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endotherapy devices —**

**Part 2:
Particular requirements for rigid
bronchoscopes**

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Partie 2: Exigences particulières pour bronchoscopes rigides*



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ISO 8600 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Endoscopes — Medical endoscopes and endoscopic accessories*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Particular requirements for rigid bronchoscopes*
- *Part 3: Determination of field of view and direction of view of endoscopes with optics*
- *Part 4: Determination of maximum width of insertion portion*
- *Part 5: Determination of optical resolution of rigid endoscopes with optics*
- *Part 6: Vocabulary*
- *Part 7: Basic requirements for medical endoscopes of water-resistant type*

Introduction

Rigid bronchoscopes need to serve three simultaneous functions during endoscopic procedures

- as an endoscope with distal illumination to allow visualization of the larynx, trachea and bronchi, and views into the bronchial trees,
- as a sheath for a flexible or rigid endoscope, aspirator (suction channel), biopsy forceps, scissors, etc., and
- as a gas passage (airway) for the terminal part of an anaesthesia ventilation system or the upper respiratory tract.

Rigid bronchoscopes, therefore, are to have sufficiently large channels with low gas-flow resistance and an adequate gas supply from the breathing system of an anaesthetic and/or breathing machine, or from compressed air/oxygen gas sources. Particular attention therefore is paid to the life-sustaining ventilatory aspects of this part of ISO 8600.

Ideally, all rigid bronchoscopes are to be usable to ventilate the patient whenever clinically necessary either under general anaesthesia or not, by means of a ventilation connector and an end-cap for assisted/controlled ventilation or by means of a jet-injector for intermittent jet ventilation. In addition to the general features of rigid bronchoscopes, the ventilatory aspects of both rigid ventilation bronchoscopes and rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscopes are especially included in this part of ISO 8600.

Test methods other than those specified in this part of ISO 8600, but of equal or greater accuracy, may be used to verify compliance with the given requirements. However, in the event of a dispute, the methods specified in this part of ISO 8600 are to be used as the reference methods.

A rationale for the most important requirements is given in [Annex A](#). It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for the requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this part of ISO 8600, but will expedite any subsequent revision.

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Endoscopes - Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices —

Part 2: Particular requirements for rigid bronchoscopes

1 Scope

This part of ISO 8600 specifies requirements for rigid bronchoscopes and their endoscopic accessories used in the practice of anaesthesia and medical endoscopy.

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 5356-1:1996, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

ISO 8600-1:2013, *Endoscopes — Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices — Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8600-1 and the following apply.

3.1

rigid bronchoscope

open straight tube-type rigid endoscope fitted with a means of illumination through the distal end and intended to be introduced into the tracheobronchial airway, having an internal lumen sufficiently large to permit free respiration of the patient

3.2

rigid ventilation bronchoscope

rigid bronchoscope, fitted with a removable end-cap at the proximal end of the open straight tube and having an internal lumen sufficiently large to permit ventilation of the patient through an integral ventilation connector

3.3

rigid jet ventilation bronchoscope

rigid bronchoscope provided with a jet-injector

Note 1 to entry: Rigid bronchoscopes provided with only a gas nipple should not be included within the category of jet-ventilation bronchoscopes, because the Venturi principle does not necessarily function sufficiently to ventilate the patient.

3.4

ventilation connector

breathing system connector

integral part of a rigid-ventilation bronchoscope that permits connection to a breathing system of an anaesthetic or breathing machine

3.5

end-cap

removable fitting at the proximal end of a rigid-ventilation bronchoscope to seal its lumen

3.6

jet-injector

narrow-lumen tubular device utilizing compressed gases (often using the Venturi principle) to provide intermittent positive gas pressure to the lungs of a patient

Note 1 to entry: Gases selected may include air, oxygen and/or other gases.

