



Standard Guide for High Demand Hip Simulator Wear Testing of Hard-on-hard Articulations¹

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1. Scope

1.1 The objective of this guide is to advise researchers on the possible high demand wear test features that should be included in evaluation of hard on hard articulations. This guide makes suggestions of what high demand test features may need to be added to an overall high demand wear test regime. Device articulating components manufactured from other metallic alloys, ceramics or with coated or elementally modified surfaces could possibly be evaluated with this guide. However such materials may include risks and failure mechanisms which are not addressed in this guide.

1.2 Hard-on-hard hip bearing systems include metal-on-metal, ceramic-on-ceramic, ceramic-on-metal, or any other bearing systems where both the head and cup components have high surface hardness. An argument has been made that the hard-on-hard THR articulation may be better for younger more active patients. These younger patients may be more physically fit and expect to be able to perform more energetic activities. Consequently, new designs of hard-on-hard THR articulations may have some implantations subjected to more demanding and longer wear performance requirements.

1.3 Total Hip Replacement (THR) with metal-on-metal articulations have been used clinically for more than 50 years (1, 2).² Early designs had mixed clinical results. Eventually they were eclipsed by THR systems using metal on polyethylene articulations. In the 1990s the metal-on-metal articulation again became popular with more modern designs (3), including surface replacement.

1.4 In the 1970s the first ceramic-on-ceramic THR articulations were used. In general, the early results were not satisfactory (4, 5). Improvement in alumina, and new designs in the 1990s improved the results for ceramic-on-ceramic articulations (6).

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

1.6 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

F75 Specification for Cobalt-28 Chromium-6 Molybdenum Alloy Castings and Casting Alloy for Surgical Implants (UNS R30075)

F86 Practice for Surface Preparation and Marking of Metallic Surgical Implants

F799 Specification for Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloy Forgings for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, R31538, R31539)

F1537 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloys for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, UNS R31538, and UNS R31539)

F1814 Guide for Evaluating Modular Hip and Knee Joint Components

F1820 Test Method for Determining the Forces for Disassembly of Modular Acetabular Devices

F1877 Practice for Characterization of Particles

F2033 Specification for Total Hip Joint Prosthesis and Hip Endoprosthesis Bearing Surfaces Made of Metallic, Ceramic, and Polymeric Materials

2.2 ISO Standards:⁴

ISO 5832-4 Implants for Surgery—Metallic Materials—Part 4: Cobalt-Chromium-Molybdenum Casting Alloy

ISO 5832-12 Implants for Surgery—Metallic Materials—Part 12: Wrought Cobalt-Chromium-Molybdenum Alloy

ISO 7206-2 Implants for Surgery—Partial and Total Hip Joint Prostheses—Part 2: Articulating Surfaces Made of

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² The boldface numbers in parentheses refer to the list of references at the end of this standard.

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