
**Implants for surgery — Metallic
materials —**

Part 3:
**Wrought titanium 6-aluminium
4-vanadium alloy**

Implants chirurgicaux — Produits à base de métaux —

*Partie 3: Alliage corroyé à base de titane, d'aluminium-6 et de
vanadium-4*

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Materials*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 5832-3:1996), 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 cause absolutely no 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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Implants for surgery — Metallic materials —

Part 3:

Wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium 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 4-vanadium alloy (Ti 6-Al4-V alloy) for use in the manufacture of surgical implants.

NOTE The mechanical properties of a sample obtained from a finished product made of this alloy may not necessarily comply with the specifications given 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 6892-1¹⁾, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 7438, *Metallic materials — Bend test*

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

EN 3114-003, *Aerospace series — Test method — Microstructure of ($\alpha+\beta$) titanium alloy wrought products — Part 003: Microstructure of plate*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 6892-1 and the following apply.

3.1

original gauge length

L_0

length between gauge length marks on the test piece measured at room temperature before the test

[SOURCE: ISO 6892-1:—, 3.1.1.]

4 Chemical composition

The heat/ingot analysis of a representative sample of the alloy when determined in accordance with [Clause 6](#) shall comply with the chemical composition specified in [Table 1](#).

NOTE 1 Ingot analysis may be used for determining all chemical requirements except hydrogen.

The analysis of hydrogen shall be carried out after the final heat treatment and final surface treatment.

Requirements for the major and minor elemental constituents for titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium alloy are listed in [Table 1](#).

1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 6892-1:2009)

Table 1 — Chemical composition

Element	Compositional limits % (m/m)
Aluminium	5,5 to 6,75
Vanadium	3,5 to 4,5
Iron	0,3 max.
Oxygen	0,2 max.
Carbon	0,08 max.
Nitrogen	0,05 max.
Hydrogen	0,015 max. ^a
Titanium	Balance

^a Except for billets, for which the maximum hydrogen content shall be 0,010 % (m/m).

NOTE 2 A grade with more restrictive limits of oxygen and iron is known under the term “extra low interstitials” (ELI). Commercially available ELI material can also be ordered using this part of ISO 5832. For exact compositional limits of the ELI grade refer to ASTM F136 (UNS R54601) (www.astm.org).

5 Microstructure

The microstructure, when examined as indicated in [Table 3](#), shall be alpha + beta globular and shall correspond to photomicrographs A1 to A9 in ISO 20160 for round bars or 3T1 to 3T13 in EN 3114-003 for sheet and plates (annealed condition each).

6 Mechanical properties

6.1 Tensile

The tensile properties of the alloy, when tested in accordance with [Clause 7](#), shall comply with the values specified in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Mechanical properties of wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium alloy in annealed condition

Form of alloy	Tensile strength R_m min MPa	Proof stress of nonproportional elongation $R_{p0,2}$ min MPa	Percentage elongation after fracture ^a A min	Mandrel diameter for bend test mm
Sheet and strip ^c	860	780	8	$10 \times t^b$
Bar ^c	860	780	10	not applicable

^a Original gauge length L_0 equal to $(5,65 \times \sqrt{S_0})$ or 50 mm, where S_0 is the original cross-sectional area in square millimetres. The original gauge length chosen for testing shall be reported with the test results.

^b t is the thickness of the sheet or strip.

^c Maximum diameter or thickness is equal to 75 mm.

NOTE For information on the Mechanical Properties Harmonization between ISO and ASTM wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium Implant Material Standards, see [Annex B](#).

Should any of the test 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.

However, the manufacturer may re-heat-treat the material and resubmit it for testing in accordance with this part of ISO 5832. In this case, all parts shall be heat-treated in the same fashion.

6.2 Bending

Titanium alloy sheet and strip, when tested in accordance with [Clause 7](#), shall not show any cracking on the outside surface of the test piece.