3.7

jet ventilation

artificial inflation of the lungs by intermittent release of compressed gases by means of a jet-injector within or towards the trachea and bronchi of a patient

3.8

maximum insertion portion width

maximum external width of an endoscope or endotherapy device throughout the length of the insertion portion to be inserted

Note 1 to entry: The maximum width of any expandable or transformable portion of the insertion portion is not considered as a maximum insertion portion width, such as balloons, controllable parts, jaws and the like having variable insertion portion widths.

Note 2 to entry: See also ISO 8600-6.

[SOURCE: ISO 8600-1:2013, definition 3.10]

3.9

total length

distance between the proximal and distal ends of a rigid bronchoscope

4 Requirements

4.1 General

Rigid bronchoscopes shall comply with the requirements specified in ISO 8600-1. In addition, rigid bronchoscopes shall also comply with the requirements specified in [4.2](#) and [4.5](#); rigid-ventilation bronchoscopes shall also comply with the requirements specified in [4.3](#) and rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscopes shall also comply with the requirements specified in [4.4](#).

4.2 Dimensions

4.2.1 Working length

The actual working length of a rigid bronchoscope shall be at least as long as, and not more than, 10 mm longer than the working length stated in the instructions for use provided by the manufacturer.

4.2.2 Total length

The total length shall be in the range ± 10 mm to the length stated in instructions for use.

4.2.3 Maximum insertion portion width

The maximum insertion portion width shall be in the range ± 1 mm stated in the instructions for use provided by the manufacturer.

4.3 Rigid ventilation bronchoscopes

4.3.1 A rigid ventilation bronchoscope shall be provided with an integral ventilation connector and an end-cap at its proximal end. Provision shall be made for insertion of endoscopes and endoscopic accessories through the end-cap. The end-cap shall not accidentally detach at an airway pressure of less than 4,0 kPa (40 cmH₂O).

An end-cap may incorporate a transparent window and/or may permit the insertion of an endoscope or endoscopic accessory through the opening or an airtight gasket. Removal or opening of the end-cap for accessory insertion may be achieved by the detachment, rotation or sliding of the end-cap.

4.3.2 A rigid ventilation bronchoscope shall be provided, in a side-arm, either with an integral ventilation connector or shall be provided with a detachable adapter which shall meet the requirements for 15 mm male conical connectors specified in ISO 5356-1 (see [Figure 1](#)). This shall not be a connector in which the internal lumen has been reduced. The ventilation connector, when fitted to the rigid ventilation bronchoscope, shall permit to-and-fro ventilation of the patient.

Adding a smaller connector to a 15 mm adapter creates a low dead-space connector. Users should be aware of the danger of using two connected low dead-space connectors which may cause excessive flow resistance.

A ventilation connector may be located at either side of the rigid bronchoscope (see [Figure 1](#)) and may swivel around the shaft of the rigid bronchoscope.

4.4 Rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscopes

4.4.1 Rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscopes shall be provided with a jet-injector intended for jet ventilation.

Jet ventilation through a rigid bronchoscope is usually possible without a separate jet-injector port. [Figure 2](#) gives examples of different bronchoscopes where jet injection is possible.

4.4.2 When tested in accordance with [5.3](#), a jet-injector supplied with a bronchoscope shall withstand a minimum force of 20 N without becoming detached.

4.4.3 When tested in accordance with [5.4](#), the container pressure generated by a rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope with any jet-injector provided by the manufacturer shall not exceed 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O).

If the bronchoscopist uses jet-injectors other than those provided by the manufacturer, he/she is responsible for its function and performance.

