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EMPTY ENCLOSURES FOR LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1 Scope

This document applies to empty enclosures, as provided by the enclosure manufacturer, prior to the incorporation of switchgear and controlgear components by ~~the user, as supplied by the enclosure~~ the assembly manufacturer. **1**

This document specifies general definitions, classifications, characteristics and test requirements of enclosures to be used as part of switchgear and controlgear assemblies (e.g. in accordance with the product standard in the IEC 61439 series), the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC, and suitable for general use for either indoor or outdoor applications.

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This document does not apply to enclosures which are covered by other specific products standards (e.g. ~~IEC 60670 series~~ IEC 60670-24).

Compliance with the safety requirements of the applicable product standard for the final product produced using an empty enclosure is the responsibility of the assembly manufacturer. **3**

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INTRODUCTION

Le présent document a pour objet d'harmoniser autant que possible toutes les règles et exigences d'ordre général applicables aux enveloppes vides destinées aux ensembles d'appareillages à basse tension, afin d'uniformiser les exigences et la vérification des enveloppes vides et d'éviter de faire appel à d'autres normes pour la vérification.

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1 Domaine d'application

Le présent document s'applique aux enveloppes vides, dans l'état dans lequel elles sont fournies par le fabricant d'enveloppes, avant incorporation des composants d'appareillage par le fabricant de l'ensemble.

Le présent document spécifie les définitions, les classifications, les caractéristiques et les exigences d'essai générales des enveloppes à utiliser en tant que partie d'ensembles d'appareillage (selon par exemple la norme de produit de la série IEC 61439), dont la tension assignée ne dépasse pas 1 000 V en courant alternatif ou 1 500 V en courant continu pour usage général extérieur ou intérieur.

NOTE 1 Des exigences supplémentaires peuvent s'appliquer dans le cas de certaines applications particulières.

NOTE 2 Les enveloppes vides conformes au présent document sont adaptées au montage de composants électriques.

Le présent document ne s'applique pas aux enveloppes qui sont couvertes par d'autres normes de produits spécifiques (par exemple par l'IEC 60670-24).

La conformité aux exigences de sécurité de la norme de produit applicable au produit final réalisé à partir d'une enveloppe vide est de la responsabilité du fabricant de l'ensemble.

NOTE 3 Le présent document peut servir de base pour d'autres comités d'étude.

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IEC 60068-2-2:2007, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-2: Essais – Essai B: Chaleur sèche*

IEC 60068-2-11:2021, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-11: Essais – Essai Ka: Brouillard salin*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-30: Essais – Essai Db: Essai cyclique de chaleur humide (cycle de 12 h + 12 h)*

IEC 60085:2007, *Isolation électrique – Évaluation et désignation thermiques*

IEC 60364 (toutes les parties), *Installations électriques à basse tension*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrés de protection procurés par les enveloppes (Code IP)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60695-2-10:2021, *Essais relatifs aux risques du feu – Partie 2-10: Essais au fil incandescent/chauffant – Appareillage et méthode commune d'essai*

IEC 60695-2-11:2021, *Essais relatifs aux risques du feu – Partie 2-11: Essais au fil incandescent/chauffant – Méthode d'essai d'inflammabilité pour produits finis (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-10-2:2014, *Essais relatifs aux risques du feu – Partie 10-2: Chaleurs anormales – Essai à la bille*

IEC 60695-11-5:2016, *Essais relatifs aux risques du feu – Partie 11-5: Flammes d'essai – Méthode d'essai au brûleur-aiguille – Appareillage, dispositif d'essai de vérification et lignes directrices*

IEC TR 60890:2014, *Méthode de vérification par calcul des échauffements pour les ensembles d'appareillage à basse tension*

IEC 62262:2002, *Degrés de protection procurés par les enveloppes de matériels électriques contre les impacts mécaniques externes (Code IK)*
IEC 62262:2002/AMD1:2021

ISO 178:2019, *Plastiques – Détermination des propriétés en flexion*

ISO 179-1:2010, *Plastiques – Détermination des caractéristiques au choc Charpy – Partie 1: Essai de choc non instrumenté*

ISO 179-2:2020, *Plastiques – Détermination des caractéristiques au choc Charpy – Partie 2: Essai de choc instrumenté*

ISO 2409:2020, *Peintures et vernis – Essai de quadrillage*

ISO 4628-3:2016, *Peintures et vernis – Évaluation de la dégradation des revêtements – Désignation de la quantité et de la dimension des défauts, et de l'intensité des changements uniformes d'aspect – Partie 3: Évaluation du degré d'enrouillement*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastiques – Méthodes d'exposition à des sources lumineuses de laboratoire – Partie 2: Lampes à arc au xénon*

ISO 11469:2016, *Plastiques – Identification générique et marquage des produits en matière plastique*