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| Clarification of “duplicated” contacts | 4.2.3.4a) | X | | |
| External plug and socket connections for field wiring connection of batteries | 4.2.4 | X | | |
| Clarification of conditions for the determination of maximum surface temperature | 4.8.1 Table 3 | X | | |
| Maximum temperatures for insulated windings | Table 4 | X | | |
| Degrees of protection provided by enclosures | 4.10.1 | | x | C3 |
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| Clarification of applicability | 5.2.1 | X | | |
| Permanent magnet motors | 5.2.9 6.2.4 9.3.4c) | | X | |
| Clarified applicability to handlights and caplights | 5.3 | X | | |

| for "nA" to "ec" | | Type | | |
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| Explanation of the significance of the changes | Clause | Minor and editorial changes | Extension | Major technical changes |
| Addition of permitted light sources | 5.3.2 Annex J | | X | |
| Added spacings for < 10 W & 100-200 W lamps | 5.3.4 | | X | |
| Added LED as a light source | 5.3.2.5 5.3.4.3 | | X | |
| Clarified internal spacings for LED packages | 5.3.4.3 | X | | |
| Added spacings for < 10 V lamps | 5.3.5.3.2 | | X | |
| Clarification of temperature testing | 5.3.7 | X | | |
| Renaming of "Type" of cells and batteries | 5.6.1 | X | | |
| Clarification of approaches for general purpose junctions boxes | 5.7 6.8 Annex E | X | | |
| Clarified temperature monitoring and control | 5.8 | X | | |
| Clarification of permitted fuses | 5.9.1 | X | | |
| Clarification of testing of battery powered luminaires | 6.3.1 | X | | |
| Addition of end-of-life tests | 6.3.4.3.2 Table 16 | | | C9 |
| Dielectric tests based on industrial standards | 7.1 | | X | |
| Clarification of routine tests for terminal boxes | 7.1 | X | | |
| Marking of "nA" is replaced by "ec" | 9.1 | See "Information about the background of Changes" | | |
| Ex Component enclosures | 9.2 | | | C10 |
| Highlight essential documentation for rotating electrical machines | 10 | X | | |
| Temperature tests | Annex A | | X | |
| Alternative separation distances | Annex H | A1 | | |

NOTE The technical changes referred to include the significance of technical changes in the revised IEC Standard, but they do not form an exhaustive list of all modifications from the previous version.

Explanations:

A) Definitions

Minor and editorial changes

clarification
decrease of technical requirements
minor technical change
editorial corrections

These are changes which modify requirements in an editorial or a minor technical way. They include changes of the wording to clarify technical requirements without any technical change, or a reduction in level of existing requirement.

Extension

addition of technical options

These are changes which add new or modify existing technical requirements, in a way that new options are given, but without increasing requirements for equipment that was fully compliant

with the previous standard. Therefore, these will not have to be considered for products in conformity with the preceding edition.

Major technical changes

addition of technical requirements
increase of technical requirements

These are changes to technical requirements (addition, increase of the level or removal) made in a way that a product in conformity with the preceding edition will not always be able to fulfil the requirements given in the later edition. These changes have to be considered for products in conformity with the preceding edition. For these changes additional information is provided in clause B) below.

NOTE These changes represent current technological knowledge. However, these changes should not normally have an influence on equipment already placed on the market.

B) Information about the background of 'Changes

Marking:

Former marking of "nA" has been replaced by marking "ec". Even if the other technical aspects on the product are unchanged and comply with the revised requirements, a change in the marking will be required.

Former marking of "e" has been replaced by marking "eb". Even if the other technical aspects on the product are unchanged and comply with the revised requirements, a change in the marking will be required.