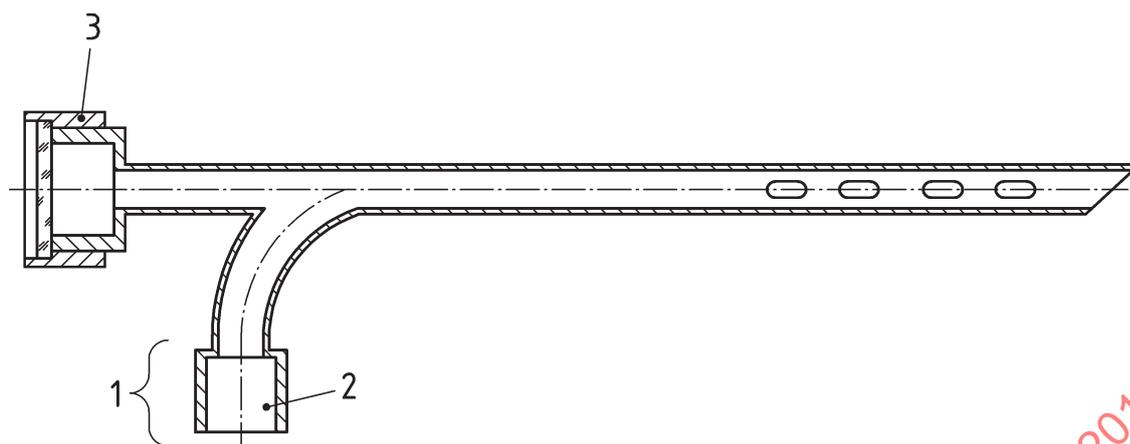
The ventilation pressure developed by any jet-injector depends on the characteristics of the bronchoscope with which it is used or tested. Users should be aware that ventilation pressure can be greatly increased by insertion of any obstruction, e.g. an aspirator or forceps, into the lumen of the rigid bronchoscope.

4.5 Side apertures

4.5.1 Side apertures, if provided, shall be located on the rigid bronchoscope no closer than 5 % of the working length from the distal tip.

4.5.2 The minimum total area of the side apertures shall not be less than the cross-sectional area of the minimum instrument channel width.

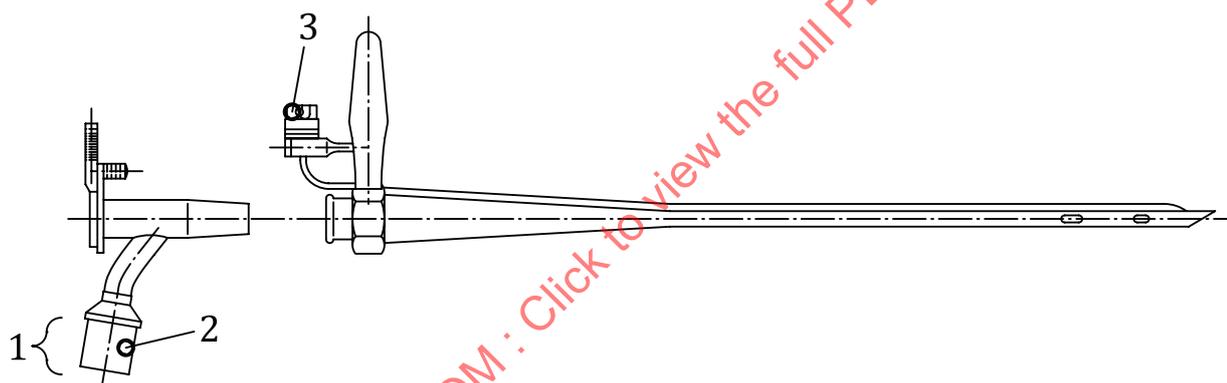
4.5.3 The side apertures shall have a smooth rounded finish.



