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Fundamental requirements**

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Foreword

This document was issued on 9 March 2026 by the National Medical Products Administration and takes effect on 1 March 2029.

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1 Scope

YY 0502 sets the fundamental requirements for the knee joint prosthesis, and the prefix matters: it is a YY standard without the /T suffix, so compliance is mandatory in China rather than recommended. It covers the knee replacement implant as a device family, the requirements a total or partial knee prosthesis has to satisfy before it can be placed on the Chinese market. Knee arthroplasty is one of the highest-volume implant procedures in China and one where revision surgery is costly enough that the regulator has kept the requirements compulsory. The 2026 edition carries a three-year transition, taking effect on 1 March 2029, which is the longest run-in of any standard in this group and signals how much requalification work it implies. For a manufacturer or an importer of knee systems, this is the governing document.

About this edition

YY 0502-2026 is the current edition. It was issued on 9 March 2026 and has been in force since 1 March 2029.

The interval between issue and effect is the transition period. It exists so that producers, laboratories and buyers can requalify products, revise procedures and use up documentation before the new text becomes the one that applies. The date on this page is

the official one from the record of the Standardization Administration.

Classification and status

The YY prefix marks an industry standard, issued by the authority for its sector rather than by the national body. It applies within that industry, and it becomes binding in the same ways a recommended national standard does: when a contract, a regulation or a declaration of conformity names it.

How a Chinese national standard is set out

Chinese national standards are drafted to the rules of GB/T 1.1, which fixes the order in which a standard is set out. The document opens with a foreword recording the issuing bodies, the relationship to any previous edition and the technical committee responsible for it. Clause 1 is the scope. Clause 2 lists the normative references - the other standards that have to be applied together with this one, and without which its requirements cannot be met. Clause 3 gives the terms and definitions. The technical clauses follow: the requirements themselves, the test or measurement methods by which conformity is established, the inspection rules that say how a lot is sampled and judged, and, for a product standard, the provisions on marking, packaging, transport and storage. Annexes, normative or informative, come last.

YY 0502-2026 runs to 15 pages in the English translation. What is delivered is the complete document in that order: every clause, every table, every figure and every annex of the Chinese original, with the same numbering, so that a reference to a clause number in a contract or a test report points to the same place in both languages.

About this English translation

The English edition of YY 0502-2026 is a full translation of the official Chinese text, not a summary, an abstract or a machine rendering left unchecked. Clause and subclause numbers, table and figure numbers and annex letters are those of the original, because they are what a specification, a purchase order or a test report cites.

Technical terms are translated against the vocabulary standards of the same field, so that a term used in YY 0502-2026 reads the same way as in the other Chinese standards it is used beside. Where a term has an established English form in an ISO or IEC document on the same subject, that form is used; where China's term has no foreign counterpart, it is translated literally and the Chinese is kept alongside it rather than replaced by an approximation.

Quantities, units and symbols are carried over unchanged. Chinese standards use SI, so a value in the translation is the value in the original document, not a conversion, and a limit read from the English text is the limit that will be applied by a Chinese inspection body

reading the Chinese one.

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