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Transfusion equipment for medical use — Part 3: Blood-taking set

1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 1135 specifies requirements for types of blood-taking sets for medical use in order to ensure functional interchangeability of transfusion equipment.

The materials and the components of the sets are validated by various test methods (type tests) and, in addition, tests are performed for the release of lots of finished sets (lot tests).

The manufacturer shall select appropriate test methods to comply with the requirements laid down in this part of ISO 1135.

Secondary aims of this part of ISO 1135 are to provide

- a) specifications relating to the quality and performance of materials used in transfusion equipment;
- b) a unified presentation of terms and designations for such equipment.

In some countries, the national pharmacopoeia or other national regulations are legally binding and take precedence over this part of ISO 1135.

This part of ISO 1135 specifies requirements applicable to sterilized blood-taking sets intended for single use and for a single donor only.

2 References

ISO 1773, *Laboratory glassware — Boiling flasks (narrow-necked)*.

ISO 3696, *Water for laboratory use — Specifications and test methods*.¹⁾

ISO 7864, *Sterile hypodermic needles for single use*.

3 General requirements

3.1 Types of sets

The blood-taking set shall consist of the blood-taking assembly and the air-outlet assembly, which may be separate or combined.

A diagram of a typical blood-taking set is illustrated in the figure.

3.2 Blood-taking assembly

The blood-taking assembly shall consist of a needle for vein puncture (the blood-taking needle) and of a needle (the bottle needle) to be inserted through one of the specified areas provided on the bottle closure. Each needle is connected to one end of a length of tubing.

3.3 Air-outlet assembly

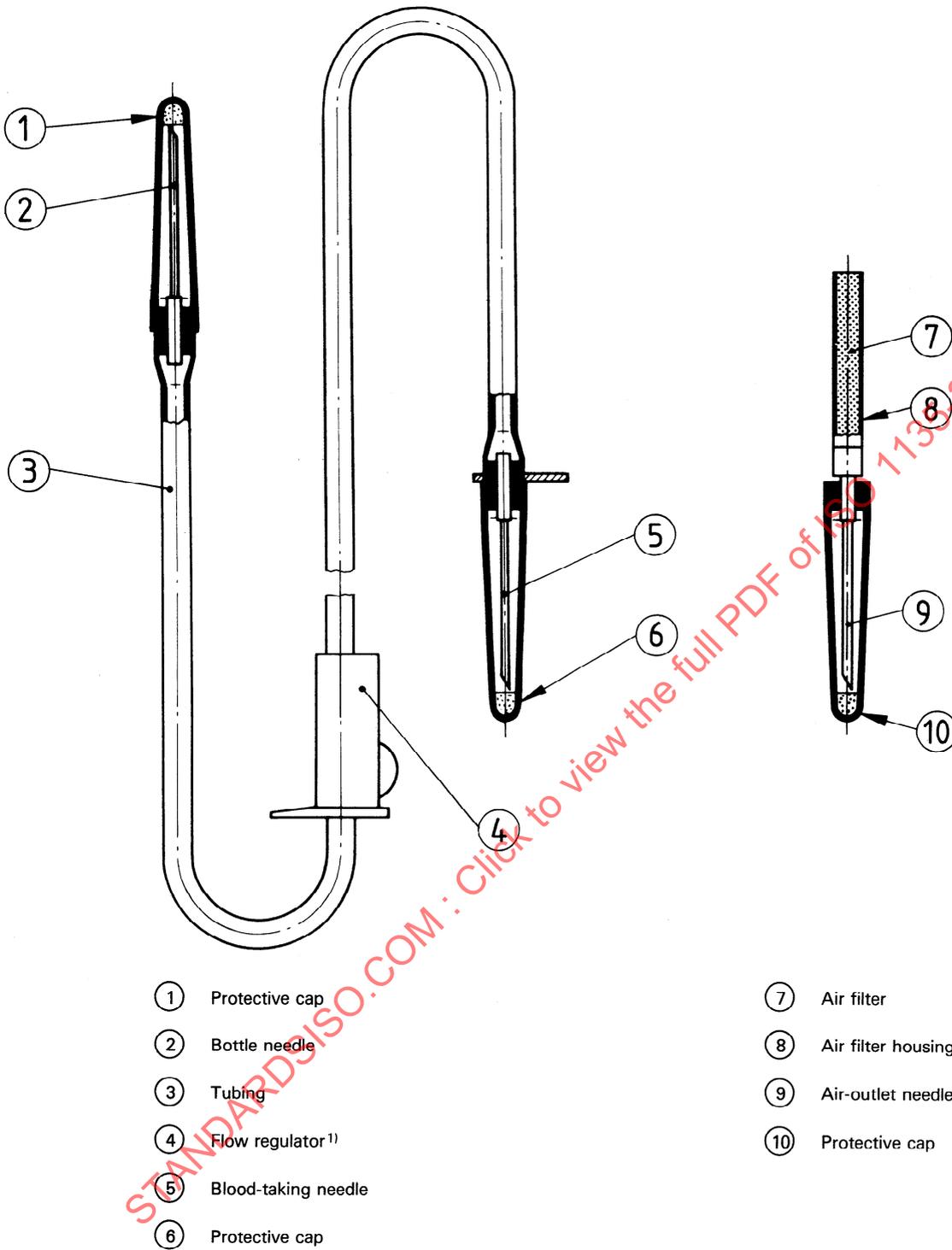
The air-outlet assembly shall consist of an air filter housing with air filter combined with a needle (the air-outlet needle) for piercing the specified area provided on the bottle closure.