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 end-cap closed

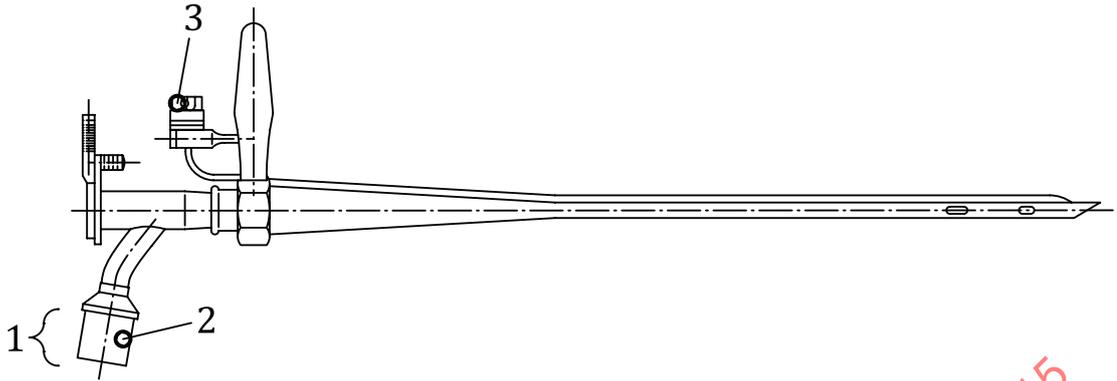
Figure 1 — Rigid ventilation bronchoscope with integrated ventilation connector



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 fibre optic light guide

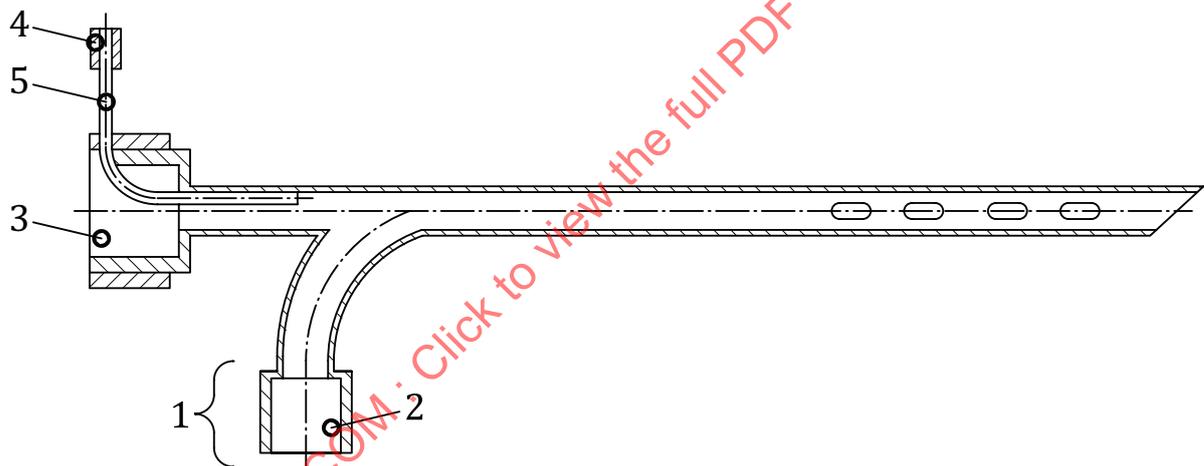
Figure 2 — Rigid ventilation bronchoscope with detachable ventilation connector — Detached