- A1 The text of Annex H for *Alternative separation distances for Level of Protection "ec" equipment under controlled environments* has been reorganized and clarified from Clause 13 of IEC 60079-15, Ed 4; to facilitate consistent application of the requirements. The title has been revised to remove "low power" as power is not relevant for insulation coordination in accordance with IEC 60664-1. Although a clarification, it is recognized that some existing equipment may not meet the clarified requirement.
- C1 The terminal insulating materials are now subjected to the same tests as rail-mounted terminals as a failure of the material presents the same hazard.
- C2 Although a clarification, it is recognized that some existing equipment will not meet the clarified requirement. The requirements for soldered connections were revised to specify that mechanical support of the connection was required in addition to the solder. It is not a requirement that the connection function electrically in the absence of the solder.
- C3 Ingress protection requirements for Group I increased from IP20 to IP23 for consistency with the remainder of the document.
- C4 Added abnormal tests for discharge lamps.
- C5 Based on further research, maintaining temperature class T4, under conditions of end-of-life, requires either the cathode power or the ambient temperature be reduced.
- C6 Requirements for Ex Component "e" enclosures introduced based on those for Ex Component "d" enclosures. Even if the other technical aspects on the product are unchanged and comply with the revised requirements, a change in the marking will be required.
- C7 Although a clarification, it is recognized that some existing equipment may not meet the clarified requirement. The requirements for soldered connections were revised to specify that mechanical support of the connection was required in addition to the solder. It is not a requirement that the connection function electrically in the absence of the solder.
- C8 Requirements added for the use of solid insulating materials within the limits of their thermal stability.
- C9 Based on further research, requirements for T5 lamps added.

C10 Requirements for Ex Component “e” enclosures introduced based on those for Ex Component “d” enclosures. Even if the other technical aspects on the product are unchanged and comply with the revised requirements, a change in the marking will be required.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

| FDIS | Report on voting |
|--------------|------------------|
| 31/1182/FDIS | 31/1194/RVD |

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts of IEC 60079 series, under the general title *Explosive atmospheres*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

The contents of the interpretation sheet of September 2016 have been included in this copy.

AMENDMENT A1 FOREWORD

This amendment has been prepared by IEC technical committee 31: Equipment for explosive atmospheres.

The text of this amendment is based on the following documents:

| CDV | Report on voting |
|-------------|------------------|
| 31/1301/CDV | 31/1324/RVC |

Full information on the voting for the approval of this amendment can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The committee has decided that the contents of this amendment and the base publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

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EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 specifies the requirements for the design, construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment and Ex Components with type of protection increased safety "e" intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

Electrical equipment and Ex Components of type of protection increased safety "e" are either:

- a) Level of Protection "eb" (EPL "Mb" or "Gb"); or
- b) Level of Protection "ec" (EPL "Gc")

Level of Protection "eb" applies to equipment or Ex Components, including their connections, conductors, windings, lamps, and batteries; but not including semiconductors or electrolytic capacitors.

NOTE 1 The use of electronic components, such as semiconductors or electrolytic capacitors, is excluded from Level of Protection "eb" as expected malfunctions could result in excessive temperatures or arcs and sparks if the internal separation distances were not applied. It is not generally practical to maintain those separation distances and maintain the function of the electronic component.

Level of Protection "ec" applies to equipment or Ex Components, including their connections, conductors, windings, lamps, and batteries; and also including semiconductors and electrolytic capacitors.

NOTE 2 The use of electronic components, such as semiconductors or electrolytic capacitors, is permitted in Level of Protection "ec" as these are evaluated under both normal conditions and regular expected occurrences, and are not likely to result in excessive temperatures or arcs and sparks. As the requirements for separation distances are not applied to the internal construction, commercially available electronic components are generally suitable if the external separation distances comply.

The requirements of this standard apply to both Levels of Protection unless otherwise stated.

For Level of Protection "eb", this standard applies to electrical equipment where the rated voltage does not exceed 11 kV r.m.s., a.c. or d.c.

For Level of Protection "ec", this standard applies to electrical equipment where the rated voltage does not exceed 15 kV r.m.s., a.c. or d.c.

NOTE 3 Short circuit currents flowing through increased safety connections of mains circuits are not considered to create a significant risk of ignition of an explosive gas atmosphere due to movement of connections as a result of mechanical stresses created by the short circuit current. Normal industrial standards require that the effects of short time high currents on the security of connections be considered. The presence of the explosive gas atmosphere does not adversely affect the security of the connection.