The filter shall be capable of preventing microbial ingress.

3.4 Sterilization

The set shall be sterile in its unit container. Evidence of the effectiveness of the sterilization process used shall be provided.

1) At present at the stage of draft.



a) Blood-taking assembly

b) Air-outlet assembly

NOTE — The figure illustrates an example of the configuration of a typical blood-taking set but it does not form part of the requirements for blood-taking sets as laid down in this part of ISO 1135.

Figure — Blood-taking set

1) Optional

3.5 Maintenance of sterility

The set shall be provided with protective caps designed to maintain sterility of the internal surface of the set and the internal and external surfaces of the needles until the set is used.

3.6 Designation examples

3.6.1 Designation example of a blood-taking set (TK) with a separate air-outlet assembly (S) complying with the requirements laid down in this part of ISO 1135:

Blood-taking set ISO 1135/3 - TK - S

3.6.2 Designation example of a blood-taking set (TK) with a combined air-outlet assembly (C) complying with the requirements laid down in this part of ISO 1135:

Blood-taking set ISO 1135/3 - TK - C

4 Materials

The materials from which the blood-taking set is made shall not have undesirable effects on the blood passing through the set under ordinary conditions of use, or on the fluids used in connection with the blood. They shall not produce any general toxic effects or any local reaction on the recipient of the blood.

Appropriate type tests for assessing biological compatibility are given in annex C.

5 Physical requirements

5.1 Integrity

The blood-taking set, when tested in accordance with annex A, shall show no signs of air leakage.

5.2 Connection between the needle hub and tubing

The connection of the needle hub and the tubing shall withstand a static tensile force of 20 N for 15 s.

5.3 Bottle needle

5.3.1 The bottle needle shall not be less than 35 mm in length. The external diameter shall not be less than 1,8 mm and the internal diameter shall not be less than 70 % of the external diameter.

5.3.2 The internal and external surfaces of the needle tube shall be clean and smooth.

5.3.3 The joint between the needle tube and the needle hub shall withstand a static tensile force or compressive force of 90 N for 15 s along the longitudinal axis.

5.3.4 The bottle needle shall be designed in accordance with ISO 7864 in order to minimize the number of rubber particles when the closure is pierced.

