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Foreword

The text of document 62A/505A/FDIS, future edition 3 of IEC 60601-1, prepared by SC 62A, Common aspects of electrical equipment used in medical practice, of IEC TC 62, Electrical equipment in medical practice, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60601-1 on 2006-09-12.

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This EN 60601-1:2006 has been significantly restructured compared to EN 60601-1:1990. Requirements in the electrical section have been further aligned with those for information technology equipment covered by EN 60950-1 and a requirement for including a RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS has been added. For an expanded description of this revision, see Clause A.3.

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association and covers essential requirements of EC Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC. See Annex ZZ.

In this standard the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type;
- TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS STANDARD THAT HAVE BEEN DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 AND ALSO GIVEN IN THE INDEX: IN SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

- “clause” means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
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IEC 60073	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60073:2002 (not modified).
IEC 60086-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60086-1:2001 (not modified).
IEC 60127-6	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60127-6:1994 (not modified).
IEC 60309-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60309-1:1999 (not modified).
IEC 60317-43	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60317-43:1997 (not modified).
IEC 60601-1-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60601-1-1:2001 (not modified).
IEC 60601-1-4	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60601-1-4:1996 + A1:1999 (not modified).
IEC 60601-2-49	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60601-2-49:2001 (not modified).
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IEC 61010-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 61010-1:2001 (not modified).
IEC 61140	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 61140:2002 (not modified).
IEC 62079	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 62079:2001 (not modified).
IEC 62304	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 62304:2006 (not modified).
ISO 407	NOTE	Harmonized as EN ISO 407:2004 (not modified).
ISO 8041	NOTE	Harmonized as EN ISO 8041:2005 (not modified).
ISO 13485	NOTE	Harmonized as EN ISO 13485:2003 (not modified).

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Annex ZA (normative)

Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60065 (mod)	2001	Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus - Safety requirements	EN 60065 + corr. March	2002 2006
IEC 60068-2-2	1974	Environmental testing	EN 60068-2-2 ¹⁾	1993
A1	1993	Part 2: Tests - Tests B: Dry heat	A1	1993
A2	1994		A2	1994
IEC 60079-0 (mod)	- ²⁾	Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres Part 0: General requirements	EN 60079-0	2006 ³⁾
IEC 60079-2	- ²⁾	Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres Part 2: Pressurized enclosures "p"	EN 60079-2 + corr. April	2004 ³⁾ 2006
IEC 60079-5	- ²⁾	Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres Part 5: Powder filling 'q'	-	-
IEC 60079-6	- ²⁾	Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres Part 6: Oil-immersion "o"	-	-
IEC 60083	- ²⁾	Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC	-	-
IEC 60085	- ²⁾	Electrical insulation - Thermal classification	EN 60085	2004 ³⁾
IEC 60086-4	- ²⁾	Primary batteries Part 4: Safety of lithium batteries	EN 60086-4	2000 ³⁾
IEC 60112	- ²⁾	Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials	EN 60112	2003 ³⁾

¹⁾ EN 60068-2-2 includes supplement A:1976 to IEC 60068-2-2.

²⁾ Undated reference.

³⁾ Valid edition at date of issue.

Publication	Year	Title	EN/HD	Year
IEC 60127-1	2006	Miniature fuses Part 1: Definitions for miniature fuses and general requirements for miniature fuse-links	EN 60127-1	2006
IEC 60227-1 ⁴⁾	1993	Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated	-	-
A1	1995	voltages up to and including 450/750 V	-	-
A2	1998	Part 1: General requirements	-	-
IEC 60245-1 ⁵⁾	2003	Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V Part 1: General requirements	-	-
IEC 60252-1	²⁾	AC motor capacitors Part 1: General - Performance, testing and rating - Safety requirements - Guide for installation and operation	EN 60252-1	2001 ³⁾
IEC 60320-1	- ²⁾	Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes Part 1: General requirements	EN 60320-1	2001 ³⁾
IEC 60335-1 (mod)	2001	Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety Part 1: General requirements	EN 60335-1 A11 A12 + corr. July	2002 2004 2006 2006
IEC 60364-4-41 (mod)	2005	Low-voltage electrical installations Part 4-41: Protection for safety - Protection against electric shock	HD 60364-4-41	2006
IEC 60384-14	2005	Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment Part 14: Sectional specification - Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains	EN 60384-14	2005
IEC 60417	Data base	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
IEC 60445	- ²⁾	Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Identification of equipment terminals and of terminations of certain designated conductors, including general rules for an alphanumeric system	EN 60445	2000 ³⁾
IEC 60447	- ²⁾	Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Actuating principles	EN 60447	2004 ³⁾

⁴⁾ HD 21.1 S4:2002, *Cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V and having thermoplastic insulation - Part 1: General requirements*, which is related to, but not directly equivalent with, IEC 60227-1, applies instead.