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 fibre optic light guide

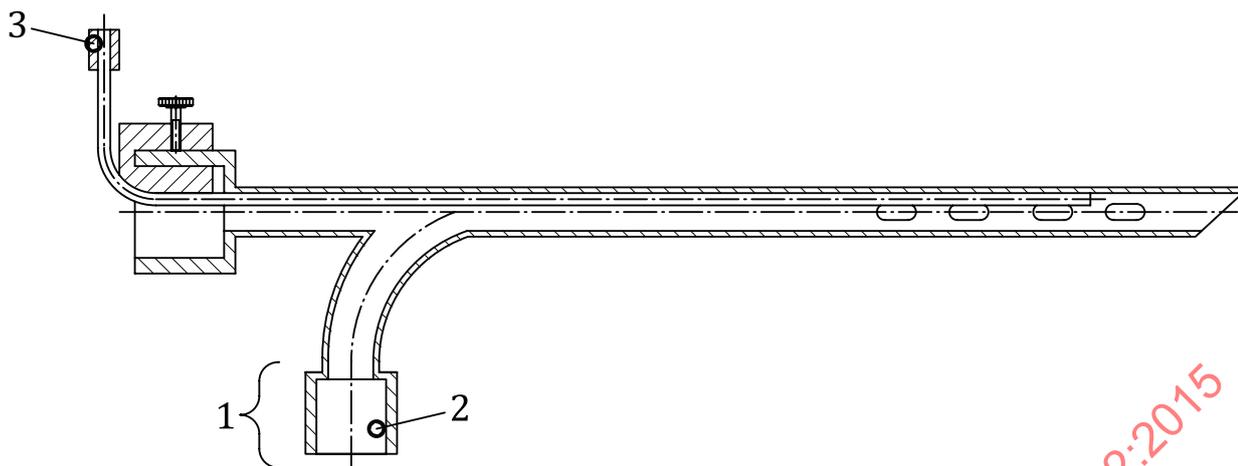
Figure 3 — Rigid ventilation bronchoscope with detachable ventilation connector — Assembled



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 open end
- 4 connector for jet-ventilation tubing
- 5 jet-injector

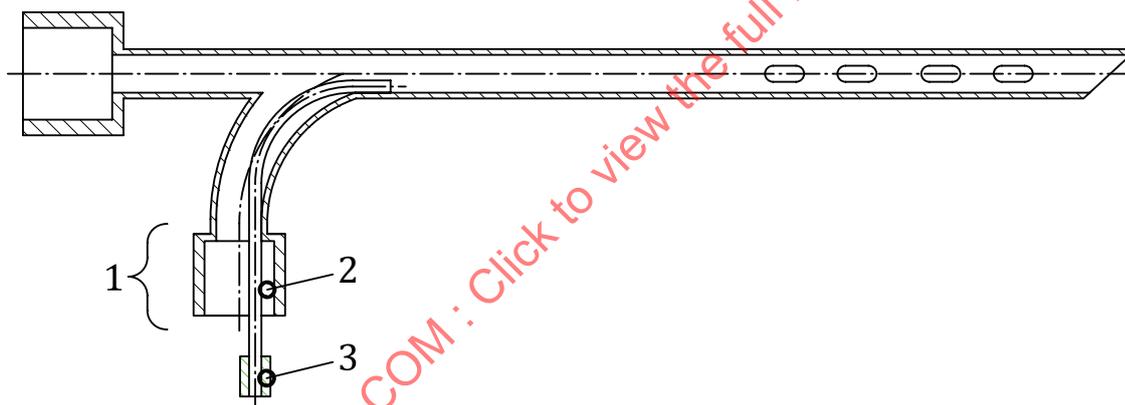
Figure 4 — Rigid bronchoscopes — Jet ventilation tubing



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 long jet-injector with specific lock

