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Explanatory note

According to OIML B 6 *Directives for OIML technical work*, OIML publications shall be reviewed every five years after publication by the responsible TC/SC to decide whether they should be confirmed, revised, or withdrawn. The current (old) R 16, which TC 18/SC 1 is responsible for, was published in 2002, and it has been identified that there are a few technical conflicts between the new ISO/IEC standard and OIML R 16. To avoid different requirements worldwide on blood pressure instruments, the convener started the work on drafting R 16-1 *Non-invasive mechanical sphygmomanometers* after the project for revision was approved at the 43rd CIML Meeting held in October 2008 in Sydney.

During this work, the convener received dozens of comments from the Project Group's members and liaisons. Therefore, we wish to express our most sincere thanks for all experts' kindness. Many of these proposals have been accepted and published in this current version.

The main changes proposed to R 16-1 are the following:

- OIML R16-1 should be revised into three parts according to OIML B 6, and now OIML Rxxx-3 refers to *Part 3 – Test report format*;
- “*Mechanical sphygmomanometers*” has been replaced by “*Non-automated sphygmomanometers*” to clarify the main distinction between types of sphygmomanometers. This is also an argument consistent with the new ISO/IEC standards;
- Those terms that are no longer used have been deleted;
- “A manual system for applying and releasing pressure” has been replaced by “a pneumatic system” to harmonise the term and also to allow for electro-mechanical control;
- The metrological requirements on MPEs no longer distinguish between “the first time” and “in use”, and the value has finally been set at “0.4 kPa (3 mmHg)” in consideration of recent technical developments in health care;
- In consideration of environmental and health protection, the requirement on the internal diameter of the mercury tube has been deleted to encourage the reduction of the total mercury volume;
- Parts of safety requirements are clarified in agreement with, or according to, the new ISO/IEC standards;
- Verification no longer distinguish between “initial” and “subsequent”;

The current document is the third Committee Draft (3CD). It was drawn up on the basis of the comments received from PG members on the second Committee Draft circulated in December 2018.

Definitions and references related to the International Vocabulary of Metrology – Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM) have been modified according to the 2012 edition.

BIML note

The existing R 16 is published in two parts:

R 16-1 *Non-invasive mechanical sphygmomanometers*, and

R 16-2 *Non-invasive automated sphygmomanometers*.

These are being revised under two separate projects: TC 18/SC 1/p 1 and TC 18/SC 1/p 2 respectively.

The existing part numbering of R 16 is not consistent with current OIML practice. All Recommendations are now published with separate parts for the metrological and technical requirements (designated R xxx-1), test procedures (designated R xxx-2), and test report format (designated R xxx-3). To avoid confusion with the existing numbering of R 16, on completion of the two projects, the existing R 16-1 and R 16-2 will be replaced by two separate Recommendations with new numbers and each having three parts:

R xxx-1 *Non-invasive non-automated sphygmomanometers – Metrological and technical requirements*

R xxx-2 *Non-invasive non-automated sphygmomanometers – Test procedures*

R xxx-3 *Non-invasive non-automated sphygmomanometers – Test report format*

R yyy-1 *Non-invasive automated sphygmomanometers – Metrological and technical requirements*

R yyy-2 *Non-invasive automated sphygmomanometers – Test procedures*

R yyy-3 *Non-invasive automated sphygmomanometers – Test report format*

This CD has been re-numbered in line with this arrangement.

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Foreword

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This publication - reference OIML R 16-1, edition **201X (E)** - was developed by the OIML Technical Subcommittee TC 18/SC 1 Blood pressure instruments. It was approved for final publication by the International Committee of Legal Metrology in **201X** and supersedes OIML R 16-1:2002 (E).

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Non-invasive Non-automated Sphygmomanometers

Part 3: Test Report Format

Explanatory notes on the test report format

i General

This Test report format, which is informative with regard to the implementation of Rxxx-1 in national regulations, presents a standardized format for the results of the various tests and examinations to which a type of sphygmomanometer shall be submitted with a view to its approval as well as for the results of verification tests. The tests are listed in Rxxx-2.

It is recommended that all metrology services or laboratories evaluating types of sphygmomanometers according to OIML R 16-1 or to national or regional regulations based on OIML R 16-1 use this Test report format, directly or after translation into a language other than English or French.

It is also recommended that this Test report format in English or in French (or in both languages) be transmitted by the country performing these tests to the relevant authorities of another country, under bi- or multi-lateral cooperation agreements.