⁵⁾ HD 22.1 S4:2002, *Cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V and having cross-linked insulation - Part 1: General requirements*, which is related to, but not directly equivalent with, IEC 60245-1, applies instead.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529	1991
A1	1999		+ corr. May A1	1993 2000
IEC 60601-1-2	- ²⁾	Medical electrical equipment Part 1-2: General requirements for safety - Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility - Requirements and tests	EN 60601-1-2	2001 ³⁾
IEC 60601-1-3	- ²⁾	Medical electrical equipment Part 1: General requirements for safety - 3. Collateral standard: General requirements for radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment	EN 60601-1-3	1994 ³⁾
IEC 60601-1-6	- ²⁾	Medical electrical equipment Part 1-6: General requirements for safety - Collateral standard: Usability	EN 60601-1-6	2004 ³⁾
IEC 60601-1-8	- ²⁾	Medical electrical equipment Part 1-8: General requirements for safety - Collateral standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems	EN 60601-1-8 + corr. October	2004 ³⁾ 2006
IEC 60664-1 (mod)	1992	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems		
+ A1	2000			
+ A2	2002	Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2003
IEC 60695-11-10	- ²⁾	Fire hazard testing Part 11-10: Test flames - 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods	EN 60695-11-10	1999 ³⁾
IEC 60730-1 (mod)	1999	Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use	EN 60730-1	2000
A1 (mod)	2003	Part 1: General requirements	A12 A1 A13 A14	2003 2004 2004 2005
IEC 60825-1	1993	Safety of laser products Part 1: Equipment classification, requirements and user's guide	EN 60825-1 + corr. February	1994 1995
A1	1997		A1	2002
A2	2001		A2 + corr. April	2001 2004
IEC 60851-3	1996	Winding wires - Test methods	EN 60851-3	1996
A1	1997	Part 3: Mechanical properties	A1	1997
A2	2003		A2	2003
IEC 60851-5	1996	Winding wires - Test methods	EN 60851-5	1996
A1	1997	Part 5: Electrical properties	A1	1997
A2	2004		A2	2004
IEC 60851-6	1996	Winding wires - Test methods	EN 60851-6	1996
A1	1997	Part 6: Thermal properties	A1	1997
IEC/TR 60878	2003	Graphical symbols for electrical equipment in medical practice	-	-

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60884-1	- ²⁾	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes Part 1: General requirements	-	-
IEC 60950-1 (mod)	2001	Information technology equipment - Safety Part 1: General requirements	EN 60950-1 ⁶⁾ + corr. April A11	2001 2004 2004
IEC 61058-1 (mod) + A1	2000 2001	Switches for appliances Part 1: General requirements	EN 61058-1	2002
IEC 61558-1 (mod) A1	1997 1998	Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar Part 1: General requirements and tests	EN 61558-1 ⁷⁾ + corr. April A1 A11	1997 2003 1998 2003
IEC 61558-2-1	- ²⁾	Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar Part 2-1: Particular requirements for separating transformers for general use	EN 61558-2-1	1997 ³⁾
IEC 61672-1	- ²⁾	Electroacoustics - Sound level meters Part 1: Specifications	EN 61672-1	2003 ³⁾
IEC 61672-2	- ²⁾	Electroacoustics - Sound level meters Part 2: Pattern evaluation tests	EN 61672-2	2003 ³⁾
IEC 61965	- ²⁾	Mechanical safety of cathode ray tubes	EN 61965	2003 ³⁾
ISO 31	Series	Quantities and units of space and time	-	-
ISO 780	- ²⁾	Packaging - Pictorial marking for handling of goods	EN ISO 780	1999
ISO 1000	- ²⁾	SI units and recommendations for the use of their multiples and of certain other units	-	-
ISO 1853	- ²⁾	Conducting and dissipative rubbers, vulcanized or thermoplastic - Measurement of resistivity	-	-
ISO 2878	- ²⁾	Rubber, vulcanized - Antistatic and conductive products - Determination of electrical resistance	-	-
ISO 2882	- ²⁾	Rubber, vulcanized - Antistatic and conductive products for hospital use - Electrical resistance limits	-	-

⁶⁾ EN 60950-1 is superseded by EN 60950-1:2006, which is based on IEC 60950-1:2005, mod.

⁷⁾ EN 61558-1 is superseded by EN 61558-1:2005, which is based on IEC 61558-1:2005.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
ISO 3746	- ²⁾	Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane	EN ISO 3746	1995
ISO 3864-1	2002	Graphical symbols - Safety colours and safety signs Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas	-	-

Annex ZZ (informative)

Coverage of Essential Requirements of EC Directives

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association and within its scope the standard covers all relevant essential requirements as given in Annex I of the EC Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC.

Compliance with this standard provides one means of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directives concerned.

