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1 Scope

This document applies to **electrically operated water valves**

- for use in, on, or in association with equipment for household appliance and similar use;

NOTE 1 Throughout this document, the word "equipment" means "appliance and equipment" and "control" means "**electrically operated water valve**".

EXAMPLE 1 **Electrically operated water valves** for appliances within the scope of IEC 60335.

- for building automation within the scope of ISO 16484 series and IEC 63044 series (HBES/BACS);

EXAMPLE 2 Independently mounted **water valves**, controls in smart grid systems and controls for building automation systems within the scope of ISO 16484-2.

- for equipment that is used by the public, such as equipment intended to be used in shops, offices, hospitals, farms and commercial and industrial applications;

EXAMPLE 3 **Electrically operated water valves** for commercial catering, heating and air-conditioning equipment.

- that are **smart enabled electrically operated water valves**;

EXAMPLE 4 Smart grid control, remote interfaces and controls of energy-consuming equipment including computer or smart phone.

- that are AC or DC powered **electrically operated water valves** with a **rated voltage** not exceeding 690 V AC or 600 V DC;
- used in, on, or in association with equipment that uses electricity, gas, oil, solid fuel, solar thermal energy, etc., or a combination thereof;
- utilized as part of a **control system** or **controls** which are mechanically integral with **multifunctional controls** having non-electrical outputs;
- using NTC or **PTC thermistors** and to discrete **thermistors**, requirements for which are contained in Annex J of Part 1;
- responsive to or controlling such characteristics as temperature, pressure, passage of time, humidity, light, electrostatic effects, flow, or liquid level, current, voltage, acceleration, or combinations thereof;
- **in which actuators** and **valve** bodies are designed to be fitted to each other.
- as well as manual controls when such are electrically or mechanically integral with automatic controls.

NOTE 2 Requirements for manually actuated mechanical switches not forming part of an automatic control are contained in IEC 61058-1-1.

This document applies to

- the inherent safety of **electrically operated water valves**, and
- functional safety of **electrically operated water valves** and safety related systems,
- controls where the performance (for example the effect of EMC phenomena) of the product can impair the overall safety and performance of the controlled system,
- the operating values, operating times, and operating sequences where such are associated with equipment safety.

This document specifies the requirements for construction, operation and testing of **electrically operated water valves** used in, on, or in association with an equipment.

This document contains requirements for electrical features of **water valves** and requirements for mechanical features of **valves** that affect their intended operation.

This document does not

- apply to **electrically operated water valves** intended exclusively for industrial process applications unless explicitly mentioned in the relevant Part 2 or the equipment standard. However, this document can be applied to evaluate automatic electrical controls intended specifically for industrial applications in cases where no relevant safety standard exists.
- apply to
 - **electrically operated water valves** of nominal connection size above DN 50;
 - **electrically operated water valves** for admissible **nominal pressure rating** above 1,6 MPa;
 - food dispensers;
 - detergent dispensers;
 - steam **valves**;

- take into account the **response value** of an **automatic action** of a **electrically operated water valve**, if such a **response value** is dependent upon the method of mounting the control in the equipment. Where a **response value** is of significant purpose for the protection of the **user**, or surroundings, the value defined in the appropriate equipment standard or as determined by the manufacturer will apply.
- address the integrity of the output signal to the network devices, such as interoperability with other devices unless it has been evaluated as part of the control system.
- cover the prevention of contamination of drinking water as a result of contact with materials.

Throughout this document, where it can be used unambiguously, the term:

- "**valve**" is used to denote an **electrically operated water valve** (including **actuator** and **valve body assembly**);
- "**actuator**" means "electrically operated mechanism or prime mover";
- "**valve body**" means "**valve body assembly**";
- "equipment" includes "appliance" and "control system".

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

IEC 60038, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60065:2014, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

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

IEC 60099-1:1991, *Surge arresters – Part 1: Non-linear resistor type gapped surge arresters for a.c. systems*¹

IEC 60112:2020, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

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

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

IEC 60269 (all parts), *Low-voltage fuses*

IEC 60335-1:2020, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

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

IEC 60384-16, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 16: Sectional specification – Fixed metallized polypropylene film dielectric DC capacitors*

IEC 60384-17, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 17: Sectional specification – Fixed metallized polypropylene film dielectric AC and pulse capacitors*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60423, *Conduit systems for cable management – Outside diameters of conduits for electrical installations and threads for conduits and fittings*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999
IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60539 (all parts), *Directly heated negative temperature coefficient thermistors*

IEC 60664-1:2007², *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC TR 60664-2 (all parts), *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems*

IEC 60664-3:2016, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*

¹ Withdrawn.

² Withdrawn.

