
**Anaesthetic and respiratory
equipment — Air entrainment devices**

*Matériel d'anesthésie et de réanimation respiratoire — Dispositifs
d'entraînement d'air*

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Foreword

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Introduction

Air entrainment devices, commonly known as venturi masks, are used to provide a known concentration of oxygen to a patient at a known set flow. This is achieved by driving the oxygen through a controlled diameter orifice and entraining room air through side openings. These devices are available in various concentrations and can ensure continuity over a long period of time within relatively close limits of accuracy.

However, the use of these devices does not guarantee that the patient receives the designated oxygen concentration as there are physiological factors such as the patient's ventilatory pattern, lung compliance and airway resistance, and physical factors such as the fit of the mask, movement by the patient, etc^[2].

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1 Scope

This document specifies minimum performance and safety requirements for *air entrainment devices* used for delivery of designated oxygen concentrations to patients. It provides a test method to check the accuracy of the oxygen concentration in the air/oxygen mixture generated by the *air entrainment devices*. *Air entrainment devices* can be fixed to deliver a single oxygen concentration or adjustable, to deliver a range of oxygen concentration outputs.

This document also specifies marking requirements and recommends an optional system of colour coding to assist the user in identifying the designated oxygen concentration.

This document does not cover *air entrainment devices* which are integral with medical devices specified in other standards (e.g. emergency lung ventilators, humidifiers, nebulizers).

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

ISO 15002, *Flow-metering devices for connection to terminal units of medical gas pipeline systems*

ISO 18190:2016, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — General requirements for airways and related equipment*

ISO 18562-1, *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 20417, *Medical devices — Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

ISO 80369-2¹⁾, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 2: Connectors for respiratory applications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

3.1

air entrainment device

device consisting of a jet orifice adjacent to a series of air entrainment ports

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4 General requirements

The requirements of ISO 18190:2016, Clause 4, shall apply.

5 Materials

5.1 General

The requirements of ISO 18190:2016, Clause 5, shall apply.

5.2 Biocompatibility of breathing gas pathways

Materials used to manufacture *air entrainment devices* shall be tested and evaluated for biocompatibility of the breathing gas pathways as specified in ISO 18562-1.

Check conformance by inspection of the technical file.

6 Design requirements

6.1 General

6.1.1 The requirements of ISO 18190:2016, Clause 6, shall apply.

6.1.2 *Air entrainment devices* shall be designed to operate with an oxygen supply controlled by a flow-control device complying with ISO 15002 and capable of delivering at least 15 l/min when connected to respiratory therapy tubing.

Check conformance by inspection of the technical file.

6.1.3 *Air entrainment devices* shall deliver oxygen within the minimum and maximum concentrations given in [Table 1](#) for their declared, designated oxygen concentrations at the minimum and maximum flows specified by the manufacturer [see [7.3 b](#))].

Check conformance by the test method given in [Annex A](#).

Table 1 — Delivered oxygen concentrations, colour allocations and colour references

Designated O ₂ concentration	Delivered O ₂ concentration		Colour	Example of Pantone ^a colour code
	min. (%) volume fraction	max. (%) volume fraction		
24	23	25	Blue	285 C
28	27	29	White	11-0601 TCX
31	30	32	Orange	021 CP
35	33	37	Yellow	12-0633 TCX
40	38	42	Red	Bright red C
50	47	53	Pink	12-1706 TPG
60	56	64	Green	Green CP

^a Pantone is an example of a suitable colour definition available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO.

6.2 Oxygen inlet connectors

Oxygen inlet connectors shall be an R2 socket small-bore connector complying with ISO 80369-2.

Check conformance by inspection of the technical file.

6.3 Outlet connectors

Outlet connectors shall be a 22 mm socket complying with ISO 5356-1.

Check conformance by inspection of the technical file.

