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General requirements and test methods

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: General requirements and test methods*
- *Part 2: Enlargers*
- *Part 3: Condensers, pluggers and spreaders*
- *Part 4: Auxiliary instruments*

Introduction

The reorganization of ISO 3630 is intended to present the requirements and test methods for root-canal instruments in an orderly manner. This part of ISO 3630 defines general requirements and test methods. Subsequent parts provide the specific requirements and test methods, if applicable, for two areas of endodontic procedures. These parts are enlargers, condensers and auxiliary instruments.

With current use of nickel-titanium (Ni-Ti) alloys for manufacture of root canal instruments a need for adequate expertise in their safe use is recommended. Instruments made of Ni-Ti can be easily broken near the tip if manufacturer's cautions are not understood and practiced. This part of ISO 3630 does not attempt to provide information for proper use of any instruments.

The sizes of the root-canal obturating points (cones) specified in ISO 6877^[4] have to be aligned with the corresponding sizes for root-canal instruments specified in ISO 3630.

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