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Part 1: General requirements**



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IEC 62196-1 has been prepared by subcommittee 23H: Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial and similar applications, and for electric vehicles, of IEC technical committee 23: Electrical accessories. It is an International Standard.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2014. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) deletion of references to universal AC and DC interfaces;
- b) additional requirements for contact materials and plating;
- c) changes to the temperature rise test to include additional points of measurement;
- d) additional tests for accessories to address thermal stresses and stability, mechanical wear and abuse, and exposure to contaminants;
- e) relocation of information and requirements for DC charging to IEC 62196-3.

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A list of all parts in the IEC 62196 series, published under the general title *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles*, can be found on the IEC website.

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INTRODUCTION

IEC 61851-~~1~~⁴ (all parts) specifies requirements for electric vehicle (EV) conductive charging ~~equipment~~ systems.

IEC 62196 (all parts) specifies the requirements for plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors, vehicle inlets and cable assemblies as described in the IEC 61851-~~1~~⁴ series.

Some charging can be achieved by direct connection from an electric vehicle to ~~common-mains~~ standard socket-outlets connected to a supply network (mains or electrical grid).

Some modes of charging require a dedicated supply and charging equipment incorporating control and communication circuits.

IEC 62196 (all parts) covers the mechanical, electrical and performance requirements for ~~dedicated~~ plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets for ~~interfacing-between~~ ~~such dedicated-charging~~ the connection between the EV supply equipment and the electric vehicle.

The IEC 62196 series consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: General requirements, comprising clauses of a general character.
- Part 2: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for AC pin and contact-tube accessories.
- Part 3⁴: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for DC and AC/DC pin and contact-tube vehicle couplers.
- Part 3-1: Vehicle connector, vehicle inlet and cable assembly intended to be used with a thermal management system for DC charging.
- Part 4²: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for DC pin and contact-tube accessories for Class II or Class III applications.
- Part 6: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for DC pin and contact-tube couplers for applications using a system of protective electrical separation.

⁴ ~~To be published~~

² Pending publication.

PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, VEHICLE CONNECTORS AND VEHICLE INLETS – CONDUCTIVE CHARGING OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62196 is applicable to EV plugs, EV **1** socket-outlets, vehicle connectors, vehicle inlets, herein referred to as "accessories", and to cable assemblies for electric vehicles (EV) intended for use in conductive charging systems which incorporate control means, with a rated operating voltage not exceeding:

- 690 V AC 50 Hz to 60 Hz, at a rated current not exceeding 250 A;
- 1 500 V DC at a rated current not exceeding ~~400~~ 800 A **2**.

These accessories and cable assemblies are intended to be installed by instructed persons (IEV 195-04-02) or skilled persons (IEV 195-04-01) only.

These accessories and cable assemblies are intended to be used for circuits specified in IEC 61851-~~4~~ (all parts), which operate at different voltages and frequencies, and which ~~may~~ can include extra-low voltage and communication signals.

These accessories and cable assemblies are intended to be used at an ambient temperature between –30 °C and +~~50~~ 40 °C **3**.

NOTE 1 In some countries, other requirements ~~may~~ can apply.

NOTE 2 In the following country, –35 °C applies: SE.

NOTE 3 The manufacturer can enlarge the temperature range on the condition that the specified range information is provided.

These accessories are intended to be connected only to cables with copper or copper-alloy conductors.

The accessories covered by this document are ~~for use in certain modes of charging electric vehicles~~ intended for use in electric vehicle supply equipment in accordance with IEC 61851 (all parts). ~~These modes are defined in IEC 61851-1. These definitions and a description of the types of connection (cases A, B and C), are described in IEC 61851-1:2010, 6.2 and 6.3.1.~~

This document does not apply to ~~those standardised accessories used in charging systems where the use of such accessories constructed to the requirements of other standards is permitted (e.g. in mode 1 and mode 2)~~ standard plug and socket-outlets used for mode 1 and mode 2 according to IEC 61851-1:2017, 6.2. ~~Such standardized accessories may be used for those situations (mode and case) identified in IEC 61851-1.~~

NOTE 4 In the following countries, mode 1 ~~will not be~~ is not allowed: UK, US, CA, SG.

~~This part of IEC 62196 may be used as a guide for accessories with a lesser number of contacts and lower ratings for use with light duty vehicles.~~

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 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60112, *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 60228:2004, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60245-4, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Cords and flexible cables*

IEC 60269-1, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60269-2, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to K*

IEC 60309-4:2006/2021, *Plugs, fixed or portable socket-outlets and ~~couplers~~ appliance inlets for industrial purposes – Part 4: Switched socket-outlets ~~and connectors~~ with or without interlock*

~~IEC 60449, Voltage bands for electrical installations of buildings~~

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

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60664-1:2007/2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage ~~supply~~ systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

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

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-10-2, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test ~~method~~*

IEC 60947-3:2020, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

IEC 60947-5-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61058-1:2016, *Switches for appliances – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61851-1:~~2010~~2017, *Electric vehicle conductive charging system – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61851-23:~~2014~~³, *Electric vehicle conductive charging system – Part 23: DC electric vehicle ~~charging station~~ supply equipment*

IEC 62196-2:2022, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 2: Dimensional compatibility requirements for AC pin and contact-tube accessories*

IEC 62196-3:2022, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 3: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC and AC/DC pin and contact-tube vehicle couplers*

ISO 1456, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electrodeposited coatings of nickel, nickel plus chromium, copper plus nickel and of copper plus nickel plus chromium*

ISO 2081, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electroplated coatings of zinc with supplementary treatments on iron or steel*

ISO 2093, *Electroplated coatings of tin – Specification and test methods*

ISO 4521:2008, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electrodeposited silver and silver alloy coatings for engineering purposes – Specification and test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, ~~the terms and definitions given in IEC 61851-1:2010 as well as~~ the following terms and definitions apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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NOTE 1 Where the terms "voltage" and "current" are used, they imply root mean square (RMS) values, unless otherwise specified.

NOTE 2 The application of accessories is shown in Figure 1.

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