IEC 60695-2-10, *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 method for end-products (GWEPT)*

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

IEC 60730-1:2022, *Automatic electrical controls – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60738 (all parts), *Thermistors – Directly heated positive temperature coefficient*

IEC 60747-5-5, *Semiconductor devices – Part 5-5: Optoelectronic devices – Photocouplers*

IEC 60884-1, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60884-2-5:2017, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 2-5: Particular requirements for adaptors*

IEC 60998-2-2, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screwless-type clamping units*

IEC 60998-2-3, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-3: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with insulation-piercing clamping units*

IEC 60999-1, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

IEC 61000-3-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current ≤ 16 A per phase)*

IEC 61000-3-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current ≤ 16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-3-11, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-11: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems – Equipment with rated current ≤ 75 A and subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-3-12, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-12: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents produced by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems with input current > 16 A and ≤ 75 A per phase*

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2014, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*
IEC 61000-4-5:2014/AMD1:2017

IEC 61000-4-6, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-8, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques – Power frequency magnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-11, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests for equipment with current up to 16 A per phase*

IEC 61000-4-13:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-13: Testing and measurement techniques – Harmonics and interharmonics including mains signalling at a.c. power port, low frequency immunity tests*
IEC 61000-4-13:2002 /AMD1:2009
IEC 61000-4-13:2002 /AMD2:2015

IEC 61000-4-20, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-20: Testing and measurement techniques – Emission and immunity testing in transverse electromagnetic (TEM) waveguides*

IEC 61000-4-21, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-21: Testing and measurement techniques – Reverberation chamber test methods*

IEC 61000-4-22, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-22: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated emissions and immunity measurements in fully anechoic rooms (FARs)*

IEC 61000-4-28, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-28: Testing and measurement techniques – Variation of power frequency, immunity test for equipment with input current not exceeding 16A per phase*

IEC 61000-6-1:2016, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-1: Generic standards – Immunity standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-2:2016, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-2: Generic standards – Immunity standard for industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-3:2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-3: Generic standards – Emission standard for equipment in residential environments*

IEC 61000-6-4:2018, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-4: Generic standards – Emission standard for industrial environments*

IEC 61051-1, *Varistors for use in electronic equipment – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61051-2, *Varistors for use in electronic equipment – Part 2: Sectional specification for surge suppression varistors*

IEC 61051-2-2, *Varistors for use in electronic equipment – Part 2: Blank detail specification for zinc oxide surge suppression varistors. Assessment level E*

IEC 61210, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

IEC 61249 (all parts), *Materials for printed boards and other interconnecting structures*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers for general applications*

IEC 61558-2-16, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 2-16: Particular requirements and tests for switch mode power supply units and transformers for switch mode power supply units for general applications*

IEC 61810-3, *Electromechanical elementary relays – Part 3: Relays with forcibly guided (mechanically linked) contacts*

IEC 62151, *Safety of equipment electrically connected to a telecommunication network*

IEC 62319 (all parts), *Polymeric thermistors – Directly heated positive step function temperature coefficient*

IEC 62326 (all parts), *Printed boards*

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

IEC 63044 (all parts), *Home and Building Electronic Systems (HBES) and Building Automation and Control Systems (BACS)*

CISPR 11, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

CISPR 14-1:2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements for household appliances, electric tools and similar apparatus – Part 1: Emission*

CISPR 32:2015, *Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment – Emission requirements*
CISPR 32:2015/AMD1:2019

ISO 4046-4:2016, *Paper, board, pulps and related terms – Vocabulary – Part 4: Paper and board grades and converted products*

ISO 7637-2:2011, *Road vehicles – Electrical disturbances from conduction and coupling – Part 2: Electrical transient conduction along supply lines only*

ISO 7637-3:2016, *Road vehicles – Electrical disturbances from conduction and coupling – Part 3: Electrical transient transmission by capacitive and inductive coupling via lines other than supply lines*

ISO 16484 (all parts), *Building automation and control systems (BACS)*

ISO 7-1:1994, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are made on the threads – Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation*

ISO 65:1981, *Carbon steel tubes suitable for screwing in accordance with ISO 7-1³*

³ Withdrawn.

ISO 228-1:2000, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads – Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation*

ISO 630-2:2011, *Structural steels – Part 2: Technical delivery conditions for structural steels for general purposes*⁴

ISO 1179-1:2013, *Connections for general use and fluid power – Ports and stud ends with ISO 228-1 threads with elastomeric or metal-to-metal sealing – Part 1: Threaded ports*

ISO 4144:2003, *Pipework – Stainless steel fittings threaded in accordance with ISO 7-1*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

NOTE Where the terms "voltage" and "current" are used, they imply the RMS values, unless otherwise specified.

3.1 Definitions relating to ratings, voltages, currents, frequencies, and wattages

3.1.1

rated voltage, current, frequency or wattage

voltage, current, frequency or wattage assigned to a **control** by the manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: For three phase supply, the **rated voltage** is the line-to-line voltage.

3.1.2

rated voltage, current, frequency or wattage range

voltage, current, frequency or wattage ranges assigned to the **control** by the manufacturer and expressed by lower and upper values

3.1.3

working voltage

highest RMS value of the AC or DC voltage across any particular insulation which can occur when the equipment is supplied at **rated voltage**

Note 1 to entry: **Transient overvoltages** are disregarded.

Note 2 to entry: Open-circuit conditions and normal operating conditions are taken into account.

3.1.4

extra-low voltage

ELV

voltage not exceeding the maximum values of 50 V AC (RMS), 70,7 V AC (peak) or 120 V DC (ripple-free) between conductors and between conductors and earth which is permitted to be maintained indefinitely under normal and single-**fault** conditions

Note 1 to entry: Ripple-free is conventionally defined as an RMS ripple voltage of not more than 10 % of the DC component.

⁴ Withdrawn. A newer edition was published in 2021, but the listed edition applies.