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Part 3-1: Vehicle connector, vehicle inlet and cable assembly for DC charging intended to be used with a thermal management system**



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## INTRODUCTION

Responding to global challenges of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and energy safety, the automobile industries have been accelerating the development and commercialization of electric vehicles (EV) and hybrid electric vehicles. In addition to the prevailing hybrid electric vehicles, battery electric vehicles including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are going to be mass-marketed. To support the diffusion of such vehicles, this document provides the standard interface configurations of vehicle couplers and accessories to be used in conductive charging of electric vehicles, taking the most frequent charging situations into consideration.

To meet the market demand for increased electric vehicle ranges, batteries with larger capacities need to be integrated. To charge those batteries with larger capacity in similar times as existing charging times or even faster, the charging power needs to be increased. Besides increasing the charging voltage, the charging current also needs to be increased to boost the charging power. The larger charging current implies either larger conductor cross sections for the cable assembly according to existing standards or additional measures in the cable assembly.

The large conductor cross sections that are required according to the existing design requirements and test methods result in significantly thicker and heavier cable assemblies. These are difficult to handle and thus less desirable for public use. Therefore, to improve the usability of charging systems this document makes use of thermal management techniques to enhance the performance of the accessories.

This document provides definitions, requirements, and tests for EV couplers up to rated current according to IEC 62196-1, which supports backward compatibility to couplers according to IEC 62196-3:2014.

IEC 62196 is divided into several parts as follows:

- Part 1: General requirements, comprising clauses of a general character.
- Part 2: Dimensional compatibility requirements for AC pin and contact-tube accessories.
- Part 3: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC and AC/DC pin and contact-tube vehicle couplers.
- Part 4<sup>1</sup>: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC pin and contact-tube accessories for Class II or Class III applications.
- Part 6<sup>2</sup>: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC pin and contact-tube couplers for applications using a system of protective electrical separation.

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<sup>1</sup> Under preparation.

<sup>2</sup> Under consideration.

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### 1 Scope

This document applies to accessories and cable assemblies with the same configuration as specified in IEC 62196-3:2014 with rated operating voltage not exceeding 1 500 V DC and a rated current not exceeding 500 A that employ

- thermal sensing, or
- thermal transport and thermal sensing

with the system architecture described in 4.101.

These accessories and cable assemblies are intended to be used in conductive charging systems for circuits specified in IEC 61851-23.

NOTE Edition 2 of IEC 61851-23 is under development.

The accessories covered by this document are intended to be used in charging mode 4 according to IEC 61851-1. These accessories are intended to be connected to cables according to the IEC 62893 series for DC cables.

### 2 Normative references

Clause 2 of IEC 62196-3:2014 applies, except as follows:

*Additional normative references:*

IEC 60364-5-54:2011, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements and protective conductors*

IEC 60811-501, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds*

IEC 61851-23:—<sup>3</sup>, *Electric vehicle conductive charging system – Part 23: DC electric vehicle supply equipment*

IEC 62196-1:2014, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62196-2:2016, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 2: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for AC pin and contact-tube accessories*

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