

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD



**Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety –  
Part 1: General requirements**



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- a) updated the text of this standard to align with the most recent editions of the dated normative references;
- b) deleted some notes and converted many other notes, in whole or in part, to normative text;
- c) changed some Annex designations from normative to informative;
- d) introduced information on Guidance documents concerning the application of the safety requirements covered by IEC 60335 series and on how to retrieve them;
- e) clarified requirements for PELV circuits;
- f) clarification of requirements on measurement of power input and rated current when they vary throughout the operating cycle;
- g) replaced normative Annex S with the informative Annex S "Guidance for the application of this standard on measurement of power input and current based on the requirements of 10.1 and 10.2 concerning the representative period";
- h) introduced and clarified mechanical strength requirements for appliances with integral pins for insertion into socket-outlets;
- i) revised requirements for battery-operated appliances;
- j) introduced requirements for metal-ion batteries including a new Clause 12 Charging of metal-ion batteries;
- k) introduced the application of test probe 18;
- l) introduced requirements for appliances incorporating appliance outlets and socket-outlets accessible to the user;
- m) revised and clarified requirements for appliances incorporating a functional earth;
- n) introduced moisture resistance test requirements for appliances that incorporate an automatic cord reel and that have a second numeral IP rating;
- o) clarified the appliance test criteria for the moisture resistance for appliances and parts of appliances with integral pins for insertion into socket-outlets;
- p) introduced limits on the output voltage of an accessible safety extra-low voltage outlet or connector or Universal Serial Bus (USB) under abnormal operation conditions;
- q) introduced requirements to cover optical radiation hazards;
- r) introduced external communication software management items into normative Annex R;
- s) revised external communication requirements in Table R.1 and Table R.2;
- t) introduced in new normative Annex U cyber security requirements to avoid unauthorized access and the effects of transmission failures via remote communication through public networks.

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- 7.12.2: The requirements for full disconnection do not apply (Japan).
- 7.12.8: The maximum inlet water pressure shall be at least 1,0 MPa (Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland).
- 13.2: The test circuit and some leakage current limits are different (India).
- 19.5: The test is also applicable to appliances intended to be permanently connected to fixed wiring (Norway).
- 22.2: The second paragraph of this subclause dealing with single-phase class I appliances with heating elements cannot be complied with because of the supply system (France).
- 22.2: The second paragraph of this subclause, that deals with single-phase, permanently connected class I appliances having heating elements, is not applicable due to the supply system (Norway).
- 22.2: Double-pole switches or protective devices are required (Norway).
- 25.3: A set of supply leads is not permitted (Norway, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands).
- 25.8: 0,5 mm<sup>2</sup> supply cords are not allowed for class I appliances (Australia and New Zealand).

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## INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

Guidance documents concerning the application of the safety requirements for appliances can be accessed via TC 61 supporting documents on the IEC website –

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This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If the functions of an appliance are covered by different parts 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

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When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

~~NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards publications, basic safety publications and group safety publications covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.~~ **23**

Individual countries may wish to consider the application of this standard, as far as is reasonable, to appliances not mentioned in a part 2, and to appliances designed on new principles. In this case, consideration should be given to defining normal operation, specifying the classification of the appliance according to Clause 6 and specifying whether the appliance is operated attended or unattended. Consideration should also be given to particular categories of likely users and to related specific risks such as access to live parts, hot surfaces or hazardous moving parts.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of this standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features which impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with this standard.

NOTE 3 Standards dealing with non-safety aspects of household appliances are:

- IEC standards published by TC 59 concerning methods of measuring performance;
- CISPR 11, CISPR 14-1, ~~IEC 61000-3-2 and IEC 61000-3-3~~ and relevant IEC 61000-3 series standards concerning electromagnetic emissions;
- CISPR 14-2 concerning electromagnetic immunity;
- IEC standards published by TC 111 concerning environmental matters.

# HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This International Standard deals with the safety of electrical appliances for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and **battery-operated appliances**.

~~NOTE 1 – Battery-operated appliances and other d.c. supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard. Dual supply appliances, either mains supplied or battery-operated, are regarded as **battery-operated appliances** when operated in the battery mode.~~ 24

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

~~NOTE 2 – Examples of such appliances are catering equipment, cleaning appliances for commercial use, and appliances for hairdressers.~~ 2

This standard deals with the reasonably foreseeable hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons. However, in general, it does not take into account:

- persons (including children) whose
  - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledgeprevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

~~NOTE 3 – Attention is drawn to the fact that~~ Additional requirements may be necessary for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft. In many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities. 3

~~NOTE 4 – This standard does not apply to:~~ 3

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- audio, video and similar electronic apparatus (IEC 60065);
- ~~appliances for medical purposes~~ medical electrical equipment (IEC 60601 series);
- hand-held motor-operated electric tools (IEC 60745 series);
- ~~personal computers and similar equipment~~ information technology equipment (IEC 60950-1);
- transportable motor-operated electric tools (IEC 61029 series);
- audio/video, information and communication technology equipment (IEC 62368-1);
- electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery (IEC 62841 series).

## 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. [25](#)

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

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

IEC 60065:2004/2014, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC TR 60083, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC*

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

IEC 60112:2003, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60112:2003/AMD1:2009<sup>1</sup>

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60227-5:2011, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60252-1:2010, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – ~~Guide~~ Guidance for installation and operation*

IEC 60252-1:2010/AMD1:2013<sup>2</sup>

~~IEC 60309 (all parts), Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes~~

<sup>1</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 4.1:2009 that includes edition 4 and its Amendment 1.

<sup>2</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 2.1:2013 that includes edition 2 and its Amendment 1.

IEC 60309-2, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes – Part 2: Dimensional interchangeability requirements for pin and contact-tube accessories*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

IEC 60320-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

~~IEC 60320-2-2, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 2-2: Interconnection couplers for household and similar equipment*~~

IEC 60320-2-3, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 2-3: Appliance couplers with a degree of protection higher than IPX0*

IEC 60320-3, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 3: Standard sheets and gauges*

IEC 60384-14:2005/2013, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification – Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

IEC 60384-14:2013/AMD1:2016<sup>3</sup>

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60445:2010/2017, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013<sup>4</sup>

IEC 60598-1:2008/2014, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60598-1:2014/AMD1:2017<sup>5</sup>

IEC 60603-11, *Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz for use with printed boards – Part 11: Detail specification for concentric connectors (dimensions for free connectors and fixed connectors)*

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-3:2003/2016, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4:2005, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*

IEC 60691, *Thermal-links – Requirements and application guide*

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<sup>3</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 4.1:2016 that includes edition 4 and its Amendment 1.

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