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- revision of service conditions in Clause 7;
- numerous changes regarding verification methods in Clause 10;
- modification of routine verification in respect of clearances and creepage distances (see 11.3);
- adaption of the tables in Annex C and Annex D to the revised requirements and verification methods;
- shifting of tables from Annex H to new Annex N;
- new Annex O with guidance on temperature rise verification;
- new Annex P with a verification method for short-circuit withstand strength (integration of the content of IEC/TR 61117);
- update of normative references;
- general editorial review.

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## Annex ZA (normative)

### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60068-2-2	2007	Environmental testing - Part 2-2: Tests - Test B: Dry heat	EN 60068-2-2	2007
IEC 60068-2-11	1981	Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test Ka: Salt mist	EN 60068-2-11	1999
IEC 60068-2-30	2005	Environmental testing - Part 2-30: Tests - Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)	EN 60068-2-30	2005
IEC 60073	2002	Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Coding principles for indicators and actuators	EN 60073	2002
IEC 60085	2007	Electrical insulation - Thermal evaluation and designation	EN 60085	2008
IEC 60216	Series	Electrical insulating materials - Properties of thermal endurance	EN 60216	Series
IEC 60227-3 (mod)	1993	Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring	HD 21.3 S3 <sup>1)</sup> + A1 + A2	1995 1999 2008
IEC 60245-3	1994	Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 3: Heat resistant silicone insulated cables	-	-
IEC 60245-4 (mod)	1994	Cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V and having cross-linked insulation - Part 4: Cords and flexible cables	HD 22.4 S3 <sup>2)</sup> + A1 + A2	1995 1999 2002
IEC 60364	Series	Low-voltage electrical installations	HD 60364	Series
IEC 60364-4-41 (mod)	2005	Low-voltage electrical installations - Part 4-41: Protection for safety - Protection against electric shock	HD 60364-4-41 + corr. July	2007 2007
IEC 60364-4-44 (mod)	2007	Low voltage electrical installations - Part 4-44: Protection for safety - Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances	HD 60364-4-444 + corr. July	2010 2010
IEC 60364-5-52 (mod)	2009	Low-voltage electrical installations - Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment - Wiring systems	HD 60364-5-52	2011
IEC 60364-5-53	2001	Electrical installations of buildings - Part 5-53: Selection and erection of electrical equipment - Isolation, switching and control	-	-

<sup>1)</sup> HD 21.3 S3 is superseded by EN 50525-2-31:2011.

<sup>2)</sup> HD 22.4 S3 is superseded by HD 22.4 S4:2004.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60364-5-54	2011	Low-voltage electrical installations - Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment - Earthing arrangements and protective conductors	HD 60364-5-54	2011
IEC 60439	Series	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies	EN 60439	Series
IEC 60445	2010	Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors	EN 60445	2010
IEC 60447	2004	Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Actuating principles	EN 60447	2004
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529 + corr. May	1991 1993
IEC 60664-1	2007	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2007
IEC 60695-2-10	2000	Fire hazard testing - Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure	EN 60695-2-10	2001
IEC 60695-2-11	2000	Fire hazard testing - Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products	EN 60695-2-11	2001
IEC 60695-11-5	2004	Fire hazard testing - Part 11-5: Test flames - Needle-flame test method - Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance	EN 60695-11-5	2005
IEC 60865-1	1993	Short-circuit currents - Calculation of effects - Part 1: Definitions and calculation methods	EN 60865-1	1993
IEC/TR3 60890	1987	A method of temperature-rise assessment by extrapolation for partially type-tested assemblies (PTTA) of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear	CLC/TR 60890 <sup>3)</sup>	2002
IEC 60947-1	2007	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: General rules	EN 60947-1	2007
IEC 61000-4-2	2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrostatic discharge immunity test	EN 61000-4-2	2009
IEC 61000-4-3	2006	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-3	2006
IEC 61000-4-4	2004	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques - Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test	EN 61000-4-4	2004

<sup>3)</sup> CLC/TR 60890 includes A1:1995 to IEC/TR3 60890 + corr. March 1988.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 61000-4-5	2005	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques - Surge immunity test	EN 61000-4-5	2006
IEC 61000-4-6	2008	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques - Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields	EN 61000-4-6	2009
IEC 61000-4-8	2009	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques - Power frequency magnetic field immunity test	EN 61000-4-8	2010
IEC 61000-4-11	2004	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests	EN 61000-4-11	2004
IEC 61000-4-13	2002	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-13: Testing and measurement techniques - Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests	EN 61000-4-13	2002
IEC 61000-6-4	2006	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-4: Generic standards - Emission standard for industrial environments	EN 61000-6-4	2007
IEC 61082-1	-	Preparation of documents used in electrotechnology - Part 1: Rules	EN 61082-1	-
IEC 61180	Series	High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment	EN 61180	Series
IEC/TS 61201	2007	Use of conventional touch voltage limits - Application guide	-	-
IEC 61439	Series	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies	EN 61439	Series
IEC 62208	-	Empty enclosures for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - General requirements	EN 62208	-
IEC 62262	2002	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)	EN 62262	2002
IEC 81346-1	-	Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products - Structuring principles and reference designations - Part 1: Basic rules	EN 81346-1	-
IEC 81346-2	-	Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products - Structuring principles and reference designations - Part 2: Classification of objects and codes for classes	EN 81346-2	-
CISPR 11 (mod)	2009	Industrial, scientific and medical equipment - Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement	EN 55011	2009



