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#### Part 2-32: Particular requirements for massage appliances

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2002, Amendment 1: 2008 and Amendment 2:2013. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- aligns the text with IEC 60335-1, Ed 5, and its Amendments 1 and 2;
- note is converted to normative text (11.8);
- additional requirements for temperatures of external accessible surfaces (Clause 11);
- alternative stability requirements for hand-held appliances (20.2);
- new mechanical strength test for hand-held appliances (21.1, 21.101).

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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 fifth edition (2010) 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 massage appliances.

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.

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

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## 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 and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

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.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

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.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

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 2-32: Particular requirements for massage appliances

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric massage appliances for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

NOTE 101 Examples of appliances within the scope of this standard are

- foot massagers;
- water filled foot massagers;
- hand-held massagers;
- massage beds;
- massage belts;
- massage chairs;
- massage pads.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but that 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.

~~NOTE 102—Examples of such appliances are those used in beauty parlours and fitness centres.~~

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.~~

- persons (including children) whose
  - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledge
 prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

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~~ can be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour 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);
- electric foot care appliances that do not contain motors and other electric appliances for the care of skin or hair (IEC 60335-2-23)

- electric appliances for beauty care of persons and intended for household, commercial and similar purposes (IEC 60335-2-115)<sup>1</sup>.

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

IEC 60335-2-17, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-17: Particular requirements for blankets, pads, clothing and similar flexible heating appliances*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples – Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

## 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 3.1 Definitions relating to physical characteristics

#### 3.1.9 Replacement:

##### normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following conditions:

**Hand-held appliances** are operated with no load other than that imposed by the vibrator head.

Appliances intended to be used under the feet of a sitting person are operated with the platform loaded with a mass of 5 kg, evenly distributed over an area of 100 mm × 300 mm. Appliances incorporating heating elements are operated with two sheets of thermal insulation placed on the foot platform. The sheets of thermal insulation are made of open cell polyether and have dimensions approximately 300 mm × 100 mm × 15 mm. They are positioned together and loaded with an evenly distributed mass of 10 kg. Appliances having a liquid container are filled with water in accordance with the instructions and loaded with a mass of 10 kg.

NOTE 101 The open-cell polyether has the following composition:

- cell count  $18 \begin{smallmatrix} +2 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}$  per cm;
- specific mass  $30 \text{ kg/m}^3 \begin{smallmatrix} +10 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \%$ ;
- hardness 120 N to 170 N at 40 % impression, measured according to ISO 2439.

Appliances intended to be used under the feet of a standing person are operated with the platform loaded with a mass of 90 kg, evenly distributed over an area of 200 mm × 300 mm.

Massage belts are operated with the belt loaded with a force of 200 N. The force is applied in a horizontal direction by means of a roller, the belt being approximately symmetrical about the roller.

Massage pads are operated with the pad positioned between two layers of felt and placed on a flat horizontal surface. The felt has a thickness of approximately 25 mm, a mass of  $4 \text{ kg/m}^2 \pm 0,4 \text{ kg/m}^2$  and extends at least 15 mm beyond the edges of the pad. The upper layer of felt is loaded with a mass of 90 kg, evenly distributed over an area of 300 mm × 300 mm.

Massage chairs are operated without load.

<sup>1</sup> Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: IEC 60335-2-115/CD:2019.

Massage beds are loaded with a mass of 90 kg, evenly distributed over an area of 0,5 m × 2 m.

Foot massage appliances that use water are filled with water at a temperature of 40 °C ± 2 °C.

#### 4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

#### 5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

#### 6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

##### 6.1 Modification:

**Portable appliances** shall be **class II** or **class III**. **Stationary appliances** shall be **class I**, **class II**, or **class III**.

#### 7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

##### 7.12 Addition:

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The instructions for appliances having heated parts in contact with the skin shall include the substance of the following:

The appliance has a heated surface. Persons insensitive to heat must be careful when using the appliance.

The instructions for appliances having a liquid container that is filled with water shall include the substance of the following:

If water leaks from the appliance, the appliance should no longer be used.