WARNING: Other requirements and other EC Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –**Part 1: General requirements for basic safety
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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 1988, its Amendment 1 (1991) and Amendment 2 (1995). This edition constitutes a technical revision. This edition has been significantly restructured. Requirements in the electrical section have been further aligned with those for information technology equipment covered by IEC 60950-1 and a requirement for including a RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS has been added. For an expanded description of this revision, see Clause A.3.

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

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References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this standard are by number only.

In this standard, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex G of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

- “shall” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;
- “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;
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- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

In 1976, IEC subcommittee 62A published the first edition of IEC/TR 60513, *Basic aspects of the safety philosophy for electrical equipment used in medical practice*. The first edition of IEC/TR 60513 provided the basis for developing:

- the first edition of IEC 60601-1 (the parent safety standard for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT);
- the IEC 60601-1-xx series of collateral standards for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT;
- the IEC 60601-2-xx series of particular standards for particular types of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT; and
- the IEC 60601-3-xx series of performance standards for particular types of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

Aware of the need and the urgency for a standard covering electrical equipment used in medical practice, the majority of National Committees voted in 1977 in favour of the first edition of IEC 60601-1, based on a draft that at the time represented a first approach to the problem. The extent of the scope, the complexity of the equipment concerned, and the specific nature of some of the protective measures and the corresponding tests for verifying them, required years of effort in order to prepare this first standard, which can now be said to have served as a universal reference since its publication.

However, the frequent application of the first edition revealed room for improvement. These improvements were all the more desirable in view of the considerable success that this standard has enjoyed since its publication.

The careful work of revision subsequently undertaken and continued over a number of years resulted in the publication of the second edition in 1988. This edition incorporated all the improvements that could be reasonably expected up to that time. Further developments remained under constant study. The second edition was amended in 1991 and then again in 1995.

The original IEC approach was to prepare separate BASIC SAFETY and performance standards for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. This was a natural extension of the historical approach taken at the national and international level with other electrical equipment standards (e.g. those for domestic equipment), where BASIC SAFETY is regulated through mandatory standards but other performance specifications are regulated by market pressure. In this context, it has been said that, "The ability of an electric kettle to boil water is not critical to its safe use!"

It is now recognized that this is not the situation with many items of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, and RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS have to depend on standards to ensure ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE as well as BASIC SAFETY. Such areas include the accuracy with which the equipment controls the delivery of energy or therapeutic substances to the PATIENT, or processes and displays physiological data that will affect PATIENT management.

This recognition means that separating BASIC SAFETY and performance is somewhat inappropriate in addressing the HAZARDS that result from inadequate design of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. Many particular standards in the IEC 60601-2-xx series address a range of ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements that cannot be directly evaluated by the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION without applying such standards. (However, the current IEC 60601 series includes fewer requirements for ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE than for BASIC SAFETY).

In anticipation of a third edition of IEC 60601-1, IEC subcommittee 62A prepared a second edition of IEC/TR 60513 [12]¹⁾ in 1994. It was intended that the second edition of IEC/TR 60513 would provide guidance for developing this edition of IEC 60601-1, and for the further development of the IEC 60601-1-xx and IEC 60601-2-xx series.

In order to achieve consistency in international standards, address present expectations in the health care community and align with developments in IEC 60601-2-xx, the second edition of IEC/TR 60513 includes two major new principles:

- the first change is that the concept of “SAFETY” has been broadened from the BASIC SAFETY considerations in the first and second editions of IEC 60601-1 to include ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE matters, (e.g. the accuracy of physiological monitoring equipment). Application of this principle leads to the change of the title of this publication from “Medical electrical equipment, Part 1: General requirements for safety” in the second edition, to “Medical electrical equipment, Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance”;
- the second change is that, in specifying minimum safety requirements, provision is made for assessing the adequacy of the design PROCESS when this is the only practical method of assessing the safety of certain technologies such as programmable electronic systems. Application of this principle is one of the factors leading to introduction of a general requirement to carry out a RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS. In parallel with the development of the third edition of IEC 60601-1, a joint project with ISO/TC 210 resulted in the publication of a general standard for RISK MANAGEMENT of medical devices. Compliance with this edition of IEC 60601-1 requires that the MANUFACTURER have a RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS complying with ISO 14971 in place (see 4.2).

This standard contains requirements concerning BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE that are generally applicable to MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. For certain types of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, these requirements are either supplemented or modified by the special requirements of a collateral or particular standard. Where particular standards exist, this standard should not be used alone.

1) Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance

1 Scope, object and related standards

1.1 * Scope

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE See also 4.2.

This standard can also be applied to equipment used for compensation or alleviation of disease, injury or disability.