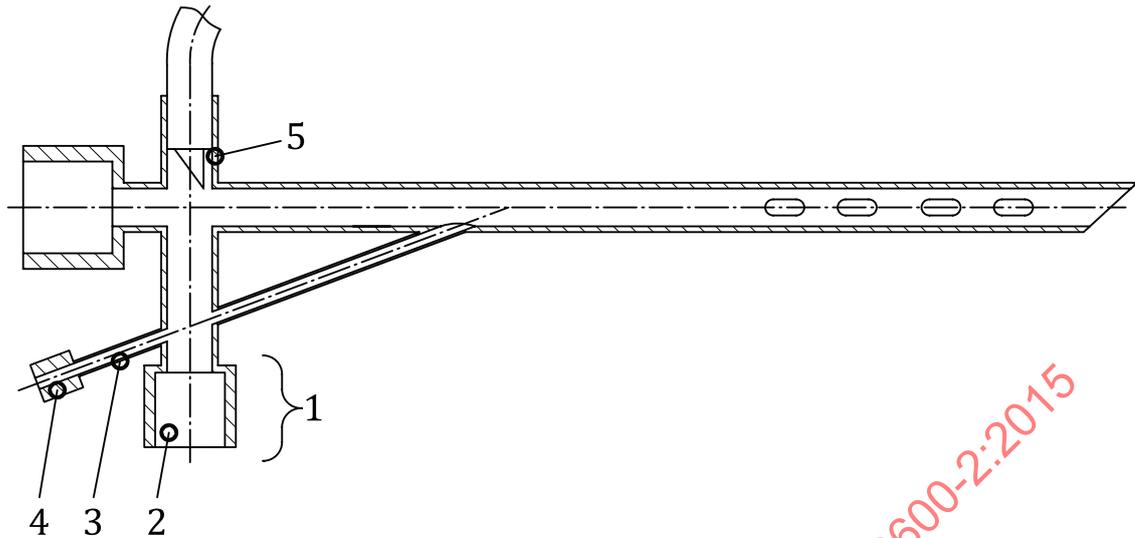
Figure 5 — Rigid bronchoscopes — Long jet-injector with specific lock



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 jet-injector inserted through ventilation

Figure 6 — Rigid bronchoscopes — Jet injector inserted through ventilation



Key

- 1 connector for respiration and jet ventilation
- 2 15 mm male conical connector
- 3 channel for insertion of jet-injector
- 4 connector for jet-injector
- 5 prism in retracted position

Figure 7 — Rigid bronchoscopes — Jet injector

5 Testing

5.1 General

In addition to the test methods specified in ISO 8600-1:2013, Clause 5 (where applicable), the test methods specified in 5.2 to 5.5 apply.

5.2 Test method for pressure drop

5.2.1 Purpose

To determine the pressure drop through the rigid bronchoscope by introducing airflow at a specific flow rate and measuring the corresponding pressure drop expressed as gauge pressure (kPa).

5.2.2 Apparatus

5.2.2.1 Flow-measuring device, capable of measuring flows up to 70 l/min and having an accuracy of $\pm 5\%$.

5.2.2.2 Pressure-measuring device, having a time constant >10 s and an accuracy of $\pm 0,2$ kPa (± 2 cmH₂O).

5.2.2.3 Buffer reservoir, comprising a sealed jar of 5 l capacity with the air inlet placed near the bottom of the jar and the opening for the bronchoscope at the top of the jar (see Figure 8).

The open end of the tubing to the pressure-measuring device shall be placed in the jar halfway down and near the side of the jar.

5.2.3 Procedure

5.2.3.1 Carry out the test at (20 ± 3) °C.

5.2.3.2 Set up the apparatus as shown in [Figure 8](#) with the rigid bronchoscope inserted, ensuring that all seals are tight. If a prism is provided (see [Figure 7](#), key 5), ensure that it is fully advanced into the lumen of the rigid bronchoscope.