6.4 Air inlet attachments

Any air inlet attachment provided with, or recommended for use with, the *air entrainment device* shall not:

a) affect the safety or the performance of the device;

Check conformance by inspection of the risk management file.

b) obscure any markings on the device, or

Check conformance by functional testing and inspection.

c) become detached when subjected to an axial tensile force of $(5 \pm 0,5)$ N for 60 s.

Check conformance by securing the attachment so that it is not distorted and applying an axial tensile force of $(5 \pm 0,5)$ N to the oxygen inlet connector of the *air entrainment device* for (60 ± 2) s. Record whether the device separates from the air inlet attachment.

Repeat the test applying the axial force in the opposite direction, i.e. compressing the device into the attachment.

7 Information to be provided by the manufacturer

7.1 General

7.1.1 The requirements of ISO 18190:2016, Clause 9, shall apply.

7.1.2 The information to be provided by the manufacturer shall comply with ISO 20417.

7.2 Marking

7.2.1 *Air entrainment devices* shall be marked with:

a) the appropriate designated oxygen concentration as specified in [Table 1](#) in characters at least 2,5 mm high;

b) the recommended flow in l/min in characters at least 2,5 mm high; and

c) if colour coding is used to differentiate the designated concentrations, the colours shall be those specified in [Table 1](#).

Check conformance by inspection.

7.2.2 *Air entrainment devices* with a means to adjust the delivered oxygen concentrations shall be marked with:

- a) each designated oxygen concentration that the *air entrainment device* is designed to deliver, as specified in [Table 1](#), in characters at least 2,5 mm high; and
- b) the direction of movement to increase the delivered oxygen concentration.

Check conformance by inspection.

7.3 Instructions for use

Air entrainment devices shall be provided with instructions for use which shall include the following:

- a) a table or graph showing the relationship between the oxygen supply flow and the resulting total flow of the delivered air/oxygen mixture;
- b) the minimum, and maximum flows of oxygen which enable the *air entrainment device* to achieve the designed performance; and
- c) for adjustable *air entrainment devices*, a warning to the effect that means of determining the patient's oxygenation, (e.g. pulse oximeter), and inspired oxygen, (e.g. oxygen monitor), should be used.

Check conformance by inspection.

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Annex A (normative)

Test method for delivered oxygen concentration

A.1 Principle

A controlled flow of oxygen is passed through the *air entrainment device* and the output measured using a pre-calibrated oxygen analyser. The test is carried out at the manufacturer's declared minimum and maximum input flows. The results are then compared to the requirements listed in [Table 1](#) for each of the designated concentrations tested.

A.2 Apparatus

A.2.1 Oxygen supply and flowmeter with control valve, the flowmeter shall be capable of delivering and measuring flows between 3 l/min and 30 l/min with an accuracy of $\pm 2,5$ %.

A.2.2 Sampling T-piece, as shown in [Figure A.1](#).

If manufacturers design the T-piece inlet to connect to their particular design of *air entrainment device*, they should make details of this T-piece available to test houses.

The side branch can be varied to suit the design of oxygen analyser, and it is essential that it provides a close fit to the oxygen sensor or analyser sampling tube in order to prevent leakage to or from the atmosphere.

The inclusion of corrugated breathing tubing between the outlet of an *air entrainment device* and the face mask has been found to modify the inspired oxygen concentration. If an *air entrainment device* is intended to be used only with a particular delivery system, the manufacturer can perform these tests with the system attached and record this fact in the test report(s).

A.2.3 Oxygen analyser, capable of measuring the concentration of oxygen with an accuracy of $\pm 0,1$ % oxygen within the zone shown in [Figure A.1](#).

A.2.4 Equipment, capable of measuring barometric pressure, relative humidity and ambient temperature with an accuracy of ± 2 %.

A.3 Procedure

A.3.1 Ensure that good ventilation or scavenging of the mixture from the devices under test is provided to prevent entrainment of air which has already been enriched by oxygen from previous experiments.

