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**Part 5:  
Circulatory support devices**

*Implants chirurgicaux — Dispositifs médicaux implantables actifs —  
Partie 5: Dispositifs d'assistance circulatoire*





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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14708-5:2010), which has been technically revised. The main change compared to the previous edition is as follows:

- alignment to the revised ISO 14708-1:2014.

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## Introduction

This document specifies requirements for safety and performance of active implantable circulatory support devices. It amends and supplements ISO 14708-1:2014, hereinafter referred to as ISO 14708-1. The requirements of this document take priority over those of ISO 14708-1.

Heart failure is a major public health problem. It is estimated that worldwide more than 5 million people die per year due to heart failure. In addition, it accounts for a large portion of health care expenditure and rehospitalisation (see Reference [35]). Circulatory support devices are needed for promoting myocardial recovery following acute heart failure as well as long-term support until eventual transplantation or permanent therapy. Circulatory support devices may be fully implanted, partially implanted, or delivered by percutaneous approach. The growth of heart failure is expected to increase with the aging population (see Reference [30]).

The requirements of this document supplement or modify those of ISO 14708-1.

In this document, terms printed in italics are used as defined in [Clause 3](#). Where a defined term is used as a qualifier in another term, it is not printed in italics unless the concept thus qualified is also defined.

Information is also provided in [Annex A](#) that explains the relationship between ISO/TR 14283, ISO 14708-1 and this document.

Notes on this document are provided in [Annex B](#) for information.

[Annex C](#) provides guidance on pre-clinical in vitro and in silico evaluation. [Annex D](#) provides information device hazards, associated failure modes, and evaluation methods. All annexes are informative.





# Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices —

## Part 5: Circulatory support devices

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for safety and performance of active implantable circulatory support devices, including type tests, animal studies and clinical evaluation requirements.

**NOTE** The device that is commonly referred to as an active implantable medical device can 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 main requirements of non-implantable parts and accessories if they could affect the safety or performance of the implantable device.

The tests that are specified in this document are type tests and are to be carried out on a sample of a device to assess device behavioural responses and are not intended to be used for the routine testing of manufactured products.

Included in the scope of this document are:

- ventricular assist devices (VAD), left or right heart support;
- total artificial hearts (TAH);
- biventricular assist devices (biVAD);
- percutaneous assist devices;
- paediatric assist devices.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10993-1:2018, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 14708-1:2014, *Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices — Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and for information to be provided by the manufacturer*

ISO 14971:2019, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing — Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-27: Tests — Test Ea and guidance: shock*

IEC 60068-2-31:2008, *Environmental testing — Part 2-31: Tests — Test Ec: rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*