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International Standard IEC 60335-2-69 has been prepared by subcommittee 61J: Electrical motor-operated cleaning appliances for commercial use, of IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2012. It constitutes a technical revision.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the third edition of IEC 60335-2-69 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- the scope has been revised editorially to avoid misunderstandings;
- terms and definitions has been revised with regard to the requirements revised;

- the standard has been revised in general and updated regarding state-of-the-art, as far as necessary, in particular some changes have been made to Clauses 15, 22 and 25;
- the standard has been aligned with the newest amendment of IEC 60335-1:2010+A1:2013;
- Annex AA was revised and restructured;
- Annex CC was revised;
- general additions for vacuum cleaners with blowing functions have been introduced;
- a new Annex GG ‘Particular requirements for mobile wet vacuum cleaners for rescue and firefighting services (MWF)’ was added.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
61J/637/FDIS	61J/646/RVD

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.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fifth edition (2010) of that standard..

NOTE 1 When “Part 1” is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard. Safety requirements for wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush, for commercial use.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states “addition”, “modification” or “replacement”, the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- sub clauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new sub clause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or sub clause;
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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 22.207: A mobile power generator in accordance with DIN 14685 is required (Germany)
- 25.6: A safety plug in accordance with DIN 49443 is required. (Germany)

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

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## INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

## HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

### Part 2-69: Particular requirements for wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush, for commercial use

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electrical motor-operated vacuum cleaners, including **back-pack vacuum cleaners**, and **dust extractors**, for wet suction, dry suction, or wet and dry suction, intended for commercial indoor or outdoor use with or without attachments. They may be provided with a blowing or inflating function.

It also deals with the safety of **centrally-sited vacuum cleaners**, excluding the installation of the system.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that additional requirements on the safe installation of **centrally-sited vacuum cleaners** are not addressed by this standard but need to be taken into account.

NOTE 102 This standard applies to machines for **commercial use**. The following list, although not comprehensive, gives an indication of locations that are included in the scope:

- public use areas such as hotels, schools, hospitals;
- industrial locations, for example factories and manufacturing shops;
- retail outlets, for example shops and supermarkets;
- business premises, for example offices and banks;
- all uses other than normal housekeeping purposes.

They are not equipped with a traction drive. The following power systems are covered:

- mains powered motors up to a **rated voltage** of 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances,
- battery powered motors.

This standard also applies to machines handling **hazardous dust**, such as asbestos.

NOTE 103 Additional requirements for machines handling **hazardous dust** are given in Annex AA. Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries additional requirements on hazardous substances might apply.

NOTE 104 Radioactive substances are not covered by definition of **hazardous dust** for the purposes of this standard.

This standard does not apply to

- vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances for household use (IEC 60335-2-2);
- floor treatment machines for **commercial use** (IEC 60335-2-67, IEC 60335-2-72);
- spray extraction machines for **commercial use** (IEC 60335-2-68);
- hand-held mains-operated electrical garden blowers, vacuums and blower vacuums (IEC 60335-2-100);
- hand-held and transportable motor-operated electric tools (IEC 60745 series, IEC 61029 series, IEC 62841 series);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601-1);

- machines designed for use in corrosive environments;
- machines designed for picking up liquids with a flash point below 55 °C;
- machines designed for use in explosive environments (dust, vapour or gas), except those designed for use in zone 22.

NOTE 105 The flash point temperature limit may vary in different countries. National regulations will need to be taken into account.

NOTE 106 Additional requirements for vacuum cleaners designed for collecting **combustible dust** in zone 22 are given in Annex CC.

NOTE 107 Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries additional requirements on the safe use of the equipment covered can be specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 60312-1, *Vacuum cleaners for household use – Part 1: Dry vacuum cleaners – Methods for measuring the performance*

IEC 60335-2-41, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-41: Particular requirements for pumps*

IEC 61540, *Petit appareillage – Dispositifs différentiels mobiles sans dispositif de protection contre les surintensités incorporé pour usages domestiques et analogues (PCDM)*

ISO 2602, *Statistical interpretation of test results – Estimation of the mean – Confidence interval*

ISO 6344-2, *Coated abrasives – Grain size analysis – Part 2: Determination of grain size distribution of macrogrits P12 to P220*

ISO 7731, *Ergonomics – Danger signals for public and work areas – Auditory danger signals*

ISO 11428, *Ergonomics – Visual danger signals – General requirements, design and testing*

## 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 3.1.9 Replacement:

#### normal operation

conditions under which the machine is operated in normal use, obtained at the following power input  $P_m$  of the vacuum motor:

$$P_m = 0,5 (P_f + P_i)$$

where

$P_f$  is the input, in watts, when the machine has been operated for 3 min, fitted with the nozzle and hose giving the highest input;

$P_i$  is the input, in watts, when the machine has been operated for 20 s with the nozzle sealed, immediately following the 3-minute-period with the nozzle open. Any valve or