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Part 2-84:

**Particular requirements for the basic  
safety and essential performance of  
ventilators for the emergency medical  
services environment**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 80601-2-84:2020), which has been technically revised. The main changes are as follows:

- alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, and IEC 60601-1-12:2014+AMD1:2020;
- added requirements for a *responsible organization* log
- added requirements for the display legibility for *operators* wearing personal protective equipment;
- added requirements for display during calibration of gas monitors;
- clarified *maximum limited pressure* requirements;
- added requirements for *ventilator system recovery*;
- added requirements and definitions for *cybersecurity*; and

— harmonization with ISO 20417, where appropriate.

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## Introduction

In referring to the structure of this document, the term

- “clause” means one of the five numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8, etc.);
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 201.7, 201.8 and 201.9 are all subclauses of Clause 201).

References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular document are by number only.

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” is used to describe a possibility or capability; and
- “must” is used to indicate an external constraint.

Annex C contains a guide to the *marking* and labelling requirements in this document.

Annex D contains a summary of the *symbols* referenced in this document.

Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated. This is done to support automated requirements tracking.



# Medical electrical equipment —

## Part 2-84:

# Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ventilators for the emergency medical services environment

## 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, Clause 1 applies, except as follows:

### 201.1.1 Scope

*Replacement:*

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this subclause contained in Clause AA.2.

This document applies to the *basic safety* and *essential performance* of an *EMS ventilator* in combination with its *accessories*, hereafter also referred to as *ME equipment*:

- intended for *patients* who need differing levels of support from *artificial ventilation* including *ventilator-dependent patients*;
- intended to be operated by a *healthcare professional operator*;
- intended for use in the *EMS environment*; and
- intended for *invasive or non-invasive ventilation*.

NOTE 2 An *EMS ventilator* can also be used for transport within a *professional healthcare facility*.

An *EMS ventilator* is not considered to use a *physiologic closed loop-control system* unless it uses a *physiological patient variable* to adjust the *artificial ventilation* therapy settings.

This document is also applicable to those *accessories* intended by their *manufacturer* to be connected to the *ventilator breathing system*, or to an *EMS ventilator*, where the characteristics of those *accessories* can affect the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of the *EMS ventilator*.

NOTE 3 If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to *ME equipment* only, or to *ME systems* only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to *ME equipment* and to *ME systems*, as relevant.

*Hazards* inherent in the intended physiological function of *ME equipment* or *ME systems* within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE 4 Additional information can be found in IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 4.2.

This document does not specify the requirements for the following:

NOTE 5 See ISO/TR 21954 for guidance on the selection of the appropriate *ventilator* for a given *patient*.

- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for *ventilator-dependent patients* in critical care applications, which are given in ISO 80601-2-12.

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- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for *ventilator-dependent patients* in the *home healthcare environment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-72.
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for anaesthetic applications, which are given in ISO 80601-2-13.
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for ventilatory support equipment (intended only to augment the *ventilation* of spontaneously breathing *patients*), which are given in ISO 80601-2-79 and ISO 80601-2-80.
- obstructive sleep apnoea therapy *ME equipment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-70.
- user-powered resuscitators, which are given in ISO 10651-4.
- gas-powered emergency resuscitators, which are given in ISO 10651-5.
- *continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) ME equipment*.
- high-frequency jet *ventilators* (HFJVs), which are given in ISO 80601-2-87.
- high-frequency oscillatory *ventilators* (HFOVs)<sup>[44]</sup>, which are given in ISO 80601-2-87.

NOTE 6 An *EMS ventilator* can incorporate high-frequency jet or high-frequency oscillatory *ventilation-modes*.

- respiratory high-flow therapy equipment, which are given in ISO 80601-2-90.

NOTE 7 An *EMS ventilator* can incorporate high-flow therapy operational mode, but such a mode is only for spontaneously breathing *patients*.

- oxygen therapy constant flow *ME equipment*.

- cuirass or “iron-lung” *ventilators*.

### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular document is to establish *basic safety* and *essential performance* requirements for an *EMS ventilator*, as defined in 201.3.228, and its *accessories*.

*Accessories* are included because the combination of the *EMS ventilator* and the *accessories* needs to have acceptable *risk*. *Accessories* can have a significant impact on the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of an *EMS ventilator*.

NOTE 1 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles*<sup>[38]</sup> and labelling<sup>[39]</sup> guidances of the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF) as indicated in Annex CC.

NOTE 2 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles of safety and performance* of ISO 16142-1:2016 as indicated in Annex DD.

NOTE 3 This document has been prepared to address the relevant general safety and performance requirements of European regulation (EU) 2017/745<sup>[40]</sup>.

