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LIVE WORKING – EYE, FACE AND HEAD PROTECTORS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC ARC – PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS

1 Scope

This document is applicable to eye, face and head *protectors* used in work where there is a risk of exposure to an *electric arc* hazard.

Such *protectors* consist of one or several *devices* (e.g. *hood*, *goggles*, *balaclavas*, *face shields*, *helmets*, etc.), which might need to be combined together in order to give protection to eye, face and head for the intended use.

This document covers the performance requirements for *protectors* and single protective *devices* considering thermal, optical and mechanical hazards of an *electric arc*.

Because of the limitations of test apparatus at very high energy arcs, no *arc rating* above 4 100 kJ/m² (100 cal/cm²) can be assigned to *protectors*.

This document does not cover protection against electric shock, noise, the consequences of physical and mental shock and the toxic influences caused by an *electric arc*.

This document does not cover *protectors* for work intentionally using an *electric arc*, e.g. arc welding, plasma torch.

This document does not cover face-screens for the reduction of an electric field inside conductive clothing in accordance with IEC 60895.

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IEC 61318:2021, *Live working – Methods for assessment of defects and verification of performance applicable to tools, devices and equipment*

IEC 61477:2009, *Live working – Minimum requirements for the utilization of tools, devices and equipment*

IEC 61482-1-1:2019, *Live working – Protective clothing against the thermal hazards of an electric arc – Part 1-1: Test methods – Method 1: Determination of the arc rating (ELIM, ATPV and/or EBT) of clothing materials and of protective clothing using an open arc*

IEC 61482-1-2:2014, *Live working – Protective clothing against the thermal hazards of an electric arc – Part 1-2: Test methods – Method 2: Determination of arc protection class of material and clothing by using a constrained and directed arc (box test)*

IEC 61482-2:2018, *Live working – Protective clothing against the thermal hazards of an electric arc – Part 2: Requirements*

ISO 3758:2012, *Textiles – Care labelling code using symbols*

ISO 15025:2016, *Protective clothing – Protection against flame – Method of test for limited flame spread*

ISO 16321-1:2021, *Eye and face protection for occupational use – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 16321-2:2021, *Eye and face protection for occupational use – Part 2: Additional requirements for protectors used during welding and related techniques*

ISO 16976 (all parts), *Respiratory protective devices – Human factors*

ISO 18526-2:2020, *Eye and face protection – Test methods – Part 2: Physical optical properties*

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3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1

arc protection class

APC

<electric arc testing> class of *arc thermal protection* of a product tested in accordance with the box test method

Note 1 to entry: The *arc protection class* is characterized by the test energy level of arc exposure (arc energy and incident energy).

Note 2 to entry: The box test method defines two *arc protection classes* APC 1 and APC 2.

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