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- a) Replacement of references to IEC 60065 and IEC 60950-1 with references to IEC 62368-1.
- b) Addition of subclauses 4.4 to 4.6.
- c) Revised definition of class I equipment, class II equipment, main earthing terminal, see 3.1.6, 3.1.8 and 3.1.31.
- d) Addition of definitions for harm, hazard, ordinary person, instructed person, skilled person, see 3.1.22, 3.1.23, 3.1.39, 3.1.40 and 3.1.41.



- e) Additional requirement to provide details on the equipment installed, see 4.1.
- f) Additional mechanical, design and construction requirements, see 4.2.2.
- g) Changes to the accessible part requirements, see 4.2.3.
- h) The current carrying capacity and dielectric strength of components is now obligatory, see 8.1.3.
- i) The assessment of the risk of lightning strike is now obligatory, see Figure 10.
- j) Extension of remote feeding voltage on subscriber feeder, see Table 1.

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## INTRODUCTION

Standards and other deliverables of the IEC 60728 series deal with cable networks including equipment and associated methods of measurement for headend reception, processing and distribution of television and sound signals and for processing, interfacing and transmitting all kinds of data signals for interactive services using all applicable transmission media. These signals are typically transmitted in networks by frequency-multiplexing techniques.

This includes for instance:

- regional and local broadband cable networks,
- extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution networks and systems,
- individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems,

and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

The extent of this standardization work is from the antennas and/or special signal source inputs to the headend or other interface points to the network up to the terminal input of the customer premises equipment.

The standardization work will consider coexistence with users of the RF spectrum in wired and wireless transmission systems.

The standardization of any user terminals (i.e. tuners, receivers, decoders, multimedia terminals, etc.) as well as of any coaxial, balanced and optical cables and accessories thereof is excluded.

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## Part 11: Safety

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60728 deals with the safety requirements applicable to fixed sited systems and equipment. As far as applicable, it is also valid for mobile and temporarily installed systems, for example, caravans.

Additional requirements may be applied, for example, referring to:

- electrical installations of buildings and overhead lines,
- other telecommunication services distribution systems,
- water distribution systems,
- gas distribution systems,
- lightning systems.

This document is intended to provide requirements specifically for the safety of the system, personnel working on it, subscribers and subscriber equipment. It deals only with safety aspects and is not intended to define a standard for the protection of the equipment used in the system.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60364-1:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

IEC 60364-4-44:2007, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-44: Protection for safety – Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*

IEC 60364-4-44:2007/AMD1:2015

IEC 60364-4-44:2007/AMD2:2018

IEC 60364-5-52:2009, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems*

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

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IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

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IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60990:2016, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 62305-2:2010, *Protection against lightning – Part 2: Risk management*

IEC 62305-3:2010, *Protection against lightning – Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard*

IEC 62368-1:2018, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

IEC 62561-1:2017, *Lightning protection system components (LPSC) – Part 1: Requirements for connection components*

IEC 62561-2, *Lightning protection system components (LPSC) – Part 2: Requirements for conductors and earth electrodes*

ISO 7010, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*

ISO/IEC 30129:2015, *Information technology – Telecommunications bonding networks for buildings and other structures*  
ISO/IEC 30129:2015/AMD1:2019

EN 50575:2014, *Power, control and communication cables – Cables for general applications in construction works subject to reaction to fire requirements*

### **3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms**

#### **3.1 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:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>.

##### **3.1.1**

##### **air-termination system**

part of an external LPS using metallic elements such as rods, mesh conductors or catenary wires intended to intercept lightning flashes

[SOURCE: IEC 62305-3:2010, 3.6]

##### **3.1.2**

##### **amplifier**

device to compensate for attenuation

##### **3.1.3**

##### **attenuation**

ratio of the input power to the output power

Note 1 to entry: The ratio is expressed in decibels.

### **3.1.4 cable networks**

television signals, sound signals and interactive services, regional and local broadband cable networks, extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution networks or systems and individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems

Note 1 to entry: These networks and systems can be used in downstream and upstream directions.

### **3.1.5 CATV network**

regional and local broadband cable networks designed to provide sound and television signals as well as signals for interactive services to a regional or local area

Note 1 to entry: Originally defined as Community Antenna Television network.

### **3.1.6 class I equipment**

equipment in which protection against electric shock does not rely on basic insulation only, but that includes a supplementary safeguard in such a way that means are provided for the connection of accessible conductive parts to the protective earthing conductor in the fixed wiring of the installation

Note 1 to entry: For equipment intended for use with a flexible cord or cable, this provision includes a protective conductor as part of the flexible cord or cable.

Note 2 to entry: Class I equipment can be provided with class II construction.

Note 3 to entry: This entry is based on IEC 62368-1:2018, 3.3.15.1.

### **3.1.7 class II construction**

part of an equipment for which protection against electric shock relies upon double insulation or reinforced insulation

Note 1 to entry: This entry is based on IEC 62368-1:2018, 3.3.15.2.

### **3.1.8 class II equipment**

equipment in which protection against electric shock does not rely on basic insulation only, but in which a supplementary safeguard is provided, there being no provision for protective earthing or reliance upon installation conditions

Note 1 to entry: This entry is based on IEC 62368-1:2018, 3.3.15.3.

### **3.1.9 earthing arrangement**

all electrical means involved in the earthing of a system, installation or equipment

Note 1 to entry: Electric connection and devices used for earthing are examples of electrical means.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-02-20, modified – The preferred term "grounding arrangement (US)" has been deleted.]

### **3.1.10 earthing conductor**

conductor forming a conductive path between a conductive part and an earth electrode

EXAMPLE A conductor connected between a main earthing terminal or busbar and an earth electrode.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-02-03, modified – The preferred term "grounding conductor (US)" has been deleted.]

### 3.1.11

#### **earth electrode**

conductive part that is in electric contact with local earth, directly or through an intermediate conductive medium

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-02-01, modified – The preferred term "grounding electrode (US)" has been deleted.]

### 3.1.12

#### **earthing terminal**

terminal provided on equipment and intended for the electric connection with the earthing arrangement

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-02-31, modified – The preferred term "grounding terminal (US)" has been deleted.]

### 3.1.13

#### **electric shock**

physiological effect resulting from an electric current passing through a human or livestock

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-01-04, modified – The specific use <protection against electric shock> has been deleted.]

### 3.1.14

#### **equipotential bonding**

set of electric connections intended to achieve equipotentiality between conductive parts

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-01-10]

### 3.1.15

#### **equipotential bonding bar**

busbar which is part of an equipotential bonding system and enables the electric connection of a number of conductors for equipotential bonding purposes

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-826:2022, 826-13-35]

### 3.1.16

#### **protective bonding conductor**

protective conductor provided for protective-equipotential-bonding

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-02-10.]

### 3.1.17

#### **exposed conductive part**

conductive part of equipment that can be touched and that is not live under normal conditions, but that can become live when basic insulation fails

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:2021, 195-06-10]