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FOREWORD

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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It has the status of a basic safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

This standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60695-2-10.

This second edition of IEC 60695-2-11 cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 60695-2-11 published in 2000. It constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

– The Introduction has been added to provide background and how it relates to the Scope.
– The Scope has been modified for greater clarity and reference to basic safety publications.
– Numerous terms and definitions relevant to this Standard have been added to Clause 3.
– The application of “small parts” and “insignificant mass” have been introduced and clarified.
– The different types of specimens, how to specify them, and limitations of the test method have been further clarified in Clause 4.
– Clarified in Clause 5 the distance to specified layer when unknown.
– The information from Clause 6 has been moved into the test procedure in Clause 8.
– The conditioning of the specified layer and the laboratory ambient test conditions were clarified in Clause 7.
– Measurement of the maximum flame height was removed from Clause 9.
– The reference to this test as “GWEPT” was introduced along with an applicable title change.
– Annex A has been revised to reflect current practice by prominent product committees.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Introduction is to provide background regarding the basic guidance that prompted the preparation of this International Standard and how it relates to the Scope.

In the design of any electrotechnical product, the risk of fire and the potential hazards associated with fire need to be considered. In this respect the objective within the design of component, circuit, and product design, as well as the choice of the materials, is to reduce to acceptable levels the potential risks of fire during normal operating conditions, reasonable foreseeable abnormal use, malfunction, and/or failure. IEC Technical Committee 89 has developed IEC 60695-1-10, together with its companion, IEC 60695-1-11, to provide guidance on how this is to be accomplished.

The primary aims of IEC 60695-1-10 and IEC 60695-1-11 are to provide guidance on how:

a) to prevent ignition caused by an electrically energized component part, and
b) to confine any resulting fire within the bounds of the enclosure of the electrotechnical product in the event of ignition.

Secondary aims of these documents include the minimization of any flame spread beyond the product's enclosure and the minimization of harmful effects of fire effluents such as heat, smoke, toxicity and/or corrosivity.

Fires involving electrotechnical products can also be initiated from external non-electrical sources. Considerations of this nature should be dealt with in the overall fire hazard assessment.

In electrotechnical equipment, overheated metal parts can act as ignition sources. In glow-wire tests, a glowing wire is used to simulate such an ignition source.

IEC 60695-2-10 describes a glow-wire test apparatus and common test procedure, IEC 60695-2-12 describes a glow-wire flammability index (GWFI) test method for materials, and IEC 60695-2-13 describes a glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials.

This standard is used to assess the reaction of end products to heat caused by contact with an electrically heated wire under controlled laboratory conditions. This may be useful for the evaluation of end products that may be exposed to excess thermal stress such as a fault current flowing through a wire, overloading of components, and/or poor electrical connections. It should not be used to solely describe or appraise the fire hazard or fire risk of products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of this test may be used as elements of a fire hazard assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to a particular end use.

This international standard may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. It does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this international standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695 specifies a test method on an end product. It is intended to simulate the effects of thermal stresses produced by an electrically heated source to represent a fire hazard.

This test method is used to check that, under defined test conditions, an end product exposed to an electrically heated source has either a limited ability to ignite or, if it ignites, a limited ability to propagate flame. However, the fire hazard analysis, the flammability aspects and the flame spreading to other products are not covered by the present standard.

This basic safety publication is intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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IEC 60695-2-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
burn, intransitive verb
undergo combustion

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.28]