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## Foreword

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ISO 7176-9 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 173, *Assistive products for persons with disability*, Subcommittee SC 1, *Wheelchairs*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 7176-9:2001), all clauses of which have been technically revised.

Significant technical changes from the second edition are that the climatic tests are carried out in a specified sequence, the cold operating conditions test is repeated (to cause a build-up of condensation within enclosures) and inspection is carried out following the water spray test to confirm that creepage and clearance distances will remain acceptable. In addition, the effects of dust are now included in the scope of this International Standard, although requirements are under consideration.

ISO 7176 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Wheelchairs*:

- *Part 1: Determination of static stability*
- *Part 2: Determination of dynamic stability of electric wheelchairs*
- *Part 3: Determination of effectiveness of brakes*
- *Part 4: Energy consumption of electric wheelchairs and scooters for determination of theoretical distance range*
- *Part 5: Determination of dimensions, mass and manoeuvring space*
- *Part 6: Determination of maximum speed, acceleration and deceleration of electric wheelchairs*
- *Part 7: Measurement of seating and wheel dimensions*
- *Part 8: Requirements and test methods for static, impact and fatigue strengths*
- *Part 9: Climatic tests for electric wheelchairs*
- *Part 10: Determination of obstacle-climbing ability of electrically powered wheelchairs*
- *Part 11: Test dummies*

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- *Part 13: Determination of coefficient of friction of test surfaces*
- *Part 14: Power and control systems for electrically powered wheelchairs and scooters — Requirements and test methods*
- *Part 15: Requirements for information disclosure, documentation and labelling*
- *Part 16: Resistance to ignition of upholstered parts — Requirements and test methods*
- *Part 19: Wheeled mobility devices for use as seats in motor vehicles*
- *Part 21: Requirements and test methods for electromagnetic compatibility of electrically powered wheelchairs and scooters, and battery chargers*
- *Part 22: Set-up procedures*
- *Part 23: Requirements and test methods for attendant-operated stair-climbing devices*
- *Part 24: Requirements and test methods for user-operated stair-climbing devices*
- *Part 26: Vocabulary*
- *Part 28: Requirements and test methods for stair-climbing devices*

## Introduction

Wheelchairs can be used or stored in adverse environmental conditions which could severely affect their functioning, sometimes to the extent of being dangerous. The tests specified in this part of ISO 7176 have been developed to determine whether, and to what extent, wheelchairs are vulnerable to environmental conditions. Operation is tested in conditions which simulate use in some of the wider climatic variations experienced around the world.

The wheelchair electrical system might be exposed to liquids, including salt water. Since the effects of salt water contamination are difficult to evaluate, the immunity of the system is assessed on the basis of exposure to a fresh water spray.