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European foreword

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Introduction

Elastomeric or rubber closures for pharmaceutical use are used in combination with vials and many times in conjunction with piercing devices. There are three functional parameters which are important to the piercing process. These are penetrability, fragmentation and self-sealing. The three functional tests described in this part of ISO 8871 can be used as a reference method for testing elastomeric closures that are pierced using injection needles made from metal. In addition, the aqueous solution tightness test can be used to verify the effectiveness of the sealing of a specific closure/vial combination.

Elastomeric parts for parenterals and for devices for pharmaceutical use —

Part 5: Functional requirements and testing

1 Scope

This part of ISO 8871 specifies requirements and test methods for functional parameters of elastomeric closures used in combination with vials and when pierced by an injection needle.

NOTE Functional testing with spikes is specified in ISO 8536-2 and in ISO 8536-6.

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 7864, *Sterile hypodermic needles for single use*

ISO 8362-1, *Injection containers and accessories — Part 1: Injection vials made of glass tubing*

ISO 8362-3, *Injection containers and accessories — Part 3: Aluminium caps for injection vials*

ISO 8362-4, *Injection containers and accessories — Part 4: Injection vials made of moulded glass*

ISO 8362-6, *Injection containers and accessories — Part 6: Caps made of aluminium-plastics combinations for injection vials*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

penetrability

force required for piercing an elastomeric closure

3.2

fragmentation

measure of the number of elastomeric particles which are generated by the piercing process

3.3

self-sealing

measure of the resealing efficiency of elastomeric closures following penetration and withdrawal of a needle

3.4

aqueous solution tightness

measure for the effective sealing of a specific elastomeric closure/vial combination

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4 Requirements

4.1 Penetrability

When tested in accordance with [Annex A](#), the force required for piercing shall not be greater than 10 N for each closure.

4.2 Fragmentation

When tested in accordance with [Annex B](#), the number of elastomeric fragments per 48 piercings visible with the naked eye shall not be greater than 5.

4.3 Self-sealing and aqueous solution tightness

When tested in accordance with [Annex C](#), none of the vials shall contain any trace of coloured solution when observed with the naked eye. This requirement applies to multi-dose containers only, i.e. containers which utilize elastomeric closures that are pierced multiple times.

Materials that meet the requirements are not required to undergo further testing in accordance with [4.4](#).

4.4 Aqueous solution tightness

When tested in accordance with [Annex D](#), none of the vials shall contain any trace of coloured solution when observed with the naked eye.

5 Preparation of elastomeric closures for testing

5.1 Sampling

The number of closures required for each test is as follows.

- Penetrability: 10
- Fragmentation: 12
- Self-sealing and aqueous solution tightness: 10
- Aqueous solution tightness: 10

In practice, it is recommended that more than the minimum required number of closures be prepared for testing.

5.2 Cleaning

Closures shall be sterilized in the as-delivered condition. If samples from regular production cleaning processes are not available, the stoppers shall be cleaned in accordance with the following procedure.

Introduce an appropriate number of rubber closures in a suitable glass container, cover with particle-free water, boil for 5 min, then rinse five times with cold particle-free water.

5.3 Sterilization

The closures shall be tested after having been subjected to the sterilization method actually used.

Annex A (normative)

Test for penetrability

A.1 General

Many elastomeric closures for pharmaceutical use are used in conjunction with injection needles. The force necessary to penetrate or pierce a rubber closure is an important parameter in evaluating the suitability of the closure for its intended use.

A.2 Principle

The force necessary to completely pierce an elastomeric closure is measured using a suitable apparatus.

A.3 Apparatus, equipment and reagents

A.3.1 10 closures, prepared in accordance with [Clause 5](#).

A.3.2 10 clean vials, in accordance with ISO 8362-1 or ISO 8362-4, neck finish size to match the size of closures ([A.3.1](#)) (e.g. 13 mm, 20 mm).

A.3.3 10 aluminium or plastic/aluminium crimp seals, in accordance with ISO 8362-3 or ISO 8362-6, sized to match the size of closures ([A.3.1](#)) (e.g. 13 mm, 20 mm), and crimping apparatus.

A.3.4 10 lubricated long-bevel [bevel angle $(11 \pm 2)^\circ$] **metal hypodermic needles**, external diameter of 0,8 mm in accordance with ISO 7864.

A.3.5 Apparatus, capable of measuring a force of 10 N with an accuracy of $\pm 0,25$ N.

A.4 Procedure

A.4.1 Close the vials ([A.3.2](#)) with the closures ([A.3.1](#)) to be tested and secure with a crimp seal ([A.3.3](#)).

A.4.2 Fit the force-measuring apparatus ([A.3.5](#)) with a hypodermic needle ([A.3.4](#)) and pierce a closure perpendicular to the surface. Record the maximum force. Use a new needle for each of the 9 remaining closures and repeat the procedure.

A.5 Expression of results

Record the force required for piercing each closure and compare the test results with the requirement in [4.1](#).