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Part 2-1: RCBOs according to classification 4.1.1**



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- b) harmonization of all tables and figures between the IEC 61008, IEC 61009 and IEC 60755 series;
- c) terms and definitions are now referred to IEC 62873-2;
- d) modification of Subclause 4.1 for classification according to supply conditions;
- e) specific tests for operating characteristics (9.9) of RCBO according to classification 4.1.1;
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### 1 Scope

IEC 61009-1:2024, Clause 1 is applicable except for the first paragraph and the last paragraph, which are replaced by the following, respectively:

This document applies to residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (hereafter referred to as RCBOs), classified according to IEC 61009-1:2024, 4.1.1. RCBOs according to this document are intended for voltages not exceeding 440 V AC with frequencies of 50 Hz, 60 Hz or 50/60 Hz and currents not exceeding 125 A and rated short-circuit capacities not exceeding 25 000 A for operation at 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

This document applies in conjunction with IEC 61009-1:2024. It specifies requirements, tests and test sequences to verify compliance and is used for certification purposes.

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IEC 61543:2022, *Residual current-operated protective devices (RCDs) for household and similar use – Electromagnetic compatibility*

IEC 62873-2, *Residual current operated circuit-breakers for household and similar use – Part 2: Residual current devices (RCDs) – Vocabulary*

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