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## INTRODUCTION

Responding to global challenges of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and energy safety, the automobile industries have been accelerating the development and commercialization of electric vehicles (EV) and hybrid electric vehicles. In addition to the prevailing hybrid electric vehicles, battery electric vehicles including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are going to be mass-marketed. To support the diffusion of such vehicles, this document provides the standard interface configurations of vehicle couplers and accessories to be used in conductive charging of electric vehicles, taking the most frequent charging situations into consideration.

To meet the market demand for increased electric vehicle ranges, batteries with larger capacities need to be integrated. To charge those batteries with larger capacity in similar times as existing charging times or even faster, the charging power needs to be increased. Besides increasing the charging voltage, the charging current also needs to be increased to boost the charging power. The larger charging current implies either larger conductor cross sections for the cable assembly according to existing standards or additional measures in the cable assembly.

The large conductor cross sections that are required according to the existing design requirements and test methods result in significantly thicker and heavier cable assemblies. These are difficult to handle and thus less desirable for public use. Therefore, to improve the usability of charging systems this document makes use of thermal management techniques to enhance the performance of the accessories.

This document provides definitions, requirements, and tests for EV couplers up to rated current according to IEC 62196-1, which supports backward compatibility to couplers according to IEC 62196-3:2014.

IEC 62196 is divided into several parts as follows:

- Part 1: General requirements, comprising clauses of a general character.
- Part 2: Dimensional compatibility requirements for AC pin and contact-tube accessories.
- Part 3: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC and AC/DC pin and contact-tube vehicle couplers.
- Part 4<sup>1</sup>: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC pin and contact-tube accessories for Class II or Class III applications.
- Part 6<sup>2</sup>: Dimensional compatibility requirements for DC pin and contact-tube couplers for applications using a system of protective electrical separation.

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## Part 3-1: Vehicle connector, vehicle inlet and cable assembly for DC charging intended to be used with a thermal management system

### 1 Scope

This document applies to accessories and cable assemblies with the same configuration as specified in IEC 62196-3:2014 with rated operating voltage not exceeding 1 500 V DC and a rated current not exceeding 500 A that employ

- thermal sensing, or
- thermal transport and thermal sensing

with the system architecture described in 4.101.

These accessories and cable assemblies are intended to be used in conductive charging systems for circuits specified in IEC 61851-23.

NOTE Edition 2 of IEC 61851-23 is under development.

The accessories covered by this document are intended to be used in charging mode 4 according to IEC 61851-1. These accessories are intended to be connected to cables according to the IEC 62893 series for DC cables.

### 2 Normative references

Clause 2 of IEC 62196-3:2014 applies, except as follows:

*Additional normative references:*

IEC 60364-5-54:2011, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements and protective conductors*

IEC 60811-501, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds*

IEC 61851-23:—<sup>3</sup>, *Electric vehicle conductive charging system – Part 23: DC electric vehicle supply equipment*

IEC 62196-1:2014, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62196-2:2016, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 2: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for AC pin and contact-tube accessories*

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IEC 62196-3:2014, *Plugs, socket-outlets, vehicle connectors and vehicle inlets – Conductive charging of electric vehicles – Part 3: Dimensional compatibility and interchangeability requirements for DC and AC/DC pin and contact-tube vehicle couplers*

IEC 62893-4-1:—<sup>4</sup>, *Charging cables for electric vehicles of rated voltages up to and including 0,6/1 kV – Part 4-1: Cables for DC charging according to mode 4 of IEC 61851-1 – DC charging without use of a thermal management system*

ISO 2719:2016, *Determination of flash point – Pensky-Martens closed cup method*

ISO 17409:2020, *Electrically propelled road vehicles – Conductive power transfer – Safety requirements*

ISO 25178-1:2016, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) – Surface texture: Areal – Part 1: Indication of surface texture*

*Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), Eighth revised edition, United Nations, 2019*

*OECD Guidelines for the Testing of Chemicals, Section 3, Test No. 301: Ready Biodegradability, 17 Jul 1992*

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#### 3.101

##### **thermal sensing**

method for obtaining temperature data of accessories, cable assemblies or parts thereof

#### 3.102

##### **thermal sensing device**

means for providing temperature data of accessories, cable assemblies or parts thereof

#### 3.103

##### **thermal transport**

method for managing the heat dissipation of accessories, cable assemblies or parts thereof, independent of changing the current