5.4 Air-outlet needle

The air-outlet needle shall have an internal diameter not less than 0,7 mm, an external diameter not greater than 1,9 mm and a needle not exceeding 25 mm in length.

5.5 Blood-taking needle

5.5.1 The blood-taking needle shall not be less than 35 mm in length. The external diameter shall not be greater than 2 mm and the internal diameter shall not be less than 70 % of the external diameter.

5.5.2 The internal and external surface of the needle tube shall be clean and smooth. The bevel of the needle shall be sharp and free from ridges, burrs and barbs.

5.5.3 The joint between the needle tube and the needle hub shall withstand a static tensile force or compressive force of 20 N for 15 s along the longitudinal axis.

5.6 Tubing

The tubing shall have an internal diameter of not less than 2,7 mm. It shall not be less than 600 mm in length. The tubing shall be flexible and shall not have any kinks.

5.7 Flow regulator

5.7.1 The flow regulator shall be capable of adjusting the flow of the blood between zero and the maximum.

5.7.2 The flow regulator shall be capable of continuous use throughout a donation without damaging the tubing. There shall be no deleterious reaction between the flow regulator and the tubing when stored in contact.

6 Chemical requirements

6.1 Reducing (oxidizable) matter

When tested in accordance with clause B.2, the total amount of potassium permanganate solution, $c(\text{KMnO}_4) = 0,002 \text{ mol/l}$, used shall not exceed 2,0 ml.

6.2 Metal ions

The extract shall not contain in total more than 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (1 ppm) of barium, chromium, copper, lead and tin, and not more than 0,1 $\mu\text{g/l}$ (0,1 ppm) of cadmium, when determined by atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS) or equivalent method.

When tested in accordance with clause B.3, the colour produced in the test solution shall not exceed that of the standard matching solution containing $\rho(\text{Pb}^{2+}) = 1 \mu\text{g/ml}$.

6.3 Titration acidity or alkalinity

When tested in accordance with clause B.4, not more than 1 ml of either standard volumetric solution shall be required for the indicator to change to the colour grey.

6.4 Residue on evaporation

When tested in accordance with clause B.5, the total amount of dry residue shall not exceed 5 mg.

6.5 Absorbance

When tested in accordance with clause B.6, the extract solution S_1 shall not show absorbance greater than 0,1 (optical density).

7 Biological requirements

The blood-taking set shall not release any substances which may adversely affect the therapeutic effectiveness of the blood or the blood components, including those substances which may exhibit toxic, pyrogenic, bacteriostatic, bactericidal or haemolytic reactions.

7.1 Requirements for type test

The type test shall be established and assessed by an expert (or experts) in the transfusion field and on toxicology of plastics material. It shall cover the following elements:

- a) General biocompatibility of the plastics material of the set.

Materials shall be assessed for biocompatibility by carrying out suitable tests for those properties detailed in clause C.2 and the results of the tests shall indicate freedom from toxicity.

NOTE — In many countries there are national pharmacopeias, governmental regulations or standards detailing suitable tests for assessing biocompatibility. However, if no such regulations are provided, the test methods specified in the table should be used.

- b) Compatibility of the blood-taking set with the process of manufacture and sterilization.

The process of manufacture and sterilization, and the prolonged contact with the blood or blood components shall not alter properties of the plastics material and of the set itself.

- c) Compatibility of the plastics material of the set with blood and blood components.

Absence of migration after sterilization and prolonged contact of the constituents of the plastics material shall not alter the properties of the blood or blood components or cause any toxicological risk for the patient.

- d) Biocompatibility of the plastics set with the cellular elements of the blood or blood components.

7.2 Requirements for lot test

7.2.1 Sterility

The blood-taking set shall be assessed for sterility using a suitable test (guidance on testing for sterility is given in annex C) and the results shall indicate that the blood-taking set is sterile.

7.2.2 Pyrogens

The blood-taking set supplied shall be assessed for freedom from pyrogens using a suitable test (guidance on testing for pyrogens is given in annex C) and the results shall indicate that the blood-taking set is free from pyrogenicity.