In vitro diagnostic equipment that does not fall within the definition of ME EQUIPMENT is covered by the IEC 61010 series ²⁾. This standard does not apply to the implantable parts of active implantable medical devices covered by ISO 14708-1 ³⁾.

1.2 Object

The object of this standard is to specify general requirements and to serve as the basis for particular standards.

1.3 * Collateral standards

In the IEC 60601 series, collateral standards specify general requirements for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE applicable to:

- a subgroup of ME EQUIPMENT (e.g. radiological equipment);
- a specific characteristic of all ME EQUIPMENT not fully addressed in this standard.

Applicable collateral standards become normative at the date of their publication and shall apply together with this standard.

NOTE 1 When evaluating compliance with IEC 60601-1, it is permissible to independently assess compliance with the collateral standards.

²⁾ IEC 61010 (all parts), *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use*

³⁾ ISO 14708-1, *Implants for surgery – Active implantable medical devices – Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and for information to be provided by the manufacturer*

NOTE 2 When declaring compliance with IEC 60601-1, the declarer should specifically list the collateral standards that have been applied. This allows the reader of the declaration to understand which collateral standards were part of the evaluation.

NOTE 3 Members of IEC maintain a register of valid International Standards. Users of this standard should consult this register to determine which collateral standards have been published.

If a collateral standard applies to ME EQUIPMENT for which a particular standard exists, then the particular standard takes priority over the collateral standard.

1.4 * Particular standards

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in this standard as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

NOTE Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of valid International Standards. Users of this standard should consult these registers to determine which particular standards have been published.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over this standard.

2 * Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ATTENTION: Additional collateral standards of the IEC 60601 series, which are issued subsequent to publication of this standard, become normative at the date of their publication and shall be considered as being included among the normative references below. See 1.3.

NOTE Informative references are listed in the Bibliography on page 743.

IEC 60065:2001, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*

IEC 60068-2-2:1974, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests. Tests B: Dry heat*
Amendment 1 (1993)
Amendment 2 (1994)

IEC 60079-0, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 0: General requirements*

IEC 60079-2, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 2: Pressurized enclosures “p”*

IEC 60079-5, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 5: Powder filling “q”*

IEC 60079-6, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 6: Oil-immersion “o”*

IEC 60083, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC*

IEC 60085, *Electrical insulation – Thermal classification*

IEC 60086-4, *Primary batteries – Part 4: Safety of lithium batteries*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60127-1, *Miniature fuses – Part 1: Definitions for miniature fuses and general requirements for miniature fuse-links*

IEC 60227-1:1993, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements*⁴⁾

Amendment 1 (1995)

Amendment 2 (1998)

IEC 60245-1:2003, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60252-1, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guide for installation and operation*

IEC 60320-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60335-1:2001, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60364-4-41, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60384-14:2005, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification: Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

IEC 60417-DB:2002, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*⁵⁾

IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals and of terminations of certain designated conductors, including general rules for an alphanumeric system*

IEC 60447, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Actuating principles*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*⁶⁾
Amendment 1 (1999)

⁴⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 2.2 including IEC 60227-1:1993 and its Amendment 1 (1995) and Amendment 2 (1998).

⁵⁾ "DB" refers to the joint ISO-IEC on-line database.

⁶⁾ There exists a consolidated version 2.1, including IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1 (1999).

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⁷⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 1.2 including IEC 60664-1:1992 and its Amendment 1 (2000) and Amendment 2 (2002).

⁸⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 3.1, including IEC 60730-1:1999 and its Amendment 1 (2003)

⁹⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 1.2, including IEC 60825-1:1993 and its Amendment 1 (1997) and Amendment 2 (2001).

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ISO 1853, *Conducting and dissipative rubbers, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Measurement of resistivity*

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¹²⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 3.1, including IEC 61058-1:2000 and its Amendment 1 (2001)

¹³⁾ There exists a consolidated edition 1.1, including IEC 61558-1:1997 and its Amendment 1 (1998).

¹⁴⁾ ISO 2882 was withdrawn on 1 February 2005 and no replacement standard has been identified.

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ISO 7010:2003, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Safety signs used in workplaces and public areas*

ISO 9614-1, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity – Measurement at discrete points*

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ISO 11135, *Medical devices – Validation and routine control of ethylene oxide sterilization*

ISO 11137, *Sterilization of health care products – Requirements for validation and routine control – Radiation sterilization*

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3 * Terminology and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE 1 Where the terms “voltage” and “current” are used in this document, they mean the r.m.s. values of an alternating, direct or composite voltage or current unless stated otherwise.

NOTE 2 The term “electrical equipment” is used to mean ME EQUIPMENT (see 3.63) or other electrical equipment. This standard also uses the term “equipment” to mean ME EQUIPMENT or other electrical or non-electrical equipment in the context of an ME SYSTEM (see 3.64).

NOTE 3 An index is found beginning on page 749.

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