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Part 1: General requirements

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1990, amendment 1 (1992) and amendment 2 (1995). It constitutes a technical revision.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
66/233/FDIS	66/244/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annexes A to H form an integral part of this standard.

In this standard, the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: in roman type;
- NOTES: in smaller roman type;
- *conformity: in italic type*;
- terms used throughout this standard which have been defined in clause 3: SMALL ROMAN CAPITALS.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2002. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigenda of May 2002 and April 2003 have been included in this copy.

Withdrawn

INTRODUCTION

This part 1 specifies the safety requirements that are generally applicable to all equipment within its scope. For certain types of equipment, these requirements will be supplemented or modified by the special requirements of one, or more than one, particular part 2 of the standard which must be read in conjunction with the part 1 requirements.

Withdrawn

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope and object

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 Equipment included in scope

This part of IEC 61010 specifies general safety requirements for electrical equipment intended for professional, industrial process, and educational use, any of which may incorporate computing devices, as defined in a) to d) below, when used under the environmental conditions of 1.4.

a) Electrical test and measurement equipment

This is equipment which by electrical means tests, measures, indicates or records one or more electrical or non-electrical quantities, also non-measuring equipment such as signal generators, measurement standards, power supplies, transducers, transmitters, etc.

NOTE All indicating and recording electrical measuring instruments (except those excluded in 1.1.2) fall within the scope of IEC 61010 unless they are panel meters designed only for building-in to other equipment. Built-in panel meters are considered to be components and only need to meet the relevant requirements of IEC 61010, or other standards, as part of the equipment into which they are built.

b) Electrical control equipment

This is equipment which controls one or more output quantities to specific values, with each value determined by manual setting, by local or remote programming, or by one or more input variables.

c) Electrical laboratory equipment

This is equipment which measures, indicates, monitors or analyses substances, or is used to prepare materials, and includes in vitro diagnostic (IVD) equipment

This equipment may also be used in areas other than laboratories, for example self-test IVD equipment may be used in the home.

d) Accessories intended for use with the above (for example, sample handling equipment).

1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

This standard does not apply to equipment within the scope of

- a) IEC 60065 (Safety requirements for audio, video and similar electronic apparatus);
- b) IEC 60204 (Controls for electrical machines);
- c) IEC 60335 (Safety of household and similar electrical appliances);
- d) IEC 60364 (Electrical installations of buildings);
- e) IEC 60439-1 (Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies);
- f) IEC 60521 (Class 0,5; 1 and 2 alternating current watt-hour meters);
- g) IEC 60601 (Medical electrical equipment);

- h) IEC 60950 (Safety of information technology equipment including electrical business equipment, except as specified in 1.1.3);
- i) IEC 61558 (Power transformers, power supply units and similar).

1.1.3 Computing equipment

This standard applies only to computers, processors, etc. which form part of equipment within the scope of this standard or are designed for use exclusively with the equipment.

NOTE Computing devices and similar equipment within the scope of IEC 60950 and conforming to its requirements are considered to be suitable for use with equipment within the scope of this standard. However, some of the requirements of IEC 60950 for resistance to moisture and liquids are less stringent than those in this standard. If HAZARDS from moisture or liquids could affect equipment that conforms to IEC 60950 and is used with equipment which conforms to this standard, the instructions for use should specify any additional precautions required.

1.2 Object

1.2.1 Aspects included in scope

The purpose of the requirements of this part 1 is to ensure that the design and methods of construction used provide adequate protection for the OPERATOR and the surrounding area against

- a) electric shock or burn (see clause 6);
- b) mechanical HAZARDS (see clauses 7 and 8);
- c) excessive temperature (see clauses 9 and 10);
- d) spread of fire from the equipment (see clause 9);
- e) effects of fluids and fluid pressure (see clause 11);
- f) effects of radiation, including lasers sources, and sonic and ultrasonic pressure (see clause 12);
- g) liberated gases, explosion and implosion (see clause 13).

NOTE Attention is drawn to the existence of additional requirements which may be specified by national authorities responsible for the health and safety of labour forces.

1.2.2 Aspects excluded from scope

This standard does not cover

- a) reliable function, performance or other properties of the equipment not related to safety;
- b) effectiveness of transport packaging;
- c) EMC requirements, which are covered by IEC 61326;
- d) protective measures for explosive atmospheres (see IEC 60079);
- e) servicing (repair);
- f) protection of servicing (repair) personnel.

NOTE Servicing personnel are expected to be reasonably careful in dealing with obvious HAZARDS, but the design should protect against mishap by the use of warning labels, shields for hazardous voltage TERMINALS, segregation of low-voltage circuits from hazardous voltages, etc. More important, servicing personnel should be trained to recognize unexpected HAZARDS and to react accordingly.

1.3 Verification

This standard also specifies methods of verifying, through inspection and type testing, that the equipment meets the requirements of this standard.

NOTE Requirements for ROUTINE TESTS are given in annex F.

1.4 Environmental conditions

1.4.1 Normal environmental conditions

This standard applies to equipment designed to be safe at least under the following conditions:

- a) indoor use;
- b) altitude up to 2 000 m;
- c) temperature 5 °C to 40 °C;
- d) maximum relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C;
- e) MAINS supply voltage fluctuations up to ± 10 % of the nominal voltage;
- f) transient overvoltages typically present on the MAINS supply.

NOTE The normal level of transient overvoltages is impulse withstand (overvoltage) category II of IEC 60364-4-443.

- g) applicable RATED POLLUTION degree.

1.4.2 Extended environmental conditions

This standard applies to equipment designed to be safe not only in the environmental conditions specified in 1.4.1, but also in any of the following conditions for which the equipment is RATED by the manufacturer:

- a) outdoor use;
- b) altitude above 2 000 m;
- c) ambient temperatures below 5 °C or above 40 °C;
- d) relative humidity above the levels specified in 1.4.1;
- e) MAINS supply voltage fluctuations exceeding ± 10 % of the nominal voltage.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 61010. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 61010 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60027, *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60060, *High-voltage test techniques*

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

IEC 60085, *Thermal evaluation and classification of electrical insulation*

IEC 60227, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60245, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60309, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes*

IEC 60335, *Safety of household and similar electrical appliances*

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

IEC 60651, *Sound level meters*

IEC 60664-3, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coatings to achieve insulation coordination of printed board assemblies*

IEC 60707, *Flammability of solid non-metallic materials when exposed to flame sources – List of test methods*

IEC 60799, *Electrical accessories – Cord sets and interconnection cord sets*

IEC 60804, *Integrating-averaging sound level meters*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification, requirements and user's guide*

IEC 60947-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 60947-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

ISO 306:1994, *Plastics – Thermoplastic materials – Determination of Vicat softening temperature (VST)*

ISO 3746, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4126-1, *Safety valves – Part 1: General requirements*

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