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- a) introduction of necessary tolerances throughout this document;
- b) the heating test from edition 2 is reintroduced in 18.2;
- c) temperature rise added for plug connectors in Clause 21;
- d) change for better readability in 23.3;
- e) updated lateral pull test in 23.6 for connectors/plug connectors with separate front parts;

- f) revision of 24.1 for ball pressure test;
- g) Clause 27 for glow wire test is updated;
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Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60320 sets the general requirements for appliance couplers for two poles and two poles with earth contact and for the connection of electrical devices for household and similar onto the mains supply.

This document is also valid for appliance inlets/appliance outlets integrated or incorporated in appliances.

The rated voltage does not exceed 250 V (AC) and the rated current does not exceed 16 A.

Appliance couplers complying with this document are suitable for normal use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of –5 °C.

Annex E provides test requirements for derating the operating current of an accessory when used in ambient temperatures above +35 °C up to and including +90 °C.

Appliance couplers are not suitable for:

- use in place of plug and socket-outlet systems according to IEC 60884-1;
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IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60112:2020, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

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

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

IEC 60320-3:2014, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 3: Standard sheets and gauges*
IEC 60320-3:2014/AMD1:2018

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available from: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60664-1:2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

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appliance coupler

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