

**Optics and optical  
instruments —  
Lasers and laser-related  
equipment —  
Determination of laser  
resistance of tracheal  
tube shafts**

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## Foreword

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## **Introduction**

Surgery in the airway in which a laser is used brings together an oxygen-enriched atmosphere, fuel, and high energy that can combine to create a fire. In the early to middle 1980s, the increasing use of such lasers was followed by airway fires and the subsequent development of tracheal tubes designed specifically to be resistant to laser ignition and damage. Unfortunately, some of these tubes were not sufficiently resistant under operating room conditions, and airway fires continued to occur. These events lead to the development of the test method described in this International Standard, in order to assist the clinician in determining which tracheal tube shaft is most laser-resistant for a defined set of conditions.



# Optics and optical instruments — Lasers and laser-related equipment — Determination of laser resistance of tracheal tube shafts

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method of testing the laser resistance of the shaft of a tracheal tube. Other components of the system, such as the inflation system and cuff, are outside the scope of this International Standard. The specified test method should be used to measure and describe the properties of materials, products or assemblies in response to heat and flame under controlled laboratory conditions and should not be used to describe or appraise the fire hazard or fire risk of materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of this test may be used as elements of a fire risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the hazard of a particular end use.

NOTE 1 Caution should be observed in interpreting these results, since the direct applicability of the result of this test method to the clinical situation has not been fully established.

NOTE 2 This test method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This International Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

## 2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 11146: 1999, *Lasers and laser-related equipment — Test methods for laser beam parameters — Beam widths, divergence angle and beam propagation factor*.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1 laser resistance

measure of the ability of a material to withstand laser power without burning or damage

### 3.2 burning

chemical process of oxidation with the liberation of heat