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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: Particular requirements for high pressure cleaners and steam cleaners.

When a particular sub clause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that sub clause 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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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

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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 2-79: Particular requirements for high pressure cleaners and steam cleaners

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of high-pressure cleaners without traction drive, intended for household and commercial indoor or outdoor use, having a **rated pressure** not less than 2,5 MPa and not exceeding 35 MPa.

It also applies to steam cleaners and those parts of hot water high pressure cleaners incorporating a steam stage which have a capacity not exceeding 100 l, a **rated pressure** not exceeding 2,5 MPa and a product of capacity and **rated pressure** not exceeding 5 MPa·l.

They are not equipped with a traction drive. The following power systems of the drive for the high pressure pump are covered:

- mains powered motors up to a **rated voltage** of 250 V for single-phase machines and 480 V for other machines,
- battery-operated motors,
- internal combustion engines,
- hydraulic or pneumatic motors.

This standard does not apply to

- high pressure water jet machines having a **rated pressure** exceeding 35 MPa;

NOTE 101 In Europe, those machines are covered by EN 1829-1.

- liquid or steam cleaners intended for domestic use (IEC 60335-2-54);
- hand-held and transportable motor-operated electric tools (IEC 60745 series, IEC 61029 series, IEC 62841 series);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601);
- agricultural sprayers (ISO 4254-6);
- non-liquid, solid abrasive cleaners;
- machines designed to be part of a production process;
- machines designed for use in corrosive or explosive environments (dust, vapour or gas);
- machines designed for use in vehicles or on board of ships or aircraft.

NOTE 102 Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries additional requirements on the safe use of the equipment covered can be specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

#### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.



*Addition:*

IEC 60364-1, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

IEC 61558-2-3, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 2-3: Particular requirements and tests for ignition transformers for gas and oil burners*

*Replacement:*

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### APPAREILS ÉLECTRODOMESTIQUES ET ANALOGUES – SÉCURITÉ –

#### Partie 2-79: Exigences particulières pour les appareils de nettoyage à haute pression et les appareils de nettoyage à vapeur

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Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

- alignement rédactionnel et technique sur l'IEC 60335-1:2020;
- clarification concernant les appareils de nettoyage à haute pression portatifs et alimentés par batteries;

– améliorations rédactionnelles générales.

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NOTE 1 L'expression "la Partie 1" utilisée dans la présente norme fait référence à l'IEC 60335-1.

La présente partie 2 complète ou modifie les articles correspondants de l'IEC 60335-1, de façon à transformer cette publication en norme IEC: Exigences particulières pour les appareils de nettoyage à haute pression et les appareils de nettoyage à vapeur

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## INTRODUCTION

Il a été considéré en établissant cette Norme internationale que l'exécution de ses dispositions était confiée à des personnes expérimentées et ayant une qualification appropriée.

La présente norme reconnaît le niveau de protection internationalement accepté contre les dangers électriques, mécaniques, thermiques, liés au feu et au rayonnement des appareils lorsqu'ils fonctionnent comme en usage normal en tenant compte des instructions du fabricant. Elle couvre également les situations anormales auxquelles on peut s'attendre dans la pratique et elle tient compte de la façon dont les phénomènes électromagnétiques peuvent affecter le fonctionnement sûr des appareils.

Cette norme tient compte autant que possible des exigences de l'IEC 60364, de façon à rester compatible avec les règles d'installation quand l'appareil est raccordé au réseau d'alimentation. Cependant, des règles nationales d'installation peuvent être différentes.

Si un appareil relevant du domaine d'application de la présente norme comporte également des fonctions couvertes par une autre partie 2 de l'IEC 60335, la partie 2 correspondante est appliquée à chaque fonction séparément, dans la limite du raisonnable. Si cela est applicable, on tient compte de l'influence d'une fonction sur les autres fonctions.

Lorsqu'une partie 2 ne comporte pas d'exigences complémentaires pour couvrir les risques traités dans la Partie 1, la Partie 1 s'applique.

NOTE 1 Cela signifie que les comités d'études responsables pour les parties 2 ont déterminé qu'il n'était pas nécessaire de spécifier des exigences particulières pour l'appareil en question en plus des exigences générales.

Cette norme est une norme de famille de produits traitant de la sécurité d'appareils et a préséance sur les normes horizontales et génériques couvrant le même sujet.

