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Dental Impression Trays

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SPECIFICATION NO. 87 FOR DENTAL IMPRESSION TRAYS

American Dental Association Specification No. 87 for Dental Impression Trays was approved by the Council on Scientific Affairs (previously Dental Materials, Instruments and Equipment) of the American Dental Association. This and other specifications for dental materials, instruments and equipment are being formulated by subcommittees of the Accredited Standards Committee MD156 for Dental Materials, Instruments and Equipment. The Council acts as administrative sponsor of that committee, which has representation from all interests in the United States in the standardization of materials, instruments and equipment in dentistry. The Council has adopted the specifications, showing professional recognition of their usefulness in dentistry, and has forwarded them to the American National Standards Institute with a recommendation that the specifications be approved as American National Standards. Approval of ADA specification No. 87 as an American National Standard was granted by the American National Standards Institute on February 6, 1995.

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FOREWORD

(This foreword does not constitute a part of ANSI/ADA Specification No. 87 for Dental Impression Trays.)

This ANSI/ADA Specification has been developed by a subcommittee approved by Accredited Standards Committee MD 156, the body responsible for developing standards for dental products in the United States. Each proposal for creation or revision of a specification is circulated for review and comment by interested parties before it is finally approved as an ANSI/ADA Specification.

With only a few minor exceptions, this specification has been formulated according to directives specified for the development of international standards (ISO Standards) for dental products. The guidelines are found in the following publications.

1. ISO DIRECTIVES, Part 2.
Methodology for the development of International Standards
1 st ed., 1989.
2. ISO DIRECTIVES, Part 3.
Drafting and presentation of International Standards
1 st ed., 1989.
3. GUIDELINES FOR HARMONIZATION OF STANDARDS FOR DENTAL MATERIALS, Prepared by the Ad Hoc Group on Harmonization,
ISO/TC106/SC2.

In keeping with the primary aim of materials standards, this specification addresses the fitness of purpose of impression trays. In so doing, the specification classifies trays by types indicating whether they are disposable or reusable, and according to classes differentiating them according to physical makeup or intended use. It also specifies requirements and tests relative to safety, control of biological hazards, corrosion resistance, dimensions and tray identifications. Included in this specification is the need for a tray identification reference chart.

Addendum to the Foreword for this Reaffirmation:

In 2012, the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products approved a change in the terminology used for standards. ADA standards will no longer utilize the term Specification; standards will now be named as ADA Standards.

With this notice, this ADA Specification is now termed an ADA Standard. Where the term "specification" is used, it should be considered as "standard." It will be re-named as an ADA Standard in its next revision.