In the framework of the OIML Certificate System for Measuring Instruments, use of the Test report format is mandatory.

ii Page numbering and the use of report page formats

In addition to the sequential numbering at the bottom of each page, a space has been left at the top of each page for numbering the pages of reports established following this model. In particular, each test is reported individually on a separate page following the relevant format. For a given report, it is advisable to complete the sequential numbering of each page by indicating the total number of pages in the report.

Where required, pressure values in the Tables can be replaced by values expressed in kPa.

Where required, these forms can be copied and used several times in cases where the test in question has to be repeated under varying conditions.

iii Definitions and formula

For the purposes of this test report format, the following definitions and formula, taken from the International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology (VIM, 2012 edition) are used.

Non-invasive non-automated Sphygmomanometers**OIML Rxxx Edition 201X (E)****TEST REPORT**TYPE APPROVAL TEST REPORT ☐VERIFICATION TEST REPORT ☐

(For verification purposes tick those fields which are appropriate for verification according to your national regulations or which are listed in 1.2 under the heading: Summary of test results for verification.)

Number of report:

Object:.....

Type:

Serial number:

Manufacturer's name and address:

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Customer's name and address:.....

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Date of receipt:

Date/period of measurement:

Date of report: Number of pages:

Issuing Institute's name and address:

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Characteristic values (principle of measurement, measuring unit,
measuring range, range of display):.....

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Additional devices (printer, interface etc.):

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Reference manometer (model, serial number, expanded uncertainty, calibration certificate):

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Time measuring device (model, serial number, expanded uncertainty, calibration certificate):

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Stamp/signature:



1 Test review**1.1 Summary of test results for type approval**

Clause	Subject	Test result	OIML requirement	Passed	Failed
2	Maximum permissible errors of the cuff pressure indication				
3	Effect of storage on cuff pressure indication				
4	Effect of temperature on cuff pressure indication				
5	Air leakage of the pneumatic system				
6	Pressure reduction rate for deflation valves				
7	Rapid exhaust				
8	Pressure indicating devices				
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11.2	Non-automated sphygmomanometers used during patient transport				

11.3	Non-automated sphygmomanometers containing a mercury manometer				
12	Abort a measurement				
13	Tamper proofing				
14	Electrical safety				
15	Tubing connectors				
16	Durability of markings				

1.2 Summary of test results for verification

Clause	Subject	Test result	OIML requirement	Passed	Failed
2	Maximum permissible errors of the cuff pressure indication				
5	Air leakage of the pneumatic system				

Note 1: The sequence of the different tests is arbitrary; it follows the sequence of the different clauses in the text. The sequence of testing is at the discretion of the person conducting the tests.

Note 2: To be considered as approved or verified, an instrument must have successfully passed all the applicable tests.

2 Maximum permissible errors of the cuff pressure indication

For the limits of temperature and humidity see **Rxxx-1** 5.1: the temperature should be between 15 °C and 25 °C, the relative humidity should be between 15 % and 85 %.

To find out the error of the cuff pressure indication proceed as follows (up and down runs) at three different temperatures: e.g. 15 °C and 15 % relative humidity, 20 °C and 60 % relative humidity and 25 °C and 85 % relative humidity.

Table 1 Example: Temperature 20 °C and... % relative humidity

Unit

(mmHg)

pressure	1st reading		2nd reading		mean		deviation		hysteresis	
	up	down	up	down	up	down	up	down	1st reading	2nd reading
0	2	0	0	4	1	2	1	2	2	4
50	52	54	54	54	53	54	3	4	2	0
100	106	100	104	104	105	102	5	2	6	0
150										
200										
250										
column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5	column 6	column 7	column 8	column 9	column 10	column 11

maximum deviation: 5 mmHg

maximum hysteresis: 6 mmHg

Column 1 = values measured by the reference manometer

Column 2, 3, 4 and 5 = results of the measurement of the instrument under test

Column 6 = (column 2 + column 4) / 2

Column 7 = (column 3 + column 5) / 2

Column 8 = column 6 - column 1

Column 9 = column 7 - column 1

Column 10 = | column 2 - column 3 |

Column 11 = | column 4 - column 5 |

Table 2: Temperature ...°C and...% relative humidity

Unit ()

pressure	1st reading		2nd reading		mean		deviation		hysteresis	
	up	down	up	down	up	down	up	down	1st reading	2nd reading

Maximum deviation: Maximum hysteresis:

Note 1: The hysteresis error is the absolute value of difference between the indications of the instrument when the same pressure is reached by increasing or decreasing the pressure.