NOTE 4 Any short term thermal excursions that occur as a result of electrical current excursions above normal rated currents, such as those that occur during the starting of motors, are not considered to create a significant risk of ignition of an explosive gas atmosphere due to the relatively short duration of the event and the convection that occurs during the event.

NOTE 5 High-voltage connections and associated wiring (above 1 kV) can be susceptible to increased partial discharge activity that could be a source of ignition. Increased spacings to earthed surfaces or other connections and provision of suitable high-voltage stress relief for the terminations are typically provided.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this standard takes precedence.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60044-6, *Instrument transformers – Part 6: Requirements for protective current transformers for transient performance*

IEC 60061-1, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety. Part 1: Lamp caps*

IEC 60061-2, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 2: Lampholders*

IEC 60064, *Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes – Performance requirements*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing – Part 2-42: Tests – Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures "d"*

IEC 60079-11, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"*

IEC 60079-30-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 30-1: Electrical resistance trace heating – General and testing requirements*

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

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60216-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 1: Ageing procedures and evaluation of test results*

IEC 60216-2, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 2: Determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials – Choice of test criteria*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60317-3:2004, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 3: Polyester enamelled round copper wire, class 155*

IEC 60317-3:2004/AMD1:2010

IEC 60317-8, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 8: Polyesterimide enamelled round copper wire, class 180*

IEC 60317-13, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 13: Polyester or polyesterimide overcoated with polyamide-imide enamelled round copper wire, class 200*

IEC 60317-46, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 46: Aromatic polyimide enamelled round copper wire, class 240*

IEC 60400, *Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders*

IEC 60432-1, *Incandescent lamps – Safety specifications – Part 1: Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes*

IEC 60432-2, *Incandescent lamps – Safety specifications – Part 2: Tungsten halogen lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes*

IEC 60432-3, *Incandescent lamps – Safety specifications – Part 3: Tungsten halogen lamps (non-vehicle)*

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

IEC 60598-1, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

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

IEC 60947-7-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-1: Ancillary equipment – Terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60947-7-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-2: Ancillary equipment – Protective conductor terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60947-7-4, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-4: Ancillary equipment – PCB terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60998-2-4, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-4: Particular requirements for twist-on connecting devices*

IEC 60999-1, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

IEC 60999-2, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 2: Particular requirements for clamping units for conductors above 35 mm² up to 300 mm² (included)*

IEC 61184, *Bayonet lampholders*

IEC 61195, *Double-capped fluorescent lamps – Safety specifications*

IEC 61347-1, *Lamp controlgear – Part 1: General and safety requirements*

IEC 61347-2-3, *Lamp control gear – Part 2-3: Particular requirements for a.c. and/or d.c. supplied electronic control gear for fluorescent lamps*

IEC 62035, *Discharge lamps (excluding fluorescent lamps) – Safety specifications*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

ISO 527-2, *Plastics – Determination of tensile properties – Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics*

ISO 178, *Plastics – Determination of flexural properties*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60079-0, as well as the following apply.

NOTE For the definitions of any other terms, particularly those of a more general nature, please refer to IEC 60050-426 or other appropriate parts of IEC 60050, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary*.

3.1 cell and battery types

3.1.1 sealed cell

cell which remains closed and does not release either gas or liquid when operated within the limits specified by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: A sealed cell is often equipped with a safety device to protect against a dangerously high internal pressure and is designed to operate during its life in its original sealed state.

Note 2 to entry: A sealed cell was formerly known as a Type 1 cell in IEC 60079-15.

3.1.2 valve-regulated cell or battery

secondary cell or battery which is closed under normal conditions but which has an arrangement which allows the escape of gas if the internal pressure exceeds a pre-determined value

Note 1 to entry: The cell cannot normally receive an addition to the electrolyte.

Note 2 to entry: A valve-regulated cell or battery was formerly known as a Type 2 cell in IEC 60079-15.

3.1.3 vented cell or battery

secondary cell or battery having a cover provided with an opening through which products of electrolysis and evaporation are allowed to escape freely from the cell or battery to the atmosphere

Note 1 to entry: A vented cell or battery was formerly known as a Type 3 cell in IEC 60079-15.