7 Test methods

The test methods used in determining compliance with 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

Parameter	Relevant clause	Test method
Chemical composition	4	Recognized analytical procedures (ISO methods where these exist)
Microstructure	5	
Bar		ISO 20160
Sheet and strip		EN 3114-003
Mechanical properties	6	
Tensile strength		ISO 6892-1
Proof stress of nonproportional elongation		ISO 6892-1
Percentage elongation		ISO 6892-1
Bending		ISO 7438
		Bend the sheet or strip through an angle of 105° around a mandrel of the diameter specified in Table 2 .

Annex A (normative)

Catalogues of metallographic micrographs of typical alpha+beta titanium microstructures

In this annex, two different standards are referenced showing microstructures of typical alpha+beta titanium alloy Ti 6Al 4V intended for the use of identification and classification of the microstructure of a given material. ISO 20160 is presenting microstructures in the transverse section at $\times 200$ magnification. ISO 20160 applies to round bars up to a nominal diameter of 100 mm. It was replacing ETTC 2 Edition 2.

Microstructures of flat rolled products, like sheet or plates, cannot be rated according to ETTC 2. For this type of product, another microstructural catalogue was made available. ETTC 4 Edition 2 is showing microstructures in the transverse section at $\times 100$ and $\times 500$ magnification. Product sizes of this catalogue were limited to a range of thicknesses above 5 mm and below 30 mm. The same microstructures are shown in EN 3114-003 but with different designations. [Table A.1](#) shows the correlation of the designations of the micrographs between ETTC 4 Edition 2 and EN 3114-003.

ETTC4 Edition 2 is showing acceptable microstructures in the range of P1 to P36 for Standard Aerospace Quality (STQ). For medical application, the range of acceptable microstructures is intentionally limited to P1 (3T1) to P13 (3T13) at $\times 100$ magnification showing globular structures.

ETTC 4 Edition 2 is considering only plates, i.e. products over or equal 5 mm in thickness. It is recommended here to use the microstructural pictures also for sizes equal to or below 5 mm.

Table A.1 — Correlation between designations of micrographs ETTC 4 Edition 2 versus EN 3114-003

ETTC 4 Edition 2	EN 3114-003
P1	3T1
P2	3T2
P3	3T3
P4	3T4
P5	3T5
P6	3T6
P7	3T7
P8	3T8
P9	3T9
P10	3T10
P11	3T11
P12	3T12
P13	3T13

Annex B (informative)

Mechanical Properties Harmonization between ISO and ASTM wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium Implant Material Standards

It is recognized that material suppliers might intend to sell their products around the world. Therefore, this annex is intended to provide mechanical property information for those products which might be required to conform to the relevant wrought titanium 6-aluminium 4-vanadium Implant Material Standards from both ISO and ASTM.

**Table B.1 — Mechanical Properties Harmonization for ELI grade
(ISO 5832-3 and ASTM F136-13)**

ISO + ASTM specification	Material shape	Material size	UTS	YS	A	Z	Bend test mandrel diameter
		mm	MPa	MPa	%	%	
ISO 5832-3 + ASTM F136-13	Bar	$d < 4,75$	≥860	≥795	≥10	—	—
		$4,75 \leq d < 44,45$	≥860	≥795	≥10	≥25	—
		$44,45 \leq d < 63,50$	≥860	≥780	≥10	≥20	—
		$63,50 \leq d \leq 75^a$	≥860	≥780	≥10	≥15	—
	Sheet and strip	$t < 4,75$	≥860	≥795	≥10	—	$10 \times t$
		$4,75 \leq t < 4,76$	≥860	≥795	≥10	≥25	$10 \times t$
		$4,76 \leq t < 44,45$	≥860	≥795	≥10	≥25	—
		$44,45 \leq t < 63,50$	≥860	≥780	≥8	≥20	—
		$63,50 \leq t < 75^a$	≥860	≥780	≥8	≥15	—

^a Material diameter or thickness limit defined in this part of ISO 5832.

NOTE Portions of this table have been extracted from ASTM F136-13, copyright ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken PA 19428. A copy of the complete standard can be obtained from ASTM (www.astm.org).