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It bears the edition number 2.1.

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IEC STANDARD CURRENT RATINGS

1 Scope

This standard specifies standard current ratings for electrical devices, apparatus, instruments and equipment.

This standard does not apply to current ratings of components and parts used within electrical devices or items of equipment.

2 Normative reference

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3 Ratings

The chosen values are compliant with the R10 series specified in ISO 3.

For any type of equipment, the current ratings should be selected among the values in the following table. These values should be applied to the design of utilization systems or equipment as well as to operating characteristics.

Standard current ratings A									
1	1,25	1,6	2	2,5	3,15	4	5	6,3	8
10	12,5	16	20	25	31,5	40	50	63	80
100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800
1000	1 250	1 600	2 000	2 500	3 150	4 000	5 000	6 300	8 000
10000	12 500	16 000	20 000	25 000	31 500	40 000	50 000	63 000	80 000
100000	125 000	160 000	200 000						

The steps may vary according to the equipment concerned, depending on their use or properties. The selection of the values to be adopted should be considered in each case on its merits and it may be found that there are good grounds for choosing 1,5 – 3 – 6 – 7,5 instead of 1,6 – 3,15 – 6,3 – 8, as well as their multiples of 10^n (n is a positive integer).