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**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –
SAFETY –**
Part 2-73: Particular requirements for fixed immersion heaters

FOREWORD

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This part of International Standard IEC 60335 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1994. It constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this part of IEC 60335 is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
61/2176/FDIS	61/2257/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 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 fourth edition (2001) 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 fixed electric immersion heaters.

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.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2004. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 3.1.9: Normal operation is different (USA).
- 6.1: Class 0I appliances are allowed (Japan).
- 24.101: The requirement is not applicable (USA).

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

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.

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.

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.

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 2-73: Particular requirements for fixed immersion heaters

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of **fixed electric immersion heaters** for household and similar purposes that are intended for installation in a water tank for heating water to a temperature below its boiling point. The **rated voltage** is not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

NOTE 101 The water tank may have alternative means for heating water, such as the circulation of hot water supplied from a separate boiler.

NOTE 102 Immersion heaters having a **rated power input** up to 25 kW for incorporation as an alternative heating source in central heating boilers are also within the scope of this standard.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in 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

- the use of appliances by young children or infirm persons without supervision;
- playing with the appliance by young children.

NOTE 103 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, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- heating elements incorporated in appliances such as
 - appliances for heating liquids (IEC 60335-2-15);
 - storage water heaters (IEC 60335-2-21);
 - instantaneous water heaters (IEC 60335-2-35);
- aquarium heaters (IEC 60335-2-55);
- portable immersion heaters (IEC 60335-2-74);
- engine preheaters such as those for cars and buses.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1.9 *Replacement:*

normal operation

operation of the appliance after installation in the smallest tank specified, the tank being thermally insulated and filled with water

NOTE 101 **Accessible parts** of the appliance are not thermally insulated.

4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

5.2 *Addition:*

NOTE 101 Additional appliances may be required for the tests of Clause 19.

6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

6.1 *Addition:*

Immersion heaters shall be **class I**, **class II** or **class III**.

6.2 *Addition:*

Immersion heaters shall be at least IPX1.

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.1 *Modification:*

Appliances for multiple supply shall be marked with their **rated power input** for each supply circuit.

Addition:

Appliances shall be marked "Do not cover".

7.12.1 Addition:

The installation instructions shall include the substance of the following:

- the type and dimensions of the tank in which the immersion heater can be installed;
- the positioning of the immersion heater within the tank;
- a statement that the installer must check that there is water in the tank before the immersion heater is first switched on.

8 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

9 Starting of motor-operated appliances

This clause of Part 1 is not applicable.

10 Power input and current

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

11 Heating

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

11.7 Addition:

Appliances are operated until steady conditions are established. However, the test is terminated after 24 h provided that a thermal control has operated.

12 Void

13 Leakage current and electric strength at operating temperature

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

14 Transient overvoltages

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

15 Moisture resistance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

16 Leakage current and electric strength

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

17 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

18 Endurance

This clause of Part 1 is not applicable.

19 Abnormal operation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

19.2 Addition:

Appliances are operated with the tank empty, any thermal control that operates during the test of Clause 11 being short-circuited.

NOTE 101 If more than one thermal control operates during the test of Clause 11, they are short-circuited in turn.

19.4 Modification:

Appliances are operated with the tank filled with water to at least 10 mm above the highest point of the heating element, or the highest level allowed by the construction.

The water temperature shall not exceed 98 °C.

20 Stability and mechanical hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

21 Mechanical strength

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

22 Construction

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

22.101 Appliances shall be supplied with a seal or similar means to ensure that there is no leakage from the tank after installation.

Compliance is checked by inspection during the test of Clause 11.

22.102 The compartment containing the supply terminals shall be prevented from rotating by more than 180° with respect to the fixed part of the immersion heater.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

23 Internal wiring

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

24 Components

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

24.101 Thermal cut-outs incorporated for compliance with Clause 19 shall not be self-resetting. They shall operate independently of the **thermostat**.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

25 Supply connection and external flexible cords

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

26 Terminals for external conductors

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

27 Provision for earthing

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

27.1 Addition:

Metal parts of **class I immersion heaters** that are in contact with water shall be permanently connected to the earthing terminal.

28 Screws and connections

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

29 Clearances, creepage distances and solid insulation

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

30 Resistance to heat and fire

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

30.2.2 Not applicable.

31 Resistance to rusting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

32 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

Annexes

The annexes of Part 1 are applicable.

Bibliography

The bibliography of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60335-2-15, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-15: Particular requirements for appliances for heating liquids*

IEC 60335-2-21, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-21: Particular requirements for storage water heaters*

IEC 60335-2-35, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-35: Particular requirements for instantaneous water heaters*

IEC 60335-2-55, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-55: Particular requirements for electrical appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds*

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