#### 3.104

##### **thermal transport device**

means for managing the heat dissipation of accessories, cable assemblies or parts thereof, independent of changing the current

#### 3.105

##### **thermal exchange**

method for cooling and dissipating thermal energy from the thermal transport

#### 3.106

##### **thermal exchange device**

means for cooling and dissipating thermal energy from the thermal transport

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**3.107****thermal management system**

combination of thermal sensing, thermal transport and thermal exchange in order to regulate temperature

**3.108****rated pressure**

maximum pressure assigned by the manufacturer to the thermal transport coolant liquid of a cable assembly under normal and continuous operating conditions

**3.109****maximum allowed pressure**

maximum pressure assigned by the manufacturer to the thermal transport coolant liquid of a cable assembly

**3.110****accessory**

vehicle connector or vehicle inlet or cable assembly for use in conductive charging systems or electric vehicles

**4 General**

Clause 4 of IEC 62196-3:2014 applies, except as follows:

**4.1 General requirements**

*Addition after the second paragraph:*

Accessories with thermal sensing and without thermal transport are intended for use with cables in accordance with IEC 62893-4-1<sup>5</sup>.

Accessories with thermal sensing and thermal transport are intended for use with cables in accordance with IEC 62893-4-2<sup>6</sup>.

*Replacement of the existing text of 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4 with the following:*

**4.2.2** Unless otherwise specified, the samples are tested as delivered and under normal conditions of use at an ambient temperature of  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C.

**4.2.3** Unless otherwise specified, the tests shall be performed in the order shown in 4.2.4.

**4.2.4** The tests shall be performed as indicated, if applicable.

Table 101 is intended to give an overview of applicable tests for different classifications of accessories. However, the requirements are contained within the clauses of this document.

Tests are grouped in test sequences A to D. Each sequence shall be performed in accordance with the test sequences indicated in Table 102 to Table 105 with new sets of samples for each sequence. On request of the manufacturer the same set of samples may be subjected to more than one of these test sequences.

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<sup>6</sup> Under consideration.

Further, tests indicated as "to be checked by inspection" and not included in Table 101 shall be performed. These tests may use samples already used in tests mentioned in Table 101.

**Table 101 – Overview of applicable tests for different classifications of accessories**

Clause/ subcla use	IEC 62196-1:2014 <sup>2)</sup>	IEC 62196-3:2014 <sup>2)</sup>	IEC TS 62196-3-1:2020 <sup>2)</sup>		Cable assembly (thermal sensing only, rewirable)	Cable assembly (thermal sensing only, non-rewirable)	Cable assembly (thermal sensing and thermal transport, non-rewirable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing only, rewirable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing only, non-rewirable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing and thermal transport, non-rewirable)
8				Marking						
8.8	X			Durability of marking	X	X	X	X	X	X
9				Dimensions						
9.1		X		Compatibility with configurations	X	X	X	X	X	X
9.3	X			Single-pole connections	X	X	X	X	X	X
9.4	X			Misinsertion	X	X	X	X	X	X
10				Protection against electrical shock						
10.1		X		Accessibility of live parts	X	X	X	X	X	X
10.2	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	Shutters	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>
10.3	X	X		Contact sequence	X	X	X	X	X	X
10.4	X	X		Misassembly	X	X	X	X	X	X
12				Provision for protective earthing						
12.1		X		Provision for protective earthing	X	X	X	X	X	X
12.2	X			PE connection to accessible metal parts	X	X	X	X	X	X
12.3	X	X	X	Short-time test	X	X	X	X	X	X
12.5	X			Clean data earth contact	X	X	X	X	X	X
13				Terminals						
13.1.4	X			Material analysis of terminals	X	X	X	X	X	X
13.1.5	X			Material analysis of body	X	X	X	X	X	X
13.1.6	X			Terminal fixing	X			X		
13.1.8	X			Terminal loosening	X			X		
13.1.9	X			Loose strands	X			X		
13.2	X			Screw type terminal	X			X		
13.3	X			Test for terminals	X			X		
14				Interlocks						
14.1.4	X			Latching device holding	X	X	X	X	X	X
14.1.5	X			Latch pull test	X	X	X	X	X	X
14.1.6	X			Latch moment pull test	X	X	X	X	X	X
14.3	X			Cycling of switching devices	X	X	X	X	X	X
14.4	X			Pilot contacts and auxiliary circuits	X	X	X	X	X	X
14.301		X		Latching function	X	X	X	X	X	X