#### 8 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

##### 8.1.4 Addition:

*All energized parts in foot massage appliances that use water are considered to be **live parts**.*

#### 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.

### 11.2 Modification:

**Combined appliances** are positioned as specified for motor-operated appliances.

### 11.3 Addition:

Where the external **accessible surfaces** are suitably flat and access permits, then the test probe of Figure 101 is used to measure the temperature rises of external **accessible surfaces** specified in Table 101. The probe is applied with a force of  $4\text{ N} \pm 1\text{ N}$  to the surface in such a way that the best possible contact between the probe and the surface is ensured. The measurement is performed after a contact period of 30 s.

The probe may be held in place using a laboratory stand clamp or similar device. Any measuring instrument giving the same results as the probe may be used.

### 11.7 Replacement:

**Hand-held appliances** are operated for 20 min.

Other appliances are operated until steady conditions are established.

### 11.8 Addition:

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During the test, the temperature rises are monitored continuously and shall not exceed the values shown in Table 3 and Table 101.

The temperature rise of parts in contact with skin or hair shall not exceed the limits specified for handles that are continuously held.

**NOTE 101** The water temperature at the middle of the water volume shall not exceed 50 °C.

For massage pads with heating elements, the temperature limits specified for heating pads in IEC 60335-2-17 apply.

**Table 101 – Maximum temperature rises for specified external accessible surfaces under normal operating conditions**

Surface	Temperature rise of external accessible surfaces <sup>a, e</sup>	
	Surfaces of appliances situated on the floor	Surfaces of hand held appliances and other appliances
Bare metal	38	42
Coated metal <sup>b</sup>	42	49
Glass and ceramic	51	56
Plastic and plastic coating > 0,4 mm <sup>c, d</sup>	58	62

<sup>a</sup> Temperature rises are not measured on the underside of appliances intended to be used on the floor, where these surfaces are inaccessible to a 75 mm diameter probe, applied with a force not exceeding 1 N, having a hemispherical end.

<sup>b</sup> Metal is considered coated when a coating having a minimum thickness of 90 µm made by enamel or non-substantially plastic coating is used.

<sup>c</sup> The temperature rise limit of plastic also applies for plastic material having a metal finish of thickness less than 0,1 mm.

<sup>d</sup> When the thickness of the plastic coating does not exceed 0,4 mm, the temperature rise limits of coated metal for underlying metal apply or the temperature rise limits for glass or ceramic material for underlying glass or ceramic material apply.

<sup>e</sup> The limits also apply to appliances intended for commercial use, such as those at airports, shopping malls, etc.

## 12 Void

## 13 Leakage current and electric strength at operating temperature

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### 13.2 Modification:

**For stationary class I appliances, except fixed appliances, the leakage current shall not exceed 0,75 mA.**

## 14 Transient overvoltages

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

## 15 Moisture resistance

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 15.2 Addition:

*Water filled foot massagers are completely filled with water containing approximately 1 % NaCl and are then emptied within 30 s by being tilted or overturned in the most unfavourable way.*

## 16 Leakage current and electric strength

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

## 16.2 Modification:

For **stationary class I appliances**, except **fixed appliances**, the leakage current shall not exceed 0,75 mA.

## 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.

### 19.1 Addition:

Appliances incorporating a liquid container that has to be filled by the user are also subjected to the test of 19.101.

### 19.7 Modification:

Appliances intended to be used under the feet of a sitting person, massage pads, chairs and beds are operated until steady conditions are established. Other appliances are operated for 30 s.

### 19.9 Not applicable.

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### 19.10 Addition:

The test is also carried out with **detachable parts** in place.

### 19.13 Addition:

During the test of 19.101, the temperature rise of the surface of the container shall not exceed 60 K.

**19.101** Appliances incorporating a liquid container that has to be filled by the user are supplied at **rated voltage** and operated without liquid.

## 20 Stability and mechanical hazards

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 20.1 Addition:

**Hand-held appliances** are subjected to the test while placed on their charging stands.