### 201.1.3 Collateral standards

*Amendment (add at the end of the subclause):*

This document refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and in 201.2 of this document.

NOTE The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020.

IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-8:2016+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 and IEC 60601-1-12:2014+AMD1:2020 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206, 208 and 212 respectively.

IEC 60601-1-3, IEC 60601-1-9, and IEC 60601-1-11 do not apply.

All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

### **201.1.4 Particular standards**

#### *Replacement:*

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard, including the collateral standards, as appropriate for the particular *ME equipment* under consideration, and may add other *basic safety* or *essential performance* requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 or the collateral standards.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 is referred to in this document as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular document corresponds to those of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "2xx" where xx is the final digits of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 208.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-8 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 or the applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular document.

"Addition" means that the text of this document is additional to the requirements of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 or the applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 or the applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this document.

Subclauses, figures or tables that are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.154, additional definitions in this document are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses or figures that are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where "x" is the number of the collateral standard (e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 208 for IEC 60601-1-8, etc.).

The term "this document" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular document taken together.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this document, the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 or the applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 or the applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular document.

## **201.2 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 32:1977, *Gas cylinders for medical use — Marking for identification of content*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 5356-1:2015, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

ISO 5359:2014+AMD1:2017, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Low-pressure hose assemblies for use with medical gases*

ISO 5367:2014, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Breathing sets and connectors*

ISO 7396-1:2016+AMD1:2017, *Medical gas pipeline systems — Part 1: Pipeline systems for compressed medical gases and vacuum*

ISO 9360-1:2000, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Heat and moisture exchangers (HMEs) for humidifying respired gases in humans — Part 1: HMEs for use with minimum tidal volumes of 250 ml*

ISO 9360-2:2001, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Heat and moisture exchangers (HMEs) for humidifying respired gases in humans — Part 2: HMEs for use with tracheostomized patients having minimum tidal volumes of 250 ml*

ISO 10524-1:2018, *Pressure regulators for use with medical gases — Part 1: Pressure regulators and pressure regulators with flow-metering devices*

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### 201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, and the following 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/>

#### 201.3.201

##### accompanying information

information accompanying or *marked* on a medical device or *accessory* for the user or those accountable for the installation, use, *processing*, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of the medical device or *accessory*, particularly regarding safe use

Note 1 to entry: The *accompanying information* shall be regarded as part of the medical device or *accessory*.

Note 2 to entry: The *accompanying information* can consist of the label, *marking*, *instructions for use*, *technical description*, installation manual, quick reference guide, etc.

Note 3 to entry: *Accompanying information* is not necessarily a written or printed document but could involve auditory, visual, or tactile materials and multiple media types (e.g., CD/DVD-ROM, USB stick, website).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.2, modified — deleted note 4.]

**201.3.202**

**acknowledged**

state of an *alarm system* initiated by *operator* action, where the auditory *alarm signal* associated with a currently active *alarm condition* is inactivated until the *alarm condition* no longer exists or until a predetermined time interval has elapsed

Note 1 to entry: *Acknowledged* only affects *alarm signals* that are active at the time of the *operator* action.

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.37]

**201.3.203**

**airway pressure**

$P_{aw}$

pressure at the *patient-connection port* or at the distal *outlet* of the equipment where there is no *patient-connection port*

Note 1 to entry: The *airway pressure* can be derived from pressure measurements made anywhere within the equipment.

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.1.4.41.1]

**201.3.204**

**alarm condition delay**

time from the occurrence of a triggering event either in the *patient*, for *physiological alarm conditions*, or in the equipment, for *technical alarm conditions*, to when the *alarm system* determines that an *alarm condition* exists

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.2]

**201.3.205**

**alarm limit**

threshold used by an *alarm system* to determine an *alarm condition*

<https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8a7b0329-c683-4c15-a7fe-3be2f55aae1a/iso-80601-2-84-2023>

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.3]

**201.3.206**

**alarm off**

state of indefinite duration in which an *alarm system* or part of an *alarm system* does not generate *alarm signals*

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.4]

**201.3.207**

**alarm paused**

state of limited duration in which the *alarm system* or part of the *alarm system* does not generate *alarm signals*

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.5]

**201.3.208**

**alarm settings**

*alarm system* configuration, including but not limited to:

- *alarm limits*;
- the characteristics of any *alarm signal* inactivation states; and
- the values of variables or parameters that determine the function of the *alarm system*

Note 1 to entry: Some algorithmically-determined *alarm settings* can require time to be determined or re-determined.