<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
CISPR 22	-	Information technology equipment - Radio disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement	EN 55022	-
ISO 178	2001	Plastics - Determination of flexural properties	EN ISO 178	2003
ISO 179	Series	Plastics - Determination of Charpy impact properties	EN ISO 179	Series
ISO 2409	2007	Paints and varnishes - Cross-cut test	EN ISO 2409	2007
ISO 4628-3	2003	Paints and varnishes - Evaluation of degradation of coatings - Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance - Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting	EN ISO 4628-3	2003
ISO 4892-2	2006	Plastics - Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources - Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps	EN ISO 4892-2	2006

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## **Annex ZZ** (informative)

### **Coverage of Essential Requirements of EC Directive 2004/108/EC**

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WARNING: Other requirements and other EC Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this standard is to harmonize as far as practicable all rules and requirements of a general nature applicable to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies (ASSEMBLIES) in order to obtain uniformity of requirements and verification for ASSEMBLIES and to avoid the need for verification to other standards. All those requirements for the various ASSEMBLIES standards which can be considered as general have therefore been gathered in this basic standard together with specific subjects of wide interest and application, e.g. temperature rise, dielectric properties, etc.

For each type of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly only two main standards are necessary to determine all requirements and the corresponding methods of verification:

- this basic standard referred to as “Part 1” in the specific standards covering the various types of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies;
- the specific ASSEMBLY standard hereinafter also referred to as the relevant ASSEMBLY standard.

For a general rule to apply to a specific ASSEMBLY standard, it should be explicitly referred to by quoting the relevant clause or sub-clause number of this standard followed by “Part 1” e.g. “9.1.3 of Part 1”.

A specific ASSEMBLY standard may not require and hence need not call up a general rule where it is not applicable, or it may add requirements if the general rule is deemed inadequate in the particular case but it may not deviate from it unless there is substantial technical justification detailed in the specific ASSEMBLY standard.

Where in this standard a cross-reference is made to another clause, the reference is to be taken to apply to that clause as amended by the specific ASSEMBLY standard, where applicable.

Requirements in this standard that are subject to agreement between the ASSEMBLY manufacturer and the user are summarised in Annex C (informative). This schedule also facilitates the supply of information on basic conditions and additional user specifications to enable proper design, application and utilization of the ASSEMBLY.

For the new re-structured IEC 61439 series, the following parts are envisaged:

- a) IEC 61439-1: General rules
- b) IEC 61439-2: Power switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLIES (PSC-ASSEMBLIES)
- c) IEC 61439-3: Distribution boards (to supersede IEC 60439-3)
- d) IEC 61439-4: ASSEMBLIES for construction sites (to supersede IEC 60439-4)
- e) IEC 61439-5: ASSEMBLIES for power distribution (to supersede IEC 60439-5)
- f) IEC 61439-6: Busbar trunking systems (to supersede IEC 60439-2)
- g) IEC/TR 61439-0: Guidance to specifying ASSEMBLIES.

This list is not exhaustive; additional Parts may be developed as the need arises.

# LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

## Part 1: General rules

### 1 Scope

NOTE 1 Throughout this standard, the term ASSEMBLY (see 3.1.1) is used for a low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly.

This part of the IEC 61439 series lays down the definitions and states the service conditions, construction requirements, technical characteristics and verification requirements for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies.

This standard cannot be used alone to specify an ASSEMBLY or used for a purpose of determining conformity. ASSEMBLIES shall comply with the relevant part of the IEC 61439 series; Parts 2 onwards.

This standard applies to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies (ASSEMBLIES) only when required by the relevant ASSEMBLY standard as follows:

- ASSEMBLIES for which the rated voltage does not exceed 1 000 V in case of a.c. or 1 500 V in case of d.c.;
- stationary or movable ASSEMBLIES with or without enclosure;
- ASSEMBLIES intended for use in connection with the generation, transmission, distribution and conversion of electric energy, and for the control of electric energy consuming equipment;
- ASSEMBLIES designed for use under special service conditions, for example in ships and in rail vehicles provided that the other relevant specific requirements are complied with;

NOTE 2 Supplementary requirements for ASSEMBLIES in ships are covered by IEC 60092-302.

- ASSEMBLIES designed for electrical equipment of machines provided that the other relevant specific requirements are complied with.

NOTE 3 Supplementary requirements for ASSEMBLIES forming part of a machine are covered by the IEC 60204 series.

This standard applies to all ASSEMBLIES whether they are designed, manufactured and verified on a one-off basis or fully standardised and manufactured in quantity.

The manufacture and/or assembly may be carried out other than by the original manufacturer (see 3.10.1).

This standard does not apply to individual devices and self-contained components, such as motor starters, fuse switches, electronic equipment, etc. which will comply with the relevant product standards.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IEC 60068-2-11:1981, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60073:2002, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Coding principles for indicators and actuators*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60216 (all parts), *Electrical insulating materials – Properties of thermal endurance*

IEC 60227-3:1993, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 3: Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring*

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IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-11-5:2004, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 60865-1:1993, *Short-circuit currents – Calculation of effects – Part 1: Definitions and calculation methods*

IEC 60890:1987, *A method of temperature-rise assessment by extrapolation for partially type-tested assemblies (PTTA) of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear*

IEC 60947-1:2007, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test<sup>2</sup>*

IEC 61000-4-4:2004, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2005, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-6:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

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<sup>4</sup> There is a consolidated edition 2.1 (2011) that includes IEC 61000-6-4 (2006) and its amendment 1 (2010).