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- a) extension of the scope to an unlimited number of pilot contacts (previously limited to 3);
- b) update of the Figures and deletion of their embedded texts;
- c) insertion of tables of keys whenever required by the Figures.

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62613 has been primarily written to address the needs of IEC/IEEE 80005-1 in terms of plugs, socket-outlets, ship connectors and ship inlets (hereafter referred to as "accessories"), to deliver electrical power to ships in ports. The purpose of IEC/IEEE 80005-1 is to define requirements that allow compliant ships to connect to compliant high-voltage shore power supplies through a compatible shore-to-ship connection.

These ships are described in IEC/IEEE 80005-1.

Ships that do not require connecting with standardized high-voltage shore power supplies as above may use accessories that are not covered by the standard sheets of IEC 62613-2, but they may find it impossible to connect to these shore supplies.

Low-voltage plugs, socket-outlets, ship connectors and ship inlets used for the connection of certain ship types to low-voltage shore power supplies can be found in IEC 60309 (all parts).

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## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62613 applies to accessories with

- three phases and earth with pilot contacts,
- one pole for neutral.

These accessories have rated currents not exceeding 500 A and rated operating voltages not exceeding 12 kV 50/60 Hz.

NOTE 1 In some countries, the term "ground" is used instead of "earth".

These accessories are primarily intended for use outdoors, in a seawater environment, for the shore supply of ships (ship-to-shore connection), in an ambient temperature within the range of –25 °C to +45 °C.

NOTE 2 In some countries, other ambient temperatures prevail and are considered.

These accessories are not intended for use in hazardous areas. In such locations where special conditions prevail, additional requirements can be necessary.

These accessories are intended to be connected to cables of copper or copper alloy only.

Socket-outlets or ship inlets incorporated in or fixed to electrical equipment are within the scope of this document.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60092 (all parts), *Electrical installations in ships*

IEC 60092-354, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 354: Single- and three-core power cables with extruded solid insulation for rated voltages 6 kV ( $U_m = 7,2$  kV) up to 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$  kV)*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60269-1, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60269-2, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to K*

IEC 60502-4:2010, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages from 1 kV ( $U_m = 1,2$  kV) up to 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$  kV) – Part 4: Test requirements on accessories for cables with rated voltages from 6 kV ( $U_m = 7,2$  kV) up to 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$  kV)*

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

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-10-2, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test method*

IEC 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62271-1, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications for alternating current switchgear and controlgear*

ASTM B117-1985, *Standard practice for operating salt spray (fog) apparatus*

IEEE 1580, *IEEE Recommended Practice for Marine Cable for Use on Shipboard and Fixed or Floating Facilities*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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NOTE Where the terms "voltage" and "current" are used, they imply the alternating current (AC) root mean square (RMS) values.

#### 3.1

##### **accessory**

plugs, socket-outlets, ship connectors and ship inlets

Note 1 to entry: The application of accessories is shown in Figure 1.

#### 3.1.1

##### **socket-outlet**

part intended to be installed with the fixed wiring or incorporated in equipment

Note 1 to entry: A socket-outlet may also be incorporated in the output circuit of an isolating transformer.

#### 3.1.2

##### **plug**

part intended to be attached directly to one flexible cable

**3.2 ship coupler**

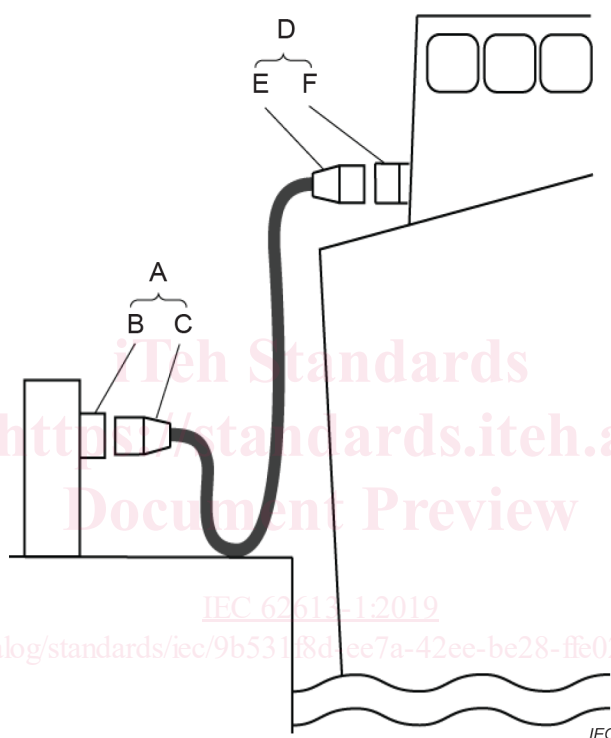
means enabling the connection at will of a flexible cable to the ship, and consisting of a ship connector and ship inlet