Note 2: The time between up and down run should not be less than 5 minutes at the maximum pressure. A time difference from the first run to the second run of one hour is recommended.

Is the maximum deviation of all the readings of the instrument under test and the reference manometer less than or equal to $\pm 0.4 \text{ kPa}$ ($\pm 3 \text{ mmHg}$)?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐
 No ☐ → Failed ☐

3 Effect of storage on cuff pressure indication

Determine the error after the storage for 24 h at a temperature of -20°C and for 24 h at a temperature of 70°C and a relative humidity of 85 %.

Note: The measurements are to be performed before and after applying the test conditions, respectively:

- First measurement at 20°C and 60 % relative humidity before the test (refer to Table 2);
- Storage of the instrument under test for 24 h at -20°C and 85 % relative humidity, immediately followed by storage of the instrument under test for 24 h at 70°C and 85 % relative humidity;
- Second measurement at 20°C and 60 % relative humidity after the test.

Each measurement requires two readings. Calculate the deviation of the mean of the two readings after storage in Table 3 from the mean calculated in Table 2. The result should be within the error limits mentioned below.

Table 3 Measurement at 20 °C and 60 % relative humidity after storage at – 20 °C and 70 °C

Unit ()

pressure	1st reading after storage		2nd reading after storage		Mean after storage		deviation between the mean after storage and Table 2	
	up	down	up	down	up	down	up	down

Maximum deviation:

Is the maximum deviation of the cuff pressure indication (mean value), after storage at – 20 °C and 70 °C, less than or equal to ± 0.4 kPa (± 3 mmHg) compared to the mean values at 20 °C and 60 % relative humidity before storage?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐
 No ☐ → Failed ☐

4 Effect of temperature on cuff pressure indication

For each of the following combinations of temperature and humidity, condition the device for at least 3 h in the climatic chamber to allow the device to reach steady conditions.

Table 4 Temperature 10 °C and 85 % relative humidity

Unit ()

pressure	1st reading		2nd reading		mean		deviation	
	up	down	up	down	up	down	up	down

Maximum deviation:

Table 5 **Temperature 40 °C and 85 % relative humidity****Unit ()**

pressure	1st reading		2nd reading		mean		deviation	
	up	down	up	down	up	down	up	down

Maximum deviation:

Is the maximum difference between the indicated pressure of the manometer of the device to be tested and the corresponding readings of the reference manometer at the relevant temperature value less than or equal to ± 0.4 kPa (± 3 mmHg), or ± 2 % of the reading, whichever is greater?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐No ☐ → Failed ☐**5 Air leakage of the pneumatic system**

Carry out the test over the whole measuring range at three equally spaced pressure steps at least (e.g. 7 kPa (50 mmHg), 20 kPa (150 mmHg), and 33 kPa (250 mmHg)). Test the air leakage rate over a period of 5 min (see Rxxx-2 4.2), and determine the measured value from this. Wait at least 60 s before reading each value.

Table 6**Unit ()**

pressure	first reading	reading after 5 min	difference between the readings

Does the pressure drop over a period of 5 minutes correspond to an air leakage rate less than or equal to 0.5 kPa/min (4 mmHg/min)?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

6 Pressure reduction rate for deflation valves

Are the pneumatic system deflation valves capable of adjustment to a deflation rate of 0.3 kPa/s to 0.4 kPa/s (2 mmHg/s to 3 mmHg/s)?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

Are the pneumatic system deflation valves easily adjusted to these values.

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

7 Rapid exhaust

Time for the pressure reduction from 35 kPa to 2 kPa (260 mmHg to 15 mmHg):

$t_{Re} =$ s,

Is t_{Re} less than or equal to 10 s?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

8 Pressure indicating devices

8.1 Nominal range and measuring range

Does the nominal range extend from 0 kPa to at least 35 kPa (0 mmHg to at least 260 mmHg)?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

8.2 Analogue indication - Scale

Is the scale designed and arranged so that the measuring values can be read clearly and easily recognized?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

8.3 Analogue indication - First scale mark

Does graduation begin with the first scale mark at 0 kPa (0 mmHg)?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

8.4 Analogue indication - Scale interval

Is the scale interval 0.5 kPa or 2 mmHg for a scale graduated in kPa or mmHg, respectively?