8 Marking and labelling

8.1 Unit container

The unit container of a blood-taking set for single use shall be marked with the following information:

- a) a description of the contents in words and/or pictorially;
- b) indications that the blood-taking set is sterile, free from pyrogens and for single use only;
- c) instructions for the use of the blood-taking set, including a warning note about detached protective caps;
- d) the year and month of sterilization, where applicable, and the date of expiry, where applicable;
- e) the lot (batch) number;
- f) the manufacturer's and/or supplier's name and address;
- g) a statement to the effect that the blood-taking set shall be destroyed after use;
- h) the recommended storage conditions, if any.

8.2 Shelf or multi-unit container

Shelf or multi-unit containers shall be marked with the following information:

- a) a description of the contents, in words and/or pictorially;
- b) the number of blood-taking sets;
- c) instructions for use in each shelf container, or on the unit container;
- d) the word "STERILE" in prominent lettering;

NOTE — This may form part of the description listed under a) above.

- e) the manufacturer's or supplier's name;
- f) the lot (batch) number;
- g) the year and month of sterilization, where applicable, and the date of expiry, where applicable;
- h) the recommended storage conditions, if any.

8.3 Outer or transit container

Outer or transit containers shall be marked with the following information:

- a) the manufacturer's or supplier's name and address;
- b) a description of the contents, in words and/or pictorially;
- c) the number of blood-taking sets;
- d) the lot (batch) number;

- e) the year and month of sterilization, where applicable, and the date of expiry where applicable;
- f) the recommended storage conditions, if any.

9 Packaging

9.1 The blood-taking sets shall be individually packed so that the sets remain sterile during storage.

9.2 The blood-taking sets shall be packed and sterilized so that there are no flattened portions or kinks when they are ready for use.

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Annex A

Test for integrity

The sterilized blood-taking set, with one end blocked, shall not leak under an internal air pressure of 20 kPa (200 mbar) above the atmospheric air pressure, when immersed in water at 20 to 30 °C for 15 s.

Annex B

Chemical tests on the extract

B.1 Preparation of extract and blank

The tests shall be carried out on sterilized sets.

Make a closed circulation system from three sets and a 300 ml borosilicate glass boiling flask. Fit to the flask a thermostat device that maintains the temperature of the liquid in the flask at 37 ± 1 °C. Circulate 250 ml of purified water¹⁾ for injections, conforming to the national pharmacopoeia, through the system for 2 h at a rate of 1 l/h (e.g. using a peristaltic pump applied to a piece of suitable silicone tubing that is as short as possible). Collect all of the solution and allow to cool. This is the extract solution S_1 .

An aliquot of 250 ml of purified water for injections which has been pumped through the closed circulation system without the blood-taking sets integrated shall be used as the blank solution S_0 .

The extract solution S_1 and the blank solution S_0 thus obtained shall be used for the chemical and biological tests.

B.2 Test for reducing (oxidizable) matter

Add to 10 ml of extract solution S_1 , prepared in accordance with clause B.1, 10 ml of potassium permanganate solution, $c(\text{KMnO}_4) = 0,002$ mol/l, and 1 ml of sulfuric acid solution, $c(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4) = 1$ mol/l, agitate and allow to react for 15 min at room temperature.

After 0,1 g of potassium iodide has been added, titrate the solution against a sodium thiosulfate standard volumetric solution, $c(\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3) = 0,005$ mol/l, until it goes light brown in colour. Add 5 drops of starch solution and continue the titration until the blue colour has disappeared.

At the same time, carry out a blank test.

Calculate the volume, in millilitres, of 0,002 mol/l potassium permanganate solution consumed as the difference between the two titrations.

B.3 Test for metal ions

Test 10 ml of extract solution S_1 , prepared in accordance with clause B.1, for metal ions, using procedures endorsed by the national pharmacopoeia. Determine the degree of colouration of the extract solution S_1 .