NOTE 2 Les normes horizontales et génériques couvrant un risque ne sont pas applicables parce qu'elles ont été prises en considération lorsque les exigences générales et particulières ont été étudiées pour la série de normes IEC 60335. Par exemple, dans le cas des exigences de température de surface pour de nombreux appareils, des normes génériques, comme l'ISO 13732-1 pour les surfaces chaudes, ne sont pas applicables en plus de la Partie 1 ou des parties 2.

Un appareil conforme au texte de la présente norme ne sera pas nécessairement jugé conforme aux principes de sécurité de la norme si, lorsqu'il est examiné et soumis aux essais, il apparaît qu'il présente d'autres caractéristiques qui compromettent le niveau de sécurité visé par ces exigences.

Un appareil utilisant des matériaux ou présentant des modes de construction différents de ceux décrits dans les exigences de cette norme peut être examiné et essayé en fonction de l'objectif poursuivi par ces exigences et, s'il est jugé pratiquement équivalent, il peut être estimé conforme aux principes de sécurité de la norme.



## APPAREILS ÉLECTRODOMESTIQUES ET ANALOGUES – SÉCURITÉ –

### Partie 2-79: Exigences particulières pour les appareils de nettoyage à haute pression et les appareils de nettoyage à vapeur

#### 1 Domaine d'application

L'article de la Partie 1 est remplacé par le texte suivant.

La présente partie de l'IEC 60335 traite de la sécurité des appareils de nettoyage à haute pression sans commande de dispositif de déplacement, destinés à un usage domestique et commercial en intérieur ou en extérieur, de **pression assignée** supérieure ou égale à 2,5 MPa et inférieure ou égale à 35 MPa.

Elle s'applique également aux appareils de nettoyage à vapeur et aux parties des appareils de nettoyage à haute pression d'eau chaude qui comportent une phase vapeur dont la capacité ne dépasse pas 100 l et la **pression assignée** ne dépasse pas 2,5 MPa, le produit de la capacité et de la **pression assignée** ne dépassant pas 5 MPa·l.

Ceux-ci ne sont pas équipés d'une commande de dispositif de déplacement. Les systèmes d'alimentation suivants de la commande de la pompe à haute pression sont couverts:

- moteurs alimentés par le réseau de **tension assignée** inférieure ou égale à 250 V pour les machines monophasées et à 480 V pour les autres machines,
- moteurs alimentés par batteries,
- moteurs à combustion interne,
- moteurs hydrauliques ou pneumatiques.

La présente norme ne s'applique pas:

- aux machines à jet d'eau à haute pression dont la **pression assignée** dépasse 35 MPa;

NOTE 101 En Europe, ces machines sont couvertes par l'EN 1829-1.

- aux appareils de nettoyage à vapeur ou à liquide à usage domestique (IEC 60335-2-54);
- aux outils électroportatifs et portables à moteur (série IEC 60745, série IEC 61029, série IEC 62841);
- aux appareils à but médical (IEC 60601);
- aux pulvérisateurs agricoles (ISO 4254-6);
- aux nettoyeurs abrasifs solides, non liquides;
- aux machines destinées à être utilisées dans le cadre d'un processus de production;
- aux machines destinées à être utilisées dans des environnements corrosifs ou explosifs (poussière, vapeur ou gaz);
- aux machines destinées à être utilisées dans des véhicules ou à bord de navires ou d'avions;

NOTE 102 L'attention est attirée sur le fait que, dans de nombreux pays, des exigences supplémentaires relatives à l'utilisation en toute sécurité de l'équipement couvert peuvent être spécifiées par les organismes sanitaires nationaux, par les organismes nationaux responsables de la protection des travailleurs, par les organismes nationaux responsables de l'alimentation en eau et par des organismes similaires.

## 2 Références normatives

L'article de la Partie 1 est applicable avec les exceptions suivantes.

*Addition:*

IEC 60364-1, *Installations électriques à basse tension – Partie 1: Principes fondamentaux, détermination des caractéristiques générales, définitions*

IEC 61558-2-3, *Sécurité des transformateurs, bobines d'inductance, blocs d'alimentation et des combinaisons de ces éléments – Partie 2-3: Règles particulières et essais pour les transformateurs d'allumage pour brûleurs à gaz et combustibles liquides*

*Remplacement:*

IEC 61770:2008, *Appareils électriques raccordés au réseau d'alimentation en eau – Exigences pour éviter le retour d'eau par siphonnage et la défaillance des ensembles de raccordement*