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Part 2-29: Particular requirements for battery chargers**

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2002 including its Amendment 1 (2004) and its Amendment 2 (2009). It constitutes a technical revision.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the fourth edition of IEC 60335-2-29 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- Revised the drop test to refer to IEC 60068-2-31 (21.101);
- Requirements for supply cords on battery chargers used at low temperatures (25.7);
- Requirements for battery chargers having an output voltage exceeding SELV have been added (1, 3.2.2, 3.4.3, 10.101, 24.4, 25.5, 25.7, 25.8, 25.15, 26.5);
- A classification for battery chargers used outdoors has been added (6.2, 29.2);
- Some notes in Clause 1, Subclauses 7.1 and 22.102, Figure 101 and Annex AA 11.8 have been converted to normative text.

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

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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 battery chargers.

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.

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NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

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- notes: in small roman type.

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this standard 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.

- 3.1.9: The artificial load may not be used (USA).
- 11.2: The appliance is not placed in a test corner (USA).

- 21.101: The drop test is carried out differently on outdoor direct plug-in battery chargers (USA).
- 21.102: The test is different (USA).
- 22.26: Basic insulation is allowed between live parts and SELV circuits (USA).
- Annex AA, 11.8: Higher temperature rises are allowed (USA).
- Annex AA, Clause 17: Higher temperature rises are allowed (USA).
- Annex AA, 19.13: Higher temperature rises are allowed (USA).

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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 2-29: Particular requirements for battery chargers

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric battery chargers for household and similar use having an output not exceeding 120 V ripple-free direct current, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V.

Battery chargers intended for charging batteries in a household end use application outside the scope of the IEC 60335 series of standards are within the scope of this standard.

Requirements for battery chargers for use by children at least 8 years old without supervision are given in Annex AA.

Battery chargers not intended for normal household use, but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as battery chargers intended for use in garages, shops, light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
  - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledgeprevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

- built-in battery chargers, except those for installing in caravans and similar vehicles;
- battery chargers that are part of an appliance, the battery of which is not accessible to the user;
- battery chargers intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- battery chargers intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- battery chargers for emergency lighting (IEC 60598-2-22);
- supply units for electronic equipment.

#### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 61558-2-7:2007, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 2-7: Particular requirements and tests for transformers and power supplies for toys*

### 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

#### 3.1.1 Addition:

The **rated voltage** is the rated input voltage.

#### 3.1.6 Addition:

The **rated current** is the rated input current.

#### 3.1.9 Replacement:

##### **normal operation**

operation of the appliance under the following conditions:

Battery chargers for charging lead-acid batteries, and other battery chargers having a **rated DC output current** not exceeding 20 A, are connected to the circuit of Figure 101. The variable resistor is adjusted so that the current in the circuit is the **rated DC output current** when the battery charger is supplied at **rated voltage**.

When the charging current is controlled by the state of charge of the battery, the variable resistor and the capacitor are replaced by a discharged battery of the type and having the largest capacity specified in the instructions.

Other battery chargers are connected to a discharged battery of the type and having the largest capacity specified in the instructions.

#### 3.2.2 Addition:

Output flexible cords are not considered to be interconnection cords.

#### 3.4.3 Replacement:

##### **safety isolating transformer**

transformer, the input winding of which is electrically separated from the output winding by an insulation at least equivalent to **double insulation** or **reinforced insulation**, that is intended to supply a battery charging circuit having an output voltage not exceeding 120 V ripple-free direct current

Note 1 to entry: Ripple-free means an r.m.s. ripple voltage not exceeding 10 % of the DC component.

#### 3.101

##### **rated DC output voltage**

output voltage assigned to the battery charger by the manufacturer

#### 3.102

##### **rated DC output current**

output current assigned to the battery charger by the manufacturer