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- b) alignment of clause numbers with those of IEC 61347-1.

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## INTRODUCTION

The technical requirements in this document compared to IEC 61347-2-8:2000 and IEC 61347-2-8:2000/AMD1:2006 are essentially unchanged. Nevertheless, a new edition of this document could not be avoided, as without the introduction of dated references to IEC 61347-1:2015 and IEC 61347-1:2015/AMD1:2017, the fourth edition of IEC 61347-1:—<sup>1</sup> would have been implicitly applicable due to the undated nature of the references to IEC 61347-1 in IEC 61347-2-8:2000 and IEC 61347-2-12:2000/AMD1:2006.

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## CONTROLGEAR FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT SOURCES – SAFETY –

### Part 2-8: Particular requirements – Ballasts for fluorescent lamps

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61347 specifies safety requirements for ballasts, excluding resistance types, for use on AC supplies up to 1 000 V at 50 Hz or 60 Hz, associated with fluorescent lamps with or without pre-heated cathodes operated with or without a starter or starting device and having rated powers, dimensions and characteristics as specified in IEC 60081 and IEC 60901.

This document applies to complete ballasts and to their component parts such as reactors, transformers and capacitors. Ballasts for conventional operation of lamps at mains frequency are covered, while AC supplied electronic ballasts for high-frequency operation are excluded.

NOTE 1 AC supplied electronic ballasts for high-frequency operation are specified in IEC 61347-2-3.

NOTE 2 Performance requirements are the subject of IEC 60921.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60317-0-1:2013, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 0-1: General requirements – Enamelled round copper wire*

IEC 60317-0-1:2013/AMD1:2019

IEC 61347-1:2015, *Lamp controlgear – Part 1: General and safety requirements*

IEC 61347-1:2015/AMD1:2017

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

##### 3.1

##### rated temperature rise of the ballast winding

$\Delta t$

temperature rise assigned by the manufacturer under the conditions specified in IEC 61347-2-8

Note 1 to entry: The specifications for the supply and mounting conditions of the ballast are given in IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex H.

## 4 General requirements

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 4 applies, together with the following:

- For thermally protected ballasts IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex B applies.
- For capacitors and other components incorporated in ballasts, the appropriate IEC standard applies.

NOTE Capacitors having a capacitance greater than 0,1  $\mu\text{F}$  are covered by IEC 61048 and IEC 61049. Capacitors having a capacitance less than or equal to 0,1  $\mu\text{F}$  are specified in IEC 60384-14.

## 5 General notes on tests

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 5 applies, together with the following:

- The type test is carried out on one sample consisting of eight ballasts used for the purpose of the type test. Seven ballasts are for the endurance test and one for all other tests. For conditions of compliance for the endurance test, see Clause 13.

In addition, six ballasts are required for the high-voltage impulse testing according to Clause 15 below, for ballasts intended for circuits in which high-voltage impulse occurs within the ballast. There shall be no failure during the test.

- IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex H applies.
- In general, all the tests are carried out on each type of ballast or, where a range of similar ballasts is involved, on each rated power in the range, or on a representative selection from the range, as agreed with the manufacturer. A reduction in the number of samples for the endurance test, according to Clause 13 and including the use of constant  $S$  other than 4 500, as shown in IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex E, or even the omission of these tests, is allowed when ballasts of the same construction but with different characteristics are submitted together for approval, or when test reports from the manufacturer or other authority are accepted by the testing station.

For information on requalification of products compliant with the previous edition of this document, i.e. IEC 61347-2-8:2000 and IEC 61347-2-8:2000/AMD1:2006, refer to Annex C.

## 6 Classification

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 6 applies.

## 7 Marking

### 7.1 Marking and information

#### 7.1.1 Mandatory marking

Ballasts, other than integral ballasts, shall be marked with the following:

- items a), b), e), f), g) and r) of IEC 61347-1:2015, 7.1 and IEC 61347-1:2015/AMD1:2017, 7.1;
- the peak value of the voltage produced, if the peak value exceeds 1 500 V, with connections subjected to this voltage marked as such.

Pulse generated by a glow starter and ballast combination are exempt from this requirement.

### 7.1.2 Information to be provided

The following information, if applicable, shall be given either on the ballast, or be made available in the manufacturer's catalogue or similar:

- items c), h), i), j), k), o), p) and q) of IEC 61347-1:2015, 7.1;
- in the case of a ballast consisting of more than one separate unit, the current controlling inductive element(s), marked with the essential details of the other unit(s) or essential capacitors;
- in the case of an inductive ballast used with a separate series capacitor other than a radio interference suppression capacitor, repetition of the marking of rated voltage, capacitance and tolerance.

Manufacturers may provide the rated temperature rise of the ballast winding following the symbol  $\Delta t$ , values increasing in multiples of 5 K, if available.

### 7.2 Durability and legibility of marking

IEC 61347-1:2015, 7.2 applies.

## 8 Terminals

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 8 and IEC 61347-1:2015/AMD1:2017, Clause 8 apply.

## 9 Earthing

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 9 applies.

## 10 Protection against accidental contact with live parts

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 10 and IEC 61347-1:2015/AMD1:2017, Clause 10 apply.

## 11 Moisture resistance and insulation

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 11 and IEC 61347-1:2015/AMD1:2017, Clause 11 apply.

## 12 Electric strength

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 12 applies.

## 13 Thermal endurance test for windings of ballasts

IEC 61347-1:2015, Clause 13 applies.

## 14 Ballast heating

### 14.1 General

Ballasts, including their mounting surfaces, shall not attain a temperature which would impair safety which is checked by the following tests.

### 14.2 Pre-test, checks and measures

Before the test, the following is checked and measured:

- a) the ballast starts and operates the lamp(s) normally;
- b) the resistance of each ballast winding is measured at the ambient temperature, if required.

### 14.3 Voltage across capacitors

At rated frequency, the voltage across a capacitor incorporated in a ballast shall comply with the requirements given in items a) and b) below. Such requirements do not apply to the capacitors in starters or starting devices or to those having a capacitance less than or equal to 0,1  $\mu\text{F}$  (nominal). Neither do the requirements of item b) apply to self-healing capacitors.

- a) Under normal conditions, when the ballast is tested at its rated supply voltage, the voltage across the capacitor shall not exceed the rated voltage of the latter.
- b) Under abnormal conditions (see 14.4) when the ballast is tested at 110 % of its rated supply voltage, the voltage across the capacitor shall not be greater than the appropriate test voltage of the capacitor given in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Abnormal conditions – Capacitor test voltages**

Designation	Rated voltage $U_n$	Limiting voltage
Any	Rated voltage of 240 V or less, 50 Hz or 60 Hz and maximum rated temperature less than or equal to 50 °C	1,25 $U_n$
Non-self-healing	Other ratings, 50 Hz or 60 Hz	1,50 $U_n$
Self-healing	Other ratings, 50 Hz or 60 Hz	1,25 $U_n$

### 14.4 Ballast heating test

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When the ballast is tested in accordance with the conditions of IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex H and the information given in Annex B, the temperature shall not exceed the appropriate values given in Table 2 for the tests under normal and abnormal conditions, if applicable.

NOTE Abnormal circuit conditions are detailed in IEC 60598-1:2020, Annex C.