B.4 Test for titration acidity or alkalinity

Add 0,1 ml Tashiro indicator solution to 20 ml of extract solution S_1 in a titration flask.

If the colour of the resulting solution is violet, titrate with sodium hydroxide standard volumetric solution, $c(\text{NaOH}) = 0,01$ mol/l, and, if green, with hydrochloric acid standard volumetric solution, $c(\text{HCl}) = 0,01$ mol/l, until a greyish colour appears.

Report the result in millilitres of sodium hydroxide solution or hydrochloric acid solution used.

B.5 Test for non-volatile residue

Transfer 50 ml of extract solution S_1 to a tared evaporating dish, and evaporate to dryness at a temperature just below boiling point.

Heat to constant weight at 105 °C.

Treat 50 ml of a blank solution S_0 in the same manner.

Report the result as the difference, in milligrams, between the residual masses obtained from the extract solution S_1 and the blank solution S_0 .

¹⁾ The purified water is prepared by distillation, using either an ion exchanger or any other suitable process. Purified water as specified in various national pharmacopoeias corresponds to grade 1 and grade 2 water as specified in ISO 3696.

B.6 Test for absorbance

Pass the extract solution S_1 through a membrane filter (0,45 μm) to avoid stray light interferences. Within 5 h of preparation, place the solution in a scanning UV spectrometer

in a 1 cm quartz cell with the blank solution S_0 in the reference cell and record the spectrum in the wavelength range from 250 to 320 nm.

Report the result as a recorded diagram showing the absorbance (extinction) plotted versus the wavelength.

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Annex C

Biological tests

C.1 Preparation of the extract

In aseptic conditions, pass 50 ml of a sterilized, pyrogen-free sodium chloride solution [$\rho(\text{NaCl}) = 9 \text{ g/l}$] at a flow rate of approximately 10 ml/min through each of five sterilized sets and combine the effluents.

To prevent secondary contamination, the test liquids should be used within 30 min after passing through the blood-taking sets.

C.2 Type test

The biological test methods listed in the table shall be considered as a guide when biological compatibility is being assessed.

C.3 Lot test

C.3.1 Sterility

The test shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the national pharmacopoeia or national standards detailing suitable sterility tests. However, where no such regulations exist, a test method recommended under C.2.8 in the table should be used.

C.3.2 Pyrogens

The test shall be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the national pharmacopoeia or national standards. However, where no such regulations exist, the test method recommended under C.2.7 in the table should be used.

Table — Recommended biological test methods

Reference	Biological test	Recommended test method to be used where national regulations do not exist
C.2.1	Cell culture cytotoxicity	ASTM F 813, <i>Practice for Direct Contact Cell Culture Evaluation of Materials for Medical Devices</i>
C.2.2	Intramuscular implantation (short-term)	BS 5736: Part 2, <i>Method of testing by tissue implantation</i> French Pharmacopoeia United States Pharmacopoeia
C.2.3	Hemolysis	European Pharmacopoeia
C.2.4	Systemic injection (acute toxicity)	BS 5736: Part 3, <i>Method of test for systemic toxicity; assessment of acute toxicity of extracts from medical devices</i> European Pharmacopoeia United States Pharmacopoeia
C.2.5	Sensitization	ASTM F 748, <i>Practice for Selecting Generic Biological Test Methods for Materials and Devices</i> BS 5736: Part 6, <i>Methods of test for sensitization. Assessment of the potential of medical devices to produce delayed contact dermatitis</i>
C.2.6	Intracutaneous injection (Irritation)	BS 5736: Part 4, <i>Method of test for intracutaneous reactivity of extracts from medical devices</i> United States Pharmacopoeia
C.2.7	Rabbit pyrogen test	BS 5736: Part 5, <i>Method of test for systemic toxicity; assessment of pyrogenicity in rabbits of extracts from medical devices</i>
C.2.8	Sterility test	United States Pharmacopoeia European Pharmacopoeia