5.2.3.3 Adjust the airflow to the flow specified in [Table 1](#) and maintain this flow for 30 s.

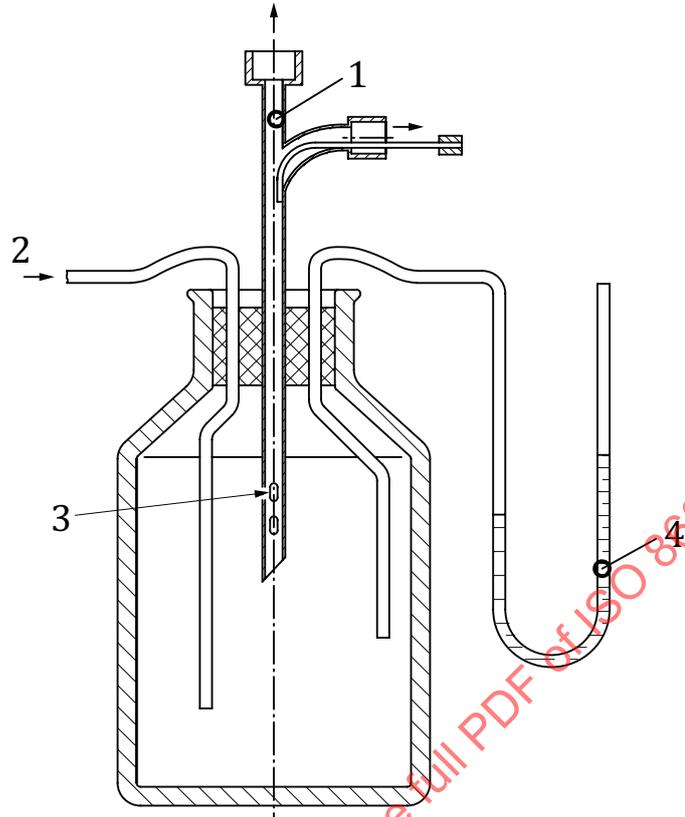
[Table 1](#) gives typical values of the relationship between tube diameter, total length, flowrate and pressure drop.

Table 1 — Typical values of the relationship between tube diameter, total length, flowrate and pressure drop

| Tube diameter (minimum insertion portion width) mm | Tube total length mm | Typical air flowrate l/min | Typical pressure drop kPa | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 3,0 | 200 | 20 | 4,0 | | |
| | 300 | | 5,8 | | |
| 3,5 | 200 | | 30 | 2,3 | |
| | 300 | | | 3,1 | |
| 4,0 | 200 | | | 40 | 2,9 |
| | 300 | | | | 3,6 |
| 4,5 | 200 | 50 | | | 1,7 |
| | 300 | | | | 2,1 |
| 5,0 | 200 | | 50 | | 1,9 |
| | 300 | | | | 2,2 |
| 5,5 | 200 | | | 50 | 1,3 |
| | 300 | | | | 1,5 |
| 6,0 | 200 | 50 | | | 1,3 |
| | 300 | | | | 1,5 |
| 6,5 | 200 | | 50 | | 0,9 |
| | 300 | | | | 1,2 |
| 7,0 | 200 | | | 50 | 0,6 |
| | 300 | | | | 0,7 |
| 7,5 | 200 | 50 | | | 0,4 |
| | 300 | | | | 0,5 |

5.2.4 Expression of results

Record the reading on the pressure-measuring device.

**Key**

- 1 rigid bronchoscope
- 2 air from flow measuring device
- 3 side holes to be within reservoir
- 4 pressure measuring device (e.g. water manometer)

Figure 8 — Apparatus for measuring pressure drop through a rigid bronchoscope

5.3 Test method for security of attachment of a jet-injector to the rigid bronchoscope

5.3.1 Purpose

The security of attachment is tested by applying a force in the axis of the jet-injector connection.

5.3.2 Apparatus

5.3.2.1 Rigid jet-injection bronchoscope, and jet-injector provided by the manufacturer.

5.3.2.2 Means, of applying a force of 20 N to the linear axis of the jet-injector connection.

5.3.2.3 Bracket, to hold a rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope so that the jet-injector channel is in a vertical position.

5.3.3 Procedure

5.3.3.1 Carry out the test at $(20 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$.

5.3.3.2 Attach the jet-injector to the rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope as recommended by the manufacturer.

5.3.3.3 Mount the rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope so that the jet-injector channel is in the vertical position (see [Figure 8](#)). Hang masses vertically to pull in the line of the axis of the jet-injector channel until a force of 20 N is reached or the jet-injector separates from the bronchoscope.

5.3.4 Expression of results

Note whether or not separation of jet-injector from the bronchoscope has occurred at the maximum test force (20 N).

5.4 Test method for container pressure with an open-ended jet-injector bronchoscope

5.4.1 Purpose

To determine the maximum air driving pressure to the jet-injector which provides a container pressure not exceeding 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O). The driving pressure is the static pressure downstream of the adjustable regulator.

