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## Medical gloves for single use - Part 2: Requirements and testing for physical properties

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## Foreword

This document (EN 455-2:2009+A2:2013) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 205 “Non-active medical devices”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

EN 455 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Medical gloves for single use*:

- *Part 1: Requirements and testing for freedom from holes*
- *Part 2: Requirements and testing for physical properties*
- *Part 3: Requirements and testing for biological evaluation*
- *Part 4: Requirements and testing for shelf life determination*

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and gives test methods for physical properties of single-use medical gloves (i.e. surgical gloves and examination/procedure gloves) in order to ensure that they provide and maintain in use an adequate level of protection from cross contamination for both patient and user.

This standard does not specify the size of a lot. Attention is drawn to the difficulties that can be associated with the distribution and control of very large lots. The recommended maximum individual lot size for production is 500 000.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 23529:2004, *Rubber — General procedures for preparing and conditioning test pieces for physical test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **medical gloves for single use**

gloves intended for use in the medical field to protect patient and user from cross-contamination

### 3.2

#### **surgical gloves**

sterile, anatomically shaped medical gloves with the thumb positioned towards the palmar surface of the index finger rather than laying flat, and intended for use in invasive surgery

### 3.3

#### **examination gloves**

#### **procedure gloves**

sterile or non-sterile medical gloves, which may or may not be anatomically shaped, intended for conducting medical examinations, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and for handling contaminated medical material

### 3.4

#### **lot**

collection of gloves of the same design, colour, shape, size and formulation, manufactured at essentially the same time, using the same process, raw materials of the same specifications, common equipment and packed in the same type of individual container

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## 4 Dimensions

### 4.1 General

When measured as described in 4.2 and 4.3 taking 13 samples from each lot, the median value obtained for the dimensions shall be as given in Tables 1 and 2.

### 4.2 Length

Measure the length (dimension  $l$ , as designated in Figure 1) by freely suspending the glove with the middle finger on a vertical graduated rule having a rounded tip so as to fit the shape of the finger tip of the glove. Remove wrinkles and folds without stretching the glove. Record the median measured length.

NOTE For greater ease of measurement, the ruler may be angled backwards slightly so that the glove is in contact with the ruler.

### 4.3 Width

Measure the width (dimension  $w$ , as designated in Figure 1), to the nearest mm, using a ruler, with the glove placed on a flat surface. Do not stretch the glove.

Table 1 — Dimensions of surgical gloves

Size	Median length <sup>a</sup> in mm	Median width <sup>b c</sup> in mm
5	≥ 250	67 ± 4
5,5	≥ 250	72 ± 4
6	≥ 260	77 ± 5
6,5	≥ 260	83 ± 5
7	≥ 270	89 ± 5
7,5	≥ 270	95 ± 5
8	≥ 270	102 ± 6
8,5	≥ 280	108 ± 6
9	≥ 280	114 ± 6
9,5	≥ 280	121 ± 6

<sup>a</sup> Dimension  $l$  as designated in Figure 1.

<sup>b</sup> Dimension  $w$  as designated in Figure 1.

<sup>c</sup> The width requirements are for gloves made from natural rubber latex and all other elastomeric materials. These dimensions may not be appropriate for gloves made from other materials.