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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 80369-20:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- clarification that these test methods are also used by the ISO 18250 series;
- major technical revision of the *test methods* described in [Annex B](#) “Leakage by pressure decay test method” and [Annex D](#) “Subatmospheric-pressure air leakage test method” (replacement of leakage rate by the pressure change as acceptance criterion; definition of three defined mandatory test conditions; more information about this change is included in [Annex A](#));
- introduction of a new attributive *test method* “Air leakage during aspiration” as [Annex K](#);
- editorial revision of the assembling *procedures* of a *connector* under test, affecting all annexes with *test methods*;
- editorial update according to ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2;
- replacement of the terms “male” by “*cone*” and “female” by “*socket*” in the description of a *connector*;
- update of dated normative references;
- definition for *type test* has been updated;
- expansion of the range of environmental test conditions for relative humidity;

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- extension of requirements for test reports;
- clarification that all tests are intended to be *type tests*.

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Introduction

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used.

- “Shall” indicates requirements.
- “Should” indicates recommendations.
- “May” indicates permissions.
- “Can” indicates possibility or capability.

This document uses italic type to distinguish defined terms from the rest of the text. It is important for the correct understanding of this document that those defined terms are identifiable throughout the text of this document. A list of the defined terms used in this document (in italics) is given in [Annex M](#).

Requirements in this document have been broken down so that each requirement is clearly delineated and listed individually. This has been done to support the common practice of automatic tracking of requirements and automatic verification of the requirements of this document.

[Annex A](#) contains guidance and rationale on specific subclauses in this document.

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1 Scope

NOTE [Clause A.2](#) contains guidance or rationale for this clause.

This document specifies the common *test methods* to evaluate the performance requirements for *small-bore connectors* specified in the ISO and IEC 80369 series as well as the ISO 18250 series.

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

ISO 80369-1:—¹⁾, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 1: General requirements*

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