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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) Replacement of several reference standards.
- b) Several terms and abbreviated terms are introduced;
- c) Table 2 – Voltage bands for France is moved to Annex B as Table B.1, Table 3 – Voltage bands for Italy is deleted;
- d) Annex B and Annex C are introduced.
- e) Annex B includes special national conditions.

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INTRODUCTION

It is generally accepted that safety depends on human factors, based on the normal behaviour of the operators involved, as well as upon technical factors.

For these reasons, this document leaves a choice to the contracting parties between two alternatives in several instances. These alternatives consist of either the provision of operating rules, regulations and procedures, or the application of technical measures such as mechanical or electrical interlocking devices.

A list of the cases for which the contracting parties (e.g. user and manufacturer) shall reach agreement before signing the contract is included in Annex A.

RAILWAY APPLICATIONS – ROLLING STOCK –

Protective provisions against electrical hazards

1 Scope

This document defines requirements applied in the design and manufacture of electrical installations and equipment to be used on rolling stock to protect persons from electric shocks.

This document is applicable to rolling stock of rail transport systems, road transport systems if they are powered by an external supply (e.g. trolley buses), magnetically levitated transport systems, and to the electrical equipment installed in these systems.

This document does not apply to:

- mine railways in mines,
- crane installations, moving platforms and similar transport systems on rails,
- funicular railways,
- temporary constructions.

The requirements for the fixed installations about the protection against the vehicles' potential are not covered in this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC TS 60479-1, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 1: General aspects*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61140:2016, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 61310-1, *Safety of machinery – Indication, marking and actuation – Part 1: Requirements for visual, acoustic and tactile signals*

IEC 62128-1:2013, *Railway applications – Fixed installations – Electrical safety, earthing and the return circuit – Part 1: Protective provisions against electric shock*

IEC 62313, *Railway applications – Power supply and rolling stock – Technical criteria for the coordination between power supply (substation) and rolling stock*

IEC 62497-1, *Railway applications – Insulation coordination – Part 1: Basic requirements – Clearances and creepage distances for all electrical and electronic equipment*

IEC 62995:2018, *Railway applications – Rolling Stock – Rules for installation of cabling*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

NOTE For more information relating to definitions of parts of the fixed installations, refer to IEC 62128-1 from which these definitions are derived.

3.1.1 Definitions concerning persons

3.1.1.1

<electrically> instructed person

person adequately advised or supervised by electrically skilled persons to enable him or her to perceive risks and to avoid hazards which electricity can create

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-02]

3.1.1.2

ordinary person

person who is neither a skilled person nor an instructed person

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-03]

3.1.1.3

<electrically> skilled person

person with relevant education and experience to enable him or her to perceive risks and to avoid hazards which electricity can create

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-01]

3.1.2 Other definitions

3.1.2.1

closed electrical operating area

room or location which serves exclusively for the operation of electrical equipment and is kept secure by a means appropriate to the voltage and location

Note 1 to entry: Access to such areas is permitted only to (electrically) skilled persons and (electrically) instructed persons.

Note 2 to entry: The definition of closed electrical operating area can be suitable for underfloor or upperroof cabinets. Generally speaking, it is any location (inside or outside the car body) which is kept secured because of the voltage that can be assumed to be present on the equipment inside it. Access to such areas is not allowed for ordinary persons.

3.1.2.2

contact line

conductor system for supplying electrical energy to rolling stock through current-collecting equipment