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The main changes are as follows:

- the test procedures have been divided into spark plugs for natural aspirated engines and boosted engines;
- the test sequences have been modified.

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Road vehicles — Spark-plugs — Test methods and requirements

1 Scope

This document specifies the test methods and requirements for the mechanical and electrical performance of spark-plugs for use with spark ignition engines.

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 6518-1, *Road vehicles — Ignition systems — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 28741, *Road vehicles — Spark-plugs and their cylinder head housings — Basic characteristics and dimensions*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental Testing — Part 2-6: Tests — Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6518-1 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/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/iso-fdis-11565>

4 Test methods and requirements

4.1 General

The tests shall be carried out at an ambient temperature of (20 ± 15) °C and a relative humidity of (65 ± 20) % unless otherwise specified.

For each test sample in [Table 1](#), the test sequence is indicated by "X" from top to bottom.

Each test sequence shall be started with unused samples.

“Type A” refers to normally aspirated engines and “Type B” refers to boosted engines.

Which type (A or B) to be applied for each test shall be agreed between the customer and the supplier.

Table 1 — Test sequences

Characteristic to be checked	In accordance with sub-clause	Test sample					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
General characteristics (visual examination)	4.2	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dimensions	4.3	X	X	X	X	X	X
Resistance of incorporated element for radio frequency suppression	4.7.1	-	-	-	-	-	X
Loading life of the incorporated resistor	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	X
Mechanical strength of the shell	4.4.1	X	-	-	-	-	-
Tear off resistance of the high voltage terminal	4.4.2	-	X	-	-	-	-
Bending resistance	4.4.3	-	-	X	-	-	-
Gas tightness	4.5	-	-	-	X	-	-
Withstand voltage of the insulator	4.7.2	-	-	-	X	-	-
Vibration resistance	4.4.4	-	-	-	X	-	-
Gas tightness	4.5	-	-	-	X	-	-
Withstand voltage of the insulator	4.7.2	-	-	-	X	-	-
Thermal shock, thermal resistance	4.6	-	-	-	-	X	-
General characteristics (visual examination)	4.2	-	X	X	X	X	-

4.2 General characteristics

4.2.1 Test

Check the characteristics specified in [4.2.2](#) by visual examination. Carry out the visual examination using the naked eye, at normal strength of vision and normal colour perception, at the most favourable viewing distance and with suitable illumination.

The user shall be able to identify the item and verify its appearance, workmanship and finish against the relevant specification based on a visual examination.

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4.2.2 Requirements

4.2.2.1 The external gasket, if any, shall conform to ISO 28741 for the relevant spark plug.

4.2.2.2 The scavenging area shall be clean and without any foreign body.

4.2.2.3 The electrodes shall be fixed in position.

4.2.2.4 The shell shall be properly fixed to the insulator. There shall be no visible sign of corrosion. The thread shall be free from burrs or damage.

4.2.2.5 The insulator shall be smooth and uniform without abnormal appearance. The insulator shall not show chips, cracks or signs of shock damage.

4.2.2.6 The marking shall be as specified between customer and supplier.

4.3 Dimensions

4.3.1 Test

The dimensions shall be checked in accordance with ISO 28741, using random samples.