
**Implants for surgery — Metallic
materials —**

Part 11:
**Wrought titanium 6-aluminium
7-niobium alloy**

Implants chirurgicaux — Produits à base de métaux —

*Partie 11: Alliage à forger à base de titane, d'aluminium 6 et de
niobium 7*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 5832-11:1994), which has been technically revised.

ISO 5832 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials*:

- Part 1: *Wrought stainless steel*
- Part 2: *Unalloyed titanium*
- Part 3: *Wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium alloy*
- Part 4: *Cobalt-chromium-molybdenum casting alloy*
- Part 5: *Wrought cobalt-chromium-tungsten-nickel alloy*
- Part 6: *Wrought cobalt-nickel-chromium-molybdenum alloy*
- Part 7: *Forgeable and cold-formed cobalt-chromium-nickel-molybdenum-iron alloy*
- Part 8: *Wrought cobalt-nickel-chromium-molybdenum-tungsten-iron alloy*
- Part 9: *Wrought high nitrogen stainless steel*
- Part 11: *Wrought titanium 6-aluminium 7-niobium alloy*
- Part 12: *Wrought cobalt-chromium-molybdenum alloy*
- Part 14: *Wrought titanium 15-molybdenum 5-zirconium 3-aluminium alloy*

Introduction

No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to be completely free of adverse reactions in the human body. However, long-term clinical experience of the use of the material referred to in this part of ISO 5832 has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected, when the material is used in appropriate applications.

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Part 11:

Wrought titanium 6-aluminium 7-niobium alloy

1 Scope

This part of ISO 5832 specifies the characteristics of, and corresponding test methods for, the wrought titanium alloy known as titanium 6-aluminium 7-niobium alloy (Ti-6-Al 7-Nb) for use in the manufacture of surgical implants.

NOTE The mechanical properties of a sample obtained from a finished product made of this alloy might not necessarily comply with those specified in this part of ISO 5832.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 20160:2006, *Implants for surgery — Metallic materials — Classification of microstructures for alpha+beta titanium alloy bars*

3 Chemical composition

The heat analysis shall conform to the requirements as to the chemical composition prescribed in [Table 1](#). Ingot analysis can be used for reporting all chemical requirements except hydrogen, which shall be determined after the heat treatment and pickling procedure.

Table 1

Element	Compositional limits % (m/m)
Aluminium	5,5 to 6,5
Niobium	6,5 to 7,5
Tantalum	0,50 max.
Iron	0,25 max.
Oxygen	0,20 max.
Carbon	0,08 max.
Nitrogen	0,05 max.
Hydrogen	0,009 max.
Titanium	Balance

4 Microstructure

The microstructure, when examined as indicated in [Table 3](#), shall be alpha + beta, and shall correspond to ISO 20160:2006, micrograph A 1 to micrograph A 9, for annealed material.

5 Mechanical properties

The tensile properties of the alloy, determined as specified in [Clause 6](#), shall be in accordance with the requirements of [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Mechanical properties of alloy in annealed condition

Form of alloy	Tensile strength min. MPa	Proof stress of non-proportional elongation min. MPa	Percentage elonga- tion min. %	Reduction of area min. %
Bar ^a	900	800	10	25
^a Maximum diameter or thickness = 100 mm.				

Should any of the pieces not meet the specified requirements or should they break outside the gauge limits, two further test pieces representative of the same batch shall be tested in the same manner. The alloy shall be deemed to comply only if both additional test pieces meet the specified requirements.

If any of the retests fail to meet the appropriate requirements, the product represented shall be deemed not to comply with this part of ISO 5832.

6 Test methods

The test methods to be used in determining compliance with the requirements of this part of ISO 5832 shall be those given in [Table 3](#).

Representative test pieces for the determination of mechanical properties shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of ISO 6892-1.

Table 3 — Test methods

Requirement	Relevant clause	Test methods
Chemical composition	3	Recognized analytical procedures (International Standards where these exist)
Microstructure	4	ISO 20160
Mechanical properties	5	
— Tensile strength		ISO 6892-1
— Proof stress of non-proportional elongation		ISO 6892-1
— Percentage elongation		ISO 6892-1
— Reduction of area		ISO 6892-1