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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.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all the parts in the 60695 series, under the general title *Fire hazard testing*, can be found on the IEC web site.

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## INTRODUCTION

The risk of fire needs to be considered in any electrical circuit. The objective of component, circuit and equipment design, as well as the choice of materials, is to reduce the likelihood of fire, even in the event of foreseeable abnormal use, malfunction or failure.

Electrotechnical products, primarily as victims of fire, may nevertheless contribute to the fire. Fire hazard increases as the burning area increases, leading in some cases to flashover and a fully developed fire. This is a typical fire scenario in buildings. It is therefore useful to measure the rate and extent of the surface spread of flame.

This part of IEC 60695-9 describes surface spread of flame test methods in common use to assess electrotechnical products or materials used in electrotechnical products. It forms part of the IEC 60695-9 series which gives guidance to product committees wishing to incorporate test methods for surface spread of flame in product standards.

IEC 60695-9 consists of the following parts:

- Part 9-1: *Surface spread of flame – General guidance*
- Part 9-2: *Surface spread of flame – Summary and relevance of test methods.*

## **FIRE HAZARD TESTING –**

### **Part 9-2: Surface spread of flame – Summary and relevance of test methods**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60695 presents a summary of published test methods that are used to determine the surface spread of flame of electrotechnical products or materials from which they are formed.

It represents the current state of the art of the test methods and, where available, includes special observations on their relevance and use.

The list of test methods is not to be considered exhaustive, and test methods that were not developed by IEC TC89 are not to be considered as endorsed by IEC TC89 unless this is specifically stated.

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IEC 60695-9-1, *Fire hazard testing – Part 9-1: Surface spread of flame – General guidance*

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*

ISO 13943:2008, *Fire Safety – Vocabulary*