
**Traditional Chinese medicine — Air
extraction cupping device**

*Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Dispositif de bombement à
extraction d'air*

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Introduction

Cupping therapy is one of the most widely used traditional medical methods, which creates a partial vacuum in cups placed on the skin either by means of heat or mechanical devices (hand or electrical pumps). In the Middle East, cupping therapy has been used since 1550 B.C. and widely spread by Muhammad as Hijama. In East Asia, cupping therapy has been used since the Han dynasty and developed to slide cupping, medicated cupping, retained cupping, etc. In Europe, cupping also has been used since the Greek era and developed as cupping therapy in England, Schröpfkopf in German, Ventouse in France, Vanka in Russia, etc. These days, cupping devices are commonly used in traditional therapies through various techniques. Even though cupping device is widely used and produced in a number of countries and companies, there is no international standard for cupping device yet. In the aspect of safety, the cupping device directly contacts the skin, and in the case of bloodletting cupping, it directly contacts open wounds which involves bleeding. To prevent wound infection, it should be distinguished and developed differently in the case of intact skin or wounded skin usage. In addition, as a medical device that directly contacts blood, it requires the use of disposable cups. The performance requirements specified in this document are needed.

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