

Guedel Airways

New ISO 5364:2016 Specified Colours



Guedel Airways are used to establish and maintain the airway in an unconscious patient. They lift the tongue from the posterior pharyngeal wall, preventing the tongue from falling back and obstructing the airway.

ISO 5364:2016 guidance

It is necessary for all medical devices to meet various requirements related to performance, labelling and safety, these are specified in international standards. The requirements for Guedel Airways are set out in ISO 5364:2016 Anaesthetic and Respiratory Equipment - Oropharyngeal Airways. In the most recent version, a new requirement was implemented requiring all manufacturers of Oropharyngeal Airways to adhere to a strict colour coding system to provide consistency between manufacturers and improve patient safety.

In order to comply with the colour coding system specified in ISO 5364:2016, it was necessary to update three sizes of Guedel Airway. The sizes that have changed are as follows:



ISO Size 9.0



ISO Size 6.5



ISO Size 3.5

Product Code	Size	ISO Size	Previous ISO Compliant Colour		New ISO Compliant Colour	
AB100000	000	3.5	Pink		Light Green	NEW
AB10000	00	5.0	Blue		Blue	
AB1000	0	5.5	Grey		Grey	
AB1001	1	6.5	White		Brown	NEW
AB1002	2	8.0	Green		Green	
AB1003	3	9.0	Orange		Yellow	NEW
AB1004	4	10.0	Red		Red	
AB1025	5	12.0	Purple		Purple	

Additional information

AeroBreathe™ Guedel Airways are available in 8 sizes, providing the flexibility to accommodate patients of all ages.

By utilising an innovative one-piece design, two materials with different characteristics are combined into one moulding. The risks to patient safety associated with using loose or detached bite blocks are negated by the one-piece design.

An increase in the softness of the tip of the Guedel has been incorporated to further reduce the risk of trauma upon insertion.