**3.2.1 ship connector**

part intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the supply

**3.2.2 ship inlet**

part incorporated in, or fixed to, the ship



**Key**

- A Plug and socket-outlet
- B Socket-outlet
- C Plug
- D Ship coupler
- E Ship connector
- F Ship inlet

**Figure 1 – Diagram showing the use of the accessories**

**3.3 interlock**

device, either electrical and/or mechanical, which prevents the contacts of a plug from becoming live before it is in proper engagement with a socket-outlet, and which either prevents the plug or the ship connector from being withdrawn while its contacts are live or makes the contacts dead and earthed before separation

**3.4  
retaining device**

mechanical arrangement which holds a plug or ship connector in position when it is in proper engagement, and prevents its unintentional withdrawal

**3.5  
cap**

part separated or attached, which can be used to provide the degree of protection of a plug or ship inlet when it is not engaged with a socket-outlet or ship connector

**3.6  
lid**

means to ensure the degree of protection on a socket-outlet or a ship connector

**3.7  
insulation voltage**

voltage assigned to the accessory by the manufacturer and to which dielectric tests, clearances and creepage distances refer

**3.8  
rated current**

current assigned to the accessory by the manufacturer

**3.9  
rated operating voltage**

nominal voltage of the supply for which the accessory is intended to be used

**3.10  
conditional short-circuit current**

prospective current that an accessory, protected by a specified short-circuit protective device, can satisfactorily withstand for the total operating time of that device under specified conditions of use and behaviour

Note 1 to entry: This definition differs from definition 441-17-20 of IEC 60050-441:1984 by broadening the concept of current-limiting device to a short-circuit protective device, the function of which is not only to limit the current.

**3.11  
live**

a conductor or circuit is live when a difference of potential exists between it and earth

[SOURCE: IEC 60092-101:1994, 1.3.14]

**3.12  
clamping unit**

part of a terminal necessary for the clamping and the electrical connection of the conductor

**3.13  
terminal**

conductive part provided for the connection of a conductor to an accessory

**3.14  
pillar terminal**

<pilot conductor> terminal in which the conductor is inserted into a hole or cavity, where it is clamped under the shank of the screw or screws

Note 1 to entry: The clamping pressure can be applied directly by the shank of the screw or through an intermediate clamping member to which pressure is applied by the shank of the screw (see Figure 2).

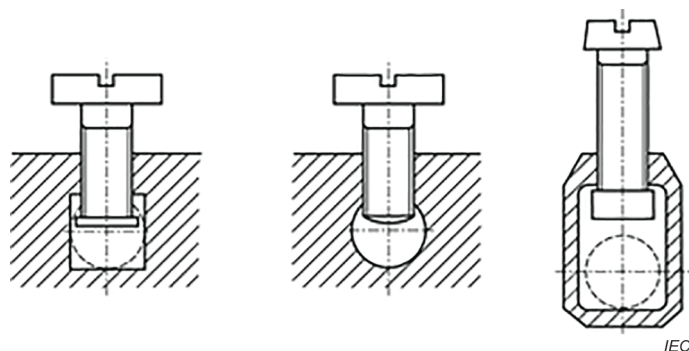


Figure 2 – Pillar terminals

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**screw terminal**

<pilot conductor> terminal in which the conductor is clamped under the head of the screw

Note 1 to entry: The clamping pressure can be applied directly by the head of the screw or through an intermediate part, such as a washer, clamping plate or anti-spread device (see Figure 3).

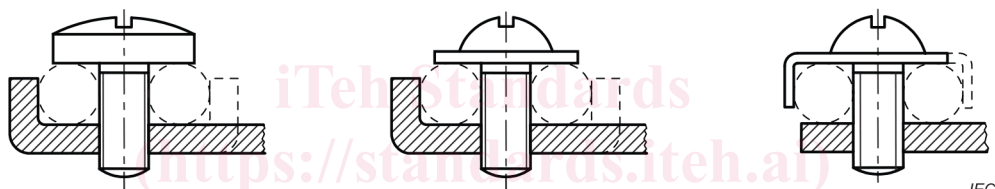


Figure 3 – Screw terminals

3.16

**stud terminal**

<pilot conductor> terminal in which the conductor is clamped under a nut

Note 1 to entry: The clamping pressure can be applied directly by a suitably shaped nut or through an intermediate part, such as a washer, clamping plate or anti-spread device (see Figure 4).

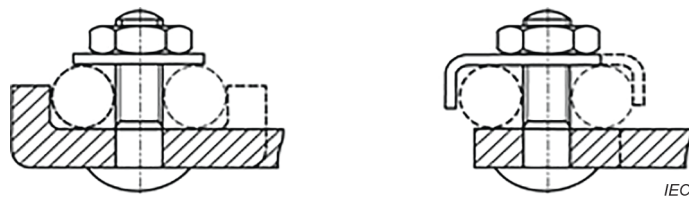


Figure 4 – Stud terminals

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**saddle terminal**

<pilot conductor> terminal in which the conductor is clamped under a saddle by means of two or more screws or nuts

SEE: Figure 5.