Clause/ subcla use	IEC 62196-1:2014 <sup>2)</sup>	IEC 62196-3:2014 <sup>2)</sup>	IEC TS 62196-3-1:2020 <sup>2)</sup>		Cable assembly (thermal sensing only, rewireable)	Cable assembly (thermal sensing only, non-rewireable)	Cable assembly (thermal sensing and thermal transport, non-rewireable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing only, rewireable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing only, non-rewireable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing and thermal transport, non-rewireable)
15	X			Resistance to ageing	X	X	X	X	X	X
16				General construction						
16.3	X			Position of PE	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.4	X			Degree of protection	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.5			X	Surface temperature	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.6	X			Contact pressure	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.8	X			Retention means, pull test	X	X	X			
16.10	X		X	Construction of rewireable accessories	X			X		
16.12	X			Mechanical strength against electric shock	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.13	X			Cable entries	X	X	X			
16.14	X			Mechanical strength of insulation	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.15	X	X		Force to insert and withdraw	X	X	X			
16.101			X	Thermal sensing device	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.102			X	Loss of thermal transport	X	X	X			X
16.103			X	Accessories using thermal sensing	X	X	X	X	X	X
16.104			X	Rated current for accessory	X	X	X	X	X	X
18				Construction of plugs and vehicle connectors						
18.1	X			Conductors properly connected	X					
18.2	X			Reliable fixing of parts	X	X	X			
18.4	X			IP when plugged in	X	X	X			
18.101			X	DC contact surface	X	X	X			
19				Construction of vehicle inlets						
19.1	X			IP when plugged in				X	X	X
19.3	X			Drain-hole				X	X	X
19.101			X	DC contact surface				X	X	X
20				Degrees of protection						
20.1	X			Minimum degrees of protection	X	X	X	X	X	X
20.2	X			Water exposure test (IP)	X	X	X	X	X	X
20.3	X			Proof against humid conditions	X	X	X	X	X	X
21				Insulation resistance and dielectric strength						
21.2	X			Insulation resistance	X	X	X	X	X	X
21.3	X			Dielectric strength	X	X	X	X	X	X
21.4	X			Non-interchangeability	X	X	X	X	X	X

Clause/ subcla use	IEC 62196-1:2014 <sup>2)</sup>	IEC 62196-3:2014 <sup>2)</sup>	IEC TS 62196-3-1:2020 <sup>2)</sup>		Cable assembly (thermal sensing only, rewirable)	Cable assembly (thermal sensing only, non-rewirable)	Cable assembly (thermal sensing and thermal transport, non-rewirable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing only, rewirable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing only, non-rewirable)	Vehicle inlet (thermal sensing and thermal transport, non-rewirable)
23				Normal operation						
23.1	X		X	Normal operation	X	X	X	X	X	X
23.2	X	X		Mating cycle	X	X	X	X	X	X
23.4	X			Lid springs	X	X	X			
24				Temperature rise						
24.102			X	Temperature rise test for cable assembly	X	X	X			
24.103			X	Test for thermal sensing device of cable assembly	X	X	X			
24.104			X	Temperature rise test for vehicle inlet				X	X	X
24.105			X	Test for thermal sensing device of vehicle inlet				X	X	X
25				Flexible cables and their connection						
25.3	X		X	Strain relief	X	X	X			
25.301		X		Pull out test	X	X	X	X	X	X
26				Mechanical strength						
26.2	X		X	Ball impact				X	X	X
26.3	X		X	Drop test	X	X	X			
26.4	X		X	Flexing test	X	X	X			
26.5	X			Cable glands test	X	X	X			
26.6	X			Shutter tests	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>
26.7	X			Insulated end caps test	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>
26.8	X			Insulated end caps – change of temperature	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>
26.9	X			Insulated end caps – pull test	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>	X <sup>1)</sup>
27				Screws, current-carrying parts and connections						
27.1	X			Screws transmitting contact pressure	X			X		
27.2	X			Screws in insulating material	X	X	X	X	X	X
27.4	X			Screws as electrical and mechanical connections	X	X	X	X	X	X
27.5	X			Current-carrying parts other than terminals	X	X	X	X	X	X
27.6	X			Contacts, subjected to a sliding action	X	X	X	X	X	X
28				Creepage distances, clearances						
28.1	X			Creepage distances, clearances	X	X	X	X	X	X
28.4	X			Tracking test (CTI), if applicable	X	X	X	X	X	X