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## Introduction

This Part 2-1 specifies particular requirements for those ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES intended to treat bradyarrhythmias (PACEMAKERS), to provide basic assurance of safety to both patients and users.

An implantable cardiac PACEMAKER is essentially a powered electronic device within a sealed, encapsulating enclosure (an IMPLANTABLE PULSE GENERATOR). The device can stimulate heart beats by generating electrical impulses which are transmitted to the heart along implanted, insulated conductors with ELECTRODES (LEADS). The PACEMAKER may be adjusted non-invasively by an electronic device, known as a programmer.

This Part 2-1 is relevant to all parts of implantable PACEMAKERS, including all accessories. Typical examples are IMPLANTABLE PULSE GENERATORS, LEADS, ADAPTORS, pro-grammers and the related software.

The requirements of this Part 2-1 supplement or modify those of EN 45502-1:1997, *Active implantable medical devices—Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and information to be provided by the manufacturer*, hereinafter referred to as Part 1. The requirements of this Part 2-1 take priority over those of Part 1.

Figures or tables that are additional to those of Part 1 are numbered starting from 101; additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

Although both this Part 2-1 and the Directive 90/385/EEC deal with the same products, the structure and purpose of the two documents are different. Annex AA of this Part 2-1 correlates the requirements of the Directive with the subclauses of EN 45502-1:1997 and this Part 2-1. Annex BB provides reference in the other direction, from this European Standard to the Directive. Annex CC is a rationale providing further explanation of the subclauses of this Part 2-1.

Annex DD describes a coding system that may be used to designate bradyarrhythmia pacing modes. Annex EE provides optional symbols that may be used to reduce the need for translation of MARKINGS and information in the accompanying documentation in multiple languages. Annex FF defines reference points for measurements of PULSE AMPLITUDE and PULSE DURATION, and the form of test signal used to determine SENSITIVITY. Annex GG defines the tissue equivalent interface circuits, signal injection network and low pass filter required for some compliance tests. Annex HH describes a method for selecting the filter capacitor used in the tissue equivalent interface circuits defined by Annex GG. Annex II defines the method of calibrating the injection network defined by Annex GG.

All annexes except Annex FF, GG and II are informative.

## 1 Scope

This Part 2-1 specifies requirements that are applicable to those ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES intended to treat bradyarrhythmias.

The tests that are specified in EN 45502 are type tests, and are to be carried out on samples of a device to show compliance.

This Part 2-1 is also applicable to some non-implantable parts and accessories of the devices (see Note 1).

The characteristics of the IMPLANTABLE PULSE GENERATOR or LEAD shall be determined by either the appropriate method detailed in this Part 2-1 or by any other method demonstrated to have an accuracy equal to, or better than, the method specified. In the case of dispute, the method detailed in this Part 2-1 shall apply.

Any features of an ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE intended to treat tachyarrhythmias are covered by EN 45502–2-2.

NOTE 1 The device that is commonly referred to as an active implantable medical device may in fact be a single device, a combination of devices, or a combination of a device or devices and one or more accessories. Not all of these parts are required to be either partially or totally implantable, but there is a need to specify some requirements of non-implantable parts and accessories if they could affect the safety or performance of the implantable device.

NOTE 2 The terminology used in this European Standard is intended to be consistent with the terminology of Directive 90/385/EEC.

NOTE 3 In this European Standard, terms printed in small capital letters are used as defined in Clause 3. Where a defined term is used as a qualifier in another term, it is not printed in small capital letters unless the concept thus qualified is also defined.

## 2 Normative references

*This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.*

*Additional references:*

EN 28601:1992	Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times (ISO 8601:1988 + technical corrigendum 1:1991)
EN 45502-1:1997	Active implantable medical devices - Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and information to be provided by the manufacturer
EN 45502-2-2 <sup>1)</sup>	Active implantable medical devices – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for active implantable medical devices intended to treat tachyarrhythmia (includes implantable defibrillators)
EN 60068–2–27:1993	Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock (IEC 60068–2–27:1987)

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<sup>1)</sup> At draft stage.