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Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 93/42/EEC

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 93/42/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
The entire standard	7.1 (first indent only)	This standard is intended to provide a test method that will allow an evaluation of the risk of laser induced flammability and temperature increase associated with the use of a surgical drapes during laser surgery as part of the risk assessment as set out in these essential requirements.
The entire standard	9.3	
The entire standard	12.7.5	

WARNING — Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 172, *Optics and photonics*, Subcommittee SC 9, *Electro-optical systems*.

This second edition cancels and replaces ISO 11810-1:2005 and ISO 11810-2:2007 which have been technically revised.

Introduction

Some laser applications in medicine can require laser-resistant surgical drapes or other patient-protective covers. Surgical drapes or other patient-protective covers are necessary when a sterile procedure is performed and the surrounding area needs to be protected from liquids, secretions and inadvertent laser radiation. While conventional surgical drapes or other patient-protective covers are not necessarily laser-resistant, specifically designed surgical drapes offer the possibility of laser resistance.

Laser induced risks include ignition, flammability, melting, penetration, thermal transfer and reflectivity. Textile and non-woven drape materials can have other risks but they can provide a laser barrier. While there are many potential ignition devices present in the operating room (e.g. fibre optic illumination systems, electro-surgical units, hot wire cauteries), this test method addresses only the laser ignition source. This International Standard is intended for use in testing a surgical drape or other patient-protective cover that claims to be laser-resistant. In addition, areas within this product can vary in material composition or design. Depending on the claims being made by the manufacturer or end-user requirements, all areas for which laser resistance is claimed might need to be tested.

CO₂ lasers can induce the most challenging conditions of all medical lasers. Ignition/flammability tests and penetration tests can reveal more challenging laser wavelengths as well as modes of laser delivery, for example Q-switching in the nanosecond range. The 20 W CO₂ laser (continuous wave) has been selected as the laser for this International Standard.

Users of this test method are cautioned that the laser resistance of a surgical drape or other patient-protective cover will be wavelength sensitive and that a surgical drape or other patient-protective cover should be tested at the wavelengths for which it is intended to be used. If tested using other wavelengths, it is necessary to explicitly state the power settings and modes of delivery.

The results from this International Standard should not be applied to other wavelengths and temporal formats.

The performance of laser-resistant surgical drapes or other patient-protective covers can be changed when used in combination rather than individually.

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CAUTION — This test method can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This International Standard provides advice on minimizing some of the risks associated with its use but does not purport to address all such risks. It is the responsibility of the user of this International Standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1 Scope

This International Standard is applicable to disposable and reusable, as well as woven and non-woven materials used as surgical drapes and other patient-protective covers which claim to be laser-resistant. The purpose of this International Standard is to provide a standardized method for testing and classifying surgical drapes and other patient-protective covers with respect to laser-induced hazards. An appropriate classification system is given. It is not the purpose of this International Standard to serve as a general fire safety specification, and as such, this International Standard does not cover other sources of ignition.

All materials reflect portions of the beam and it is necessary for the user to decide whether specular reflectance can be a hazard. This measurement, however, is not covered in this International Standard.

The test procedure can be used to assess the laser induced flammability properties of non-laser-resistant items

NOTE Users of products tested by this method are cautioned that the laser resistance of a surgical drape and/or patient-protective cover will be wavelength sensitive and that a surgical drape and/or patient-protective cover are better tested at the wavelength for which it is intended to be used. If tested using other wavelengths, it is necessary to explicitly state the power settings and modes of delivery.

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 11145, *Optics and photonics — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Vocabulary and symbols*

ISO 11146-1, *Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test methods for laser beam widths, divergence angles and beam propagation ratios — Part 1: Stigmatic and simple astigmatic beams*

ISO 80000-4, *Quantities and units — Part 4: Mechanics*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products — Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

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