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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5840-1:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows: the engineering and clinical requirements in the ISO 5840 series have been updated to current specifications and integrated and harmonized across all parts.

A list of all parts in the ISO 5840 series can be found on the ISO website.

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Introduction

There is, as yet, no heart valve substitute which can be regarded as ideal.

The ISO 5840 series has been prepared by a group well aware of the issues associated with heart valve substitutes and their development. In several areas, the provisions of the ISO 5840 series deliberately have not been specified to encourage development and innovation. It does specify the types of tests, provides guidance for test methods and test apparatuses and requires documentation of test methods and results. The areas with which the ISO 5840 series are concerned are those which ensure that associated risks to the patient and other users of the device have been adequately mitigated, facilitate quality assurance, aid the clinician in choosing a heart valve substitute, and ensure that the device is presented in a convenient form. Emphasis has been placed on specifying types of *in vitro* testing, preclinical *in vivo* and clinical evaluations, reporting of all *in vitro*, preclinical *in vivo*, and clinical evaluations, and the labelling and packaging of the device. Such a process involving *in vitro*, preclinical *in vivo*, and clinical evaluations is intended to clarify the required procedures prior to market release and to enable prompt identification and management of any subsequent problems.

With regard to *in vitro* testing and reporting, apart from basic material testing for mechanical, physical, chemical, and biocompatibility characteristics, the ISO 5840 series also covers important hydrodynamic and durability characteristics of heart valve substitutes and systems required for their implantation. The ISO 5840 series does not specify exact test methods for hydrodynamic and durability testing, but it offers guidelines for the test apparatus.

The ISO 5840 series is intended to be revised, updated, and/or amended as knowledge and techniques in heart valve substitute technology improve.

This document is used in conjunction with ISO 5840-2 and ISO 5840-3.

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Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This document is applicable to heart valve substitutes intended for implantation and provides general requirements. Subsequent parts of the ISO 5840 series provide specific requirements.

This document is applicable to newly developed and modified heart valve substitutes and to the accessory devices, packaging, and labelling required for their implantation and for determining the appropriate size of the heart valve substitute to be implanted.

ISO 5840-1 outlines an approach for verifying/validating the design and manufacture of a heart valve substitute through risk management. The selection of appropriate qualification tests and methods are derived from the risk assessment. The tests can include those to assess the physical, chemical, biological, and mechanical properties of heart valve substitutes and of their materials and components. The tests can also include those for preclinical *in vivo* evaluation and clinical evaluation of the finished heart valve substitute.

ISO 5840-1 defines operational conditions for heart valve substitutes.

ISO 5840-1 furthermore defines terms that are also applicable to ISO 5840-2 and ISO 5840-3.

ISO 5840-1 does not provide requirements specific to homografts, tissue engineered heart valves (e.g. valves intended to regenerate *in vivo*), and heart valve substitutes designed for implantation in circulatory support devices. Some of the provisions of ISO 5840-1 can be applied to valves made from human tissue that is rendered non-viable.

NOTE A rationale for the provisions of ISO 5840-1 is given in [Annex A](#).

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 5840-2, *Cardiovascular implants — Cardiac valve prostheses — Part 2: Surgically implanted heart valve substitutes*

ISO 5840-3, *Cardiovascular implants — Cardiac valve prostheses — Part 3: Heart valve substitutes implanted by transcatheter techniques*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 11135, *Sterilization of health-care products — Ethylene oxide — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137 (all parts), *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation*

ISO 11607 (all parts), *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices*

ISO 13485, *Medical devices — Quality management systems — Requirements for regulatory purposes*