Yes ☐ → Passed ☐

No ☐ → Failed ☐

Is each second scale mark indicated by greater length and is each fourth scale mark numbered in the case for a scale graduated in kPa?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is each fifth scale mark indicated by greater length and is each tenth scale mark numbered in the case for a scale graduated in mmHg?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.5 Analogue indication - Scale spacing and thickness of scale marks

Is the distance between adjacent scale marks not less than 1.0 mm and does the thickness of the scale marks not exceed 20 % of the smallest scale spacing?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are the scale marks of equal thickness?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.6 Digital indication

Is the digital scale interval 0.1 kPa (1 mmHg)?

If the measured value of a parameter is indicated on more than one display, do all the displays indicate the same numerical value?

Are numbers and characters clearly legible?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

9 Additional technical requirements for mercury manometers

9.1 Portable devices

Does the portable device have an adjusting or locking mechanism to secure it in a specified position of use?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.2 Device to prevent mercury from being spilled during use and transport

Does the tube have a device to prevent the mercury from being spilled during transport and use and is this device efficient?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is the exhaust time taken for the mercury column to fall from 27 kPa to 5 kPa (from 200 mmHg to

40 mmHg) less than or equal to 1.5 s when the pressure in the system drops rapidly from 27 kPa to 0 kPa (from 200 mmHg to 0 mmHg)?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.3 Quality of the mercury

For type approval only:

Does the supplier confirm that the purity of the mercury is not less than 99.99 %?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

For type approval and for verification:

Does a visual inspection show a clean meniscus and no bubbles of air?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.4 Graduation of the mercury tube

Are the graduations permanently marked on the tube containing mercury?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

10 Additional requirements for aneroid manometers

10.1 Scale mark at zero

If a tolerance zone is shown at zero, is it less than or equal to ± 0.4 kPa (± 3 mmHg)? Is it clearly marked?

Is a scale mark at zero indicated?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Graduations within the tolerance zone are optional.

10.2 Zero

Is the movement of the elastic sensing element including the pointer unobstructed within 0.8 kPa (6 mmHg) below zero?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Neither the dial nor the pointer shall be adjustable by the user.

10.3 Pointer

Does the pointer cover between 1/3 and 2/3 of the length of the shortest scale mark of the scale?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is the pointer thinner than the scale mark at the place of indication and is the distance between the pointer and the dial less than or equal to 2 mm?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.4 Hysteresis error

Is the maximum hysteresis error throughout the pressure range less than or equal to 0.5 kPa (4 mmHg) according to Table 2?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: The purpose of this test is to determine if the elastic sensing element has been exposed to a tension within the elastic range (i.e. the “Hooke’s” range) or not throughout the whole pressure range.

10.5 Durability of manometer

Is the change in the pressure indication after 10 000 alternating pressure cycles less than or equal to 0.4 kPa (3 mmHg) throughout the pressure range?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

11 Mechanical safety

11.1 Resistance to shock for handheld sphygmomanometer

Does it have adequate mechanical strength when subjected to mechanical stress caused by normal use, pushing, impact, dropping, and rough handling?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

11.2 Non-automated sphygmomanometers used during patient transport

Does it have adequate mechanical strength when subjected to mechanical stress caused by normal use, pushing, impact, dropping, and rough handling?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

11.3 Non-automated sphygmomanometers containing a mercury manometer

Does it comply with the requirements of Rxxx-1 5.1 after testing?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 Abort a measurement

Is it possible to abort the blood pressure measurement at any time by activating the manual rapid exhaust valve, which shall be easily accessible?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13 Tamper proofing

Tamper proofing of the manometer shall be achieved by requiring the use of a special tool.

Are means provided to prevent tampering and unauthorized access?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Is it clear to an operator if tampering or authorized access has happened?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14 Tubing connectors

Are Luer locks used?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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15 Electrical safety (This test is optional within the OIML Certificate System)

If the instrument is equipped with electrical devices, do these devices comply with regional and national safety regulations?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16 Durability of markings

If the markings fulfill the requirements?

The markings required shall be removable only with a tool or by appreciable force and shall be sufficiently durable to remain clearly legible during the expected service life of the sphygmomanometer.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No	<input type="checkbox"/>	→	Failed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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