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The purpose of this document is to harmonize as far as practicable all rules and requirements of a general nature applicable to empty enclosures for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies, in order to obtain uniformity of requirements and verification for empty enclosures and to avoid the need for verification in other standards.

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EMPTY ENCLOSURES FOR LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1 Scope

This document applies to empty enclosures, as provided by the enclosure manufacturer, prior to the incorporation of switchgear and controlgear components by the assembly manufacturer.

This document specifies general definitions, classifications, characteristics and test requirements of enclosures to be used as part of switchgear and controlgear assemblies (e.g. in accordance with the product standard in the IEC 61439 series), the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC, and suitable for general use for either indoor or outdoor applications.

NOTE 1 Additional requirements could apply for specific applications.

NOTE 2 Empty enclosures according to this document are suitable for mounting of electrical components.

This document does not apply to enclosures which are covered by other specific products standards (e.g. IEC 60670-24).

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IEC 60068-2-11:2021, *Environmental testing – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60364 (all parts), *Low-voltage electrical installations*

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

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60695-2-10:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test methods for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-10-2:2014, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test method*

IEC 60695-11-5:2016; *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC TR 60890:2014, *A method of temperature-rise verification of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies by calculation*

IEC 62262:2002, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*
IEC 62262:2002/AMD1:2021

ISO 178:2019, *Plastics – Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 179-1:2010, *Plastics – Determination of Charpy impact properties – Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

ISO 179-2:2020, *Plastics – Determination of Charpy impact properties – Part 2: Instrumented impact test*

ISO 2409:2020, *Paints and varnishes – Cross-cut test*

ISO 4628-3:2016, *Paints and varnishes – Evaluation of degradation of coatings – Designation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance – Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting*

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empty enclosure

enclosure intended for support and installation of electrical equipment, whose internal space provides suitable protection against external influences as well as a specified degree of protection against approach to or contact with live parts and against contact with moving parts

Note 1 to entry: Throughout this document, the word enclosure is used for empty enclosure.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the terms boxes, cubicles, desks or cabinets are alternative terms for enclosures.