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~~LAMP CONTROLGEAR –~~
CONTROLGEAR FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT SOURCES – SAFETY –

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

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- a) introduction of dated references where appropriate;
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INTRODUCTION

~~This first edition of IEC 61347-2-8, published in conjunction with IEC 61347-1, represents an editorial review of IEC 60920. The formatting into separately published parts provides for ease of future amendments and revisions. Additional requirements will be added as and when a need for them is recognized.~~

~~This standard, and the parts which make up IEC 61347-2, in referring to any of the clauses of IEC 61347-1, specify the extent to which such a clause is applicable and the order in which the tests are to be performed; they also include additional requirements, as necessary. All parts which make up IEC 61347-2 are self-contained and, therefore, do not include references to each other.~~

~~Where the requirements of any of the clauses of IEC 61347-1 are referred to in this standard by the phrase "The requirements of clause n of IEC 61347-1 apply", this phrase is interpreted as meaning that all requirements of the clause in question of part 1 apply, except any which are clearly inapplicable to the specific type of lamp controlgear covered by this particular part of IEC 61347-2.~~

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 61347-1:¹ 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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~~LAMP CONTROLGEAR –~~ 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 ~~wattages~~ 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. ~~Particular requirements for thermally protected ballasts are given in annex B.~~ Ballasts for conventional operation of lamps at mains frequency are covered, while AC supplied electronic ballasts for high-frequency operation are excluded.

~~Ballasts for conventional operation of lamps at mains frequency are covered, while a.c. supplied electronic ballasts for highfrequency operation are excluded. These are specified in IEC 61347-2-3.~~

~~Capacitors having a capacitance greater than 0,1 μ F are covered by IEC 61048 and IEC 61049. Capacitors having a capacitance less than or equal to 0,1 μ F are specified in IEC 60384-14.~~

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

~~For the purpose of this part of IEC 61347, the normative references given in clause 2 of IEC 61374-1 which are mentioned in this standard apply, together with the following 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 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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3.1 rated temperature rise of the ballast winding

Δt

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.

3.2 ~~short-circuit power (of a voltage source)~~ ~~quotient of the square of the voltage produced at its output terminals (in open circuit conditions)~~ ~~and the internal impedance of the source (as seen from the same terminals)~~

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 μF are covered by IEC 61048 and IEC 61049. Capacitors having a capacitance less than or equal to 0,1 μF are specified in IEC 60384-14.

4.1 ~~Capacitors and other components~~

~~Capacitors and other components incorporated in ballasts shall comply with the requirements of the appropriate IEC standard.~~

4.2 ~~Thermally protected ballasts~~

~~Thermally protected ballasts shall comply with the requirements of annex B.~~

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 ~~submitted~~ 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.

- ~~The tests are made under the conditions specified in annex H of IEC 61347-1.~~ 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 ~~wattage~~ 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

~~Ballasts which form an integral part of the luminaire need not be marked.~~

7.1 Marking and information

7.1.1 Mandatory marking

Ballasts, other than integral ballasts, shall be ~~clearly and durably marked, in accordance with 7.2 of IEC 61347-1,~~ marked with the following ~~mandatory markings:~~

- 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, ~~if applicable~~

~~In addition to the above mandatory markings,~~ 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) ~~and/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.

~~7.3 Other information~~

Manufacturers may provide the ~~following non-mandatory information,~~ rated temperature rise of the ballast winding following the symbol Δt , 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 ~~Provisions for~~ 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.

~~Compliance is checked by the tests of 14.1 to 14.4.~~

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 μF (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

When the ballast is tested in accordance with the conditions of IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex H and the information given in Annex B ~~Annex J~~, 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.

Table 2 – Maximum temperatures

Parts	Maximum temperature °C		
	Normal operation at 100 % of rated voltage	Normal operation at 106 % of rated voltage	Abnormal operation at 110 % of rated voltage
Ballast windings with declared temperature rise Δt if Δt is provided	a		
Ballast windings with declared temperature under abnormal conditions			b
Ballast case adjacent to capacitor, if any (incorporated in ballast enclosure) – without temperature declaration – with indication of t_c		50 t_c	
Parts made of – wood-filled phenolic mouldings – mineral-filled phenolic mouldings – urea mouldings – melamine mouldings – laminated, resin bonded paper – rubber – thermoplastic materials		110 145 90 100 110 70	
<p>a The measurement of the temperature rise of the ballast windings under normal conditions at 100 % of rated voltage – i.e. verification of a declared value so as to provide information for luminaire design – is non-mandatory and its measurement is only performed when marked on the ballast or otherwise required in the catalogue.</p> <p>b This measurement is only mandatory for circuits which may can produce abnormal conditions. The declared limiting temperature of the ballast windings under abnormal conditions shall not be higher than the value which corresponds to a number of days equal to at least two-thirds of the theoretical endurance test period (see Table 3).</p> <p>c The temperature of thermoplastic material, other than that used for the insulation of the wiring, which provides protection against contact with live parts or supporting such parts, is also measured. Values thus obtained serve to establish the conditions of the test of IEC 61347-1:2015, 18.1.</p>			

If materials or manufacturing methods are used other than those indicated in Table 2, they ~~must~~ shall not be operated at temperatures higher than those which are proved to be permissible for those materials.

The temperature in Table 2 ~~must~~ shall not be exceeded when the ballast is operated at its maximum declared ambient temperature, if any. Maximum ambient temperature for a ballast, if not declared, ~~must~~ shall be considered as the difference between the marked t_w and the measured ballast winding temperature rise ~~Δt~~ at 100 % rated voltage.