all of the parts of the ISO 6360 series and as such is the only document needed for~~on endodontic instruments~~.~~ in the ISO 3630 series.



 

**Dentistry — Endodontic instruments — Part 6: Numeric coding system**

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a coding system for specific characteristics of endodontic instruments, with a 12-digit code identifying general and specific characteristics of instruments or groups of instruments. The numerals identify the type of instrument, nominal size, taper, length, working part material, type and material of handle or shank.

## 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 3630-1, *Dentistry — Endodontic instruments — Part 1: General requirements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and ISO 3630-1 apply.

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

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

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



~~**3.1 Terms and definitions**~~

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**unspecified**
characteristics which are not clearly stated and left to the discretion of the manufacturer

## 4 Numeric coding system for endodontic instruments

The coding system for endodontic instruments consists of 12 digits in six groups, as follows:

~~**000 000 00 00 0 0**~~
~~**A B C D E F**~~

~~Table 1 and Figure 1 show the groupings.~~

~~**Table 1 — Numeric groups**~~

| ~~**Group**~~ | ~~**Description**~~ | ~~**Subclause references**~~ | **00** | **00** | **0** | **0** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **00** | **000** | | | | |
| | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** |

Table 1 and Figure 1 show the groupings.

**Table 1 — Numeric groups**

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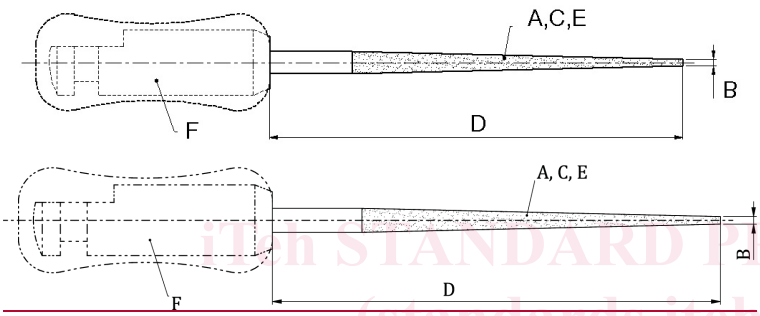
| Group | Description | Subclause |
|---|---|---|
| A | type of instrument | 5.1 |
| B | nominal size of the working part | 5.2 |
| C | taper of the working part | 5.3 |
| D | designated length of the instrument | 5.4 |
| E | material of the working part | 5.5 |
| F | type of handle or shank | 5.6 |




**Key**

A type of instrument
B nominal size of the working part
C taper of the working part
D designated length of the instrument
E material of the working part
F type of handle or shank

**Figure 1 — Coding key**



# 5 Numeric code for specific characteristics of endodontic instruments

## 5.1 Type of endodontic instrument

### 5.1.1 General

Group A consists of three digits which identify the type of the instrument as specified in Table 2.

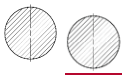
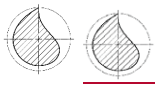
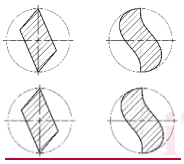
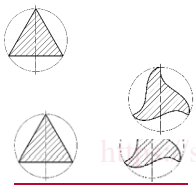
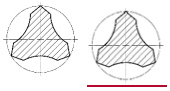
The group is subdivided into three elements, illustrating the cross-section of the active part, the tip of the instrument and the movement of the instrument during its usage. The movement is ~~that~~the one carried out by the clinician when using the instrument during an endodontic procedure.

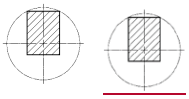
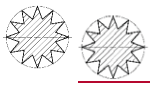
### 5.1.2 Cross-sections

Digit 1 describes the cross-section of the instrument from “0” to “9”.

**Table 2 — Description of the cross-sections of the instrument**

| Cross-sections | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Digit 1** | **~~Pictural~~Pictorial illustration** | **Description** | **Example** |
| 0 |  | circular cross-section | plugger /spreader |
| 1 |  | 1 flute | H-file |
| 2 |  | 2 flutes, diamond shape or parallelogram cross-section | B2 / Enlarger |
| 3 |  | 3 flutes, triangular cross-section | K-file / K-reamer |
| 4 |  | 4 flutes, square and/or rectangular cross-section | K-file |
| 5 |  | spiral cross-section | paste carrier |
| 6 |  | 3 flutes with recessed core | NiTi engine driven instrument |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 |  | eccentric cross-section | NiTi engine driven instrument |
| 8 |  | star | barbed broach |
| 9 | unspecified cross-section | — | — |

### 5.1.3 Tips

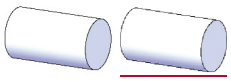
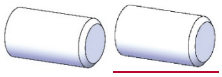
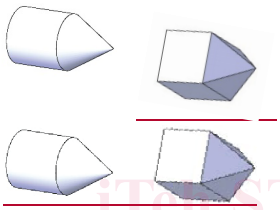
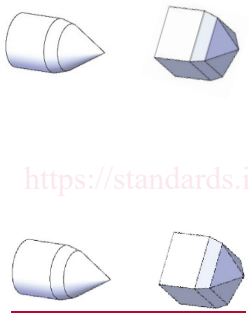
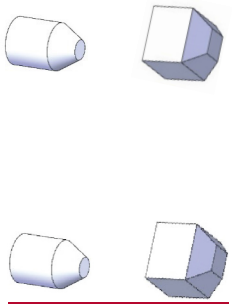
Digit 2 in Table 2 describes the tip design of the instruments from “0” to “9”, as defined in ISO 3630-1, ISO 3630-2, ISO 3630-3, ISO 3630-4, ISO 3630-5, and ISO 3630-7[1].



[1] Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/PWI 3630-7:2023.

**Table 3 — Description of the tips of the instrument**

| Tips | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Digit 2** | **~~Pictural~~Pictorial illustration** | **Description** |
| 0 |  | flat tip |
| 1 |  | flat tip with bevel or chamfer |
| 2 |  | conical or pyramidal tip |
| 3 |  | conical or pyramidal tip with a reduced transition angle |
| 4 |  | conical or pyramidal blunt tip |