5.4.2 Apparatus

See [Figure 9](#).

5.4.2.1 Rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope.

5.4.2.2 Adjustable pressure regulator, (with 400 kPa supply).

5.4.2.3 4 l test container, which incorporates a test pressure gauge with a range of 0 kPa to 10,0 kPa (0 cmH₂O to 100 cmH₂O) and an accuracy of $\pm 0,2$ kPa ($\pm 2,0$ cmH₂O) and a sealed aperture that permits insertion of the patient end of the bronchoscope under test.

5.4.2.4 Clamp, to hold the bronchoscope in a test position. If a prism is provided (see [Figure 7](#), key 5), ensure that it is fully advanced into the lumen of the rigid bronchoscope.

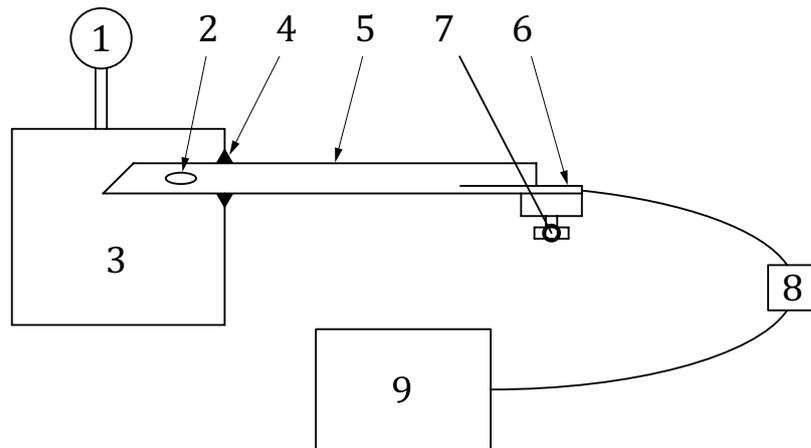
5.4.3 Procedure

5.4.3.1 Carry out the test at (20 ± 3) °C.

5.4.3.2 Set the adjustable pressure regulator at 100 kPa, switch on the air line for 10 s and observe the container pressure. If the container pressure is greater than 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O), decrease the air driving pressure in increments of 10 kPa until the container pressure is less than 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O). If the container pressure is less than 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O), increase the air driving pressure in increments of 10 kPa until the container pressure exceeds 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O), or an air driving pressure of 400 kPa is reached, whichever comes first.

5.4.4 Expression of results

Record the maximum air driving pressure to the jet-injector which does not produce a container pressure greater than but the closest to 6,0 kPa (60 cmH₂O). This value is the maximum allowable air driving pressure (see [4.4.3](#)).



Key

- 1 test pressure gauge
- 2 side holes which are to be within test box
- 3 4 l test container
- 4 sealed aperture
- 5 bronchoscope under test
- 6 jet-injector
- 7 lock
- 8 ON/OFF switch
- 9 adjustable pressure regulator

Figure 9 — Schematic apparatus for testing maximum air driving pressure to a jet-injector in a rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope

5.5 Test method for minimum instrument channel width

5.5.1 Purpose

The minimum instrument channel width is determined by passage of a calibrated measuring device such as a steel ball through the rigid bronchoscope. If a light carrier is provided, the measurement shall be made with the light carrier in place.

5.5.2 Apparatus

5.5.2.1 Stand with clamp, to hold the bronchoscope with its axis in a vertical position with the proximal end up.

5.5.2.2 Steel ball, with a diameter of $\left(100 \begin{smallmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\%$ the minimum instrument channel width of the rigid bronchoscope under test.

5.5.3 Procedure

5.5.3.1 Carry out the test at $(20 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$.

5.5.3.2 Clamp the bronchoscope in a vertical position with the proximal end uppermost. Drop the steel ball through the lumen of the bronchoscope. The steel ball shall pass freely through the lumen.