A.3.2 If the device is intended to be re-used, condition it prior to these tests by subjecting it to twenty cycles of cleaning and sterilization in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

A.3.3 Carry out the tests at conditions of (22 ± 2) °C, 101,3 kPa and (50 ± 5) % RH, or correct results to these conditions.

A.3.4 Assemble the *air entrainment device* to be tested to the T-piece (A.2.2) ensuring that there are no leaks. Connect the oxygen supply flowmeter (A.2.1) to the inlet connector of the *air entrainment device* with the tubing recommended by the manufacturer (see Figure A.2). If the *air entrainment device* is intended for use with an air inlet attachment, fit the attachment.

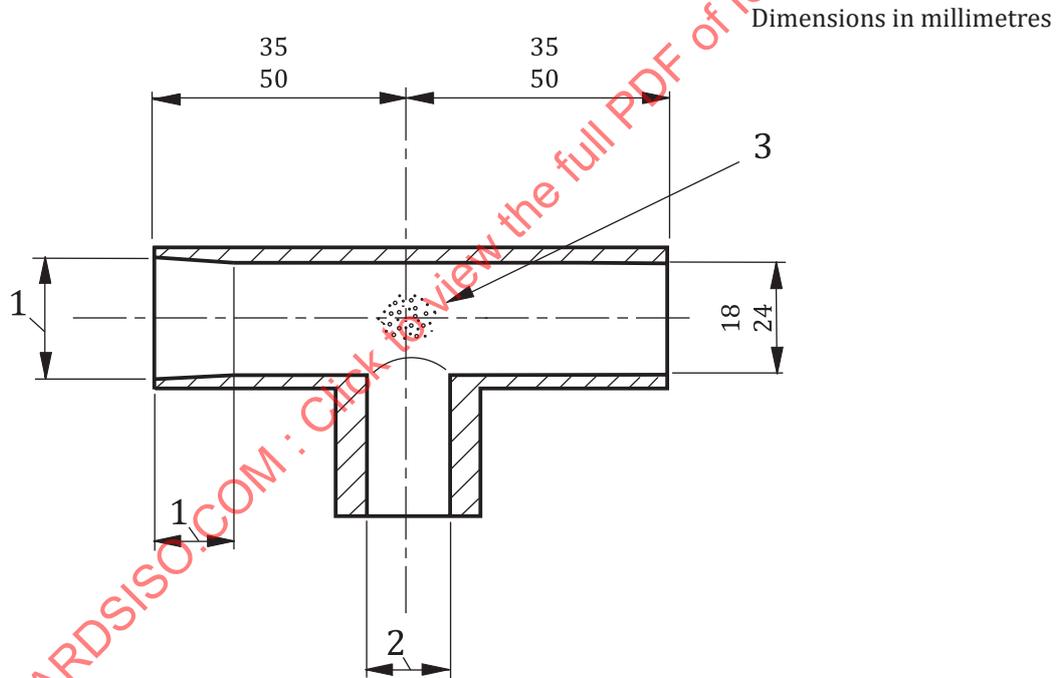
A.3.5 Calibrate the oxygen analyser (A.2.3) according to the manufacturer’s instructions and connect or position it so as to take samples from the zone shown in Figure A.1.

A.3.6 Adjust the oxygen supply flowmeter control to the minimum flow stated by the manufacturer of the *air entrainment device* and record the oxygen analyser reading after approximately 3 min. Correct the reading to 20 °C and 101,3 kPa (A.2.4).

A.3.7 Repeat the test at the maximum flow stated by the manufacturer of the *air entrainment device*.

A.4 Conclusions

Record the results and verify that they comply with the requirements given in Table 1.



Key

- 1 to fit the *air entrainment device* under test
- 2 to suit the O₂ analyser probe
- 3 sample oxygen concentration within 10 mm spherical zone indicated

Figure A.1 — T-piece