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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2017. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) in 1.2.1, requirements for protection against HAZARDS which could occur from reading a voltage have been added to the scope;
- b) Clause 2, all normative references have been dated; new normative references have been added;

- c) in 4.3.2.5, requirements for power supply have been modified;
- d) in 4.3.2.6, requirements for inputs/outputs have been modified;
- e) in 5.1.5.101.2, minimum RATINGS for voltage of measuring TERMINALS are required;
- f) in 5.4.2, new RATINGS for documentation have been added;
- g) in 5.4.4, new instructions for operation have been added;
- h) in 5.101.1, HAZARD indicators shall be functional in NORMAL CONDITION and in SINGLE FAULT CONDITION;
- i) in 6.6.101.1, insulating material of group I may be allowed for determination of CREEPAGE DISTANCES of measuring circuit TERMINALS;
- j) in 6.6.101.2, CLEARANCES and CREEPAGE DISTANCES above 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. for measuring circuit TERMINALS in unmated position have been defined;
- k) in 6.6.101.3, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in partially mated position have been specified;
- l) in 6.6.101.4, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in mated position have been specified;
- m) Subclause 6.102 replaces 6.9.103 and has been rephrased;
- n) new Subclause 9.101 to consider the protection of measuring circuits against the spread of fire and arc flash has been added. Table 102 has been replaced by Table K.101;
- o) In 9.101.2, relocation of 101.3 of previous edition;
- p) In 9.101.3, relocation of 101.4 of previous edition, extension to MEASUREMENT CATEGORY II and reference to IEC 61000-4-5 for tests;
- q) in 9.101.4, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in mated position have been specified;
- r) in 9.101.5, relocation of K.103 of previous edition with numerous technical changes;
- s) in 14.101, relocation of 14.102. 14.101 of previous edition has been removed;
- t) in 101.3, relocation of 101.5 of previous edition, and more requirements added against HAZARD occurring from reading a voltage value;
- u) in K.2.1, another method for determination of CLEARANCES of secondary circuits is proposed;
- v) in K.3.2, new Table K.15 and Table K.16 for CLEARANCE calculation;
- w) in K.3.101, relocation of 6.9.104 of previous edition;
- x) in K.101.4.1, new Table K.103 and Table K.104 replace Table K.102, Table K.103 and Table K.104;
- y) in K.101.4, the subclause has been reviewed. Tables and tests for solid insulation have been modified. Table K.105 replaces Table K.9;
- z) Table K.101, replacement of Table K.106;
- aa) Clause K.4, redraft of the clause to propose a method for determination of  $U_t$  for circuits which reduce TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGE;
- bb) Annex EE: addition of a new informative annex for determination of CLEARANCES for Table 101.

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

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This document is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61010-1:2010 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61010-1 so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements for measurement equipment for insulation resistance and test equipment for electric strength*.

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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61010-1 specifies the safety requirements that are generally applicable to all equipment within its scope. For certain types of equipment, the requirements of IEC 61010-1 and its amendment will be supplemented or modified by the special requirements of one or more standard from the IEC 61010-2 series which is/are read in conjunction with the requirements of IEC 61010-1.

- 1) IEC 61010-2-030 specifies the safety requirements for equipment with testing or measuring circuits which are connected for test or measurement purposes to devices or circuits outside the measurement equipment itself.
- 2) IEC 61010-2-032 specifies the safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated current sensors for measuring, detecting or injecting current, or indicating current waveforms on circuits without physically opening the current path of the circuit being measured.

Most of the requirements of IEC 61010-2-030 have been included in IEC 61010-2-032. Equipment within the scopes of both IEC 61010-2-030 and IEC 61010-2-032 are considered to be covered by the requirements of IEC 61010-2-032.

However, for current sensors in combined equipment with protective bonding and automatic disconnection of the supply, IEC 61010-2-030 and IEC 61010-2-032 are read in conjunction.

- 3) IEC 61010-2-033 specifies the safety requirements for hand-held multimeters and other meters for domestic and professional use, capable of measuring mains voltage, intended to measure voltage and other electrical quantities such as resistance or current.

All relevant requirements of IEC 61010-2-030 have been included in IEC 61010-2-033.

- 4) This document specifies the safety requirements for measurement equipment for insulation resistance and test equipment for electric strength which are connected to units, lines or circuits for test or measurement purposes.

All relevant requirements of IEC 61010-2-030 have been included in this document. However, for equipment within the scope of IEC 61010-2-032 and of this document, these standards are read in conjunction.

IEC 61010-031 specifies the safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe assemblies and their related accessories intended to be used in particular with equipment in the scope of IEC 61010-2-030, IEC 61010-2-032, IEC 61010-2-033 and this document. These probe assemblies are for non-contact or direct electrical connection between a part and electrical test and measurement equipment. They may be fixed to the equipment or be detachable accessories for the equipment.

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE –

### Part 2-034: Particular requirements for measurement equipment for insulation resistance and test equipment for electric strength

#### 1 Scope and object

IEC 61010-1:2010, Clause 1 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016, Clause 1 apply except as follows:

##### 1.1.1 Equipment included in scope

*Replace the existing text with the following:*

This document specifies safety requirements to equipment for measuring insulation resistance and to equipment for testing electric strength which have an output voltage exceeding 50 V a.c. or 120 V d.c.

This document also applies to combined measuring equipment which has an insulation resistance measurement function or an electric strength test measurement function.

This group safety publication focusing on safety essential requirements is primarily intended to be used as a product safety standard for the products mentioned in the scope, but is also intended to be used by technical committees in the preparation of publications for products similar to those mentioned in the scope of this document, in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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##### 1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

*Add the following new items to the list:*

- aa) IEC 61557-8 (Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 8: Insulation monitoring devices for IT systems);
- bb) IEC 61557-9 (Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 9: Equipment for insulation fault location in IT systems).

##### 1.2.1 Aspects included in scope

*Replace item c) of the second paragraph with the following new item c):*

- c) spread of fire or arc flash from the equipment (see Clause 9);

*Replace the third paragraph with the following two new paragraphs:*

Requirements for protection against HAZARDS arising from NORMAL USE, REASONABLY FORESEEABLE MISUSE and ergonomic factors are specified in Clause 16 and Clause 101.

Annex BB provides guidance to equipment manufacturers on HAZARDS that should be considered for equipment intended for performing tests and measurements on hazardous conductors, including MAINS conductors and telecommunication network conductors.

## 2 Normative references

IEC 61010-1:2010, Clause 2 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016, Clause 2 apply except as follows:

*Replace the following existing normative references:*

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 61010-031, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held probe assemblies for electrical measurement and test*

IEC 61180 (all parts), *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment*

IEC 61180-1, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment – Part 1: Definitions, test and procedure requirements*

IEC 61180-2, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment – Part 2: Test equipment*

IEC 61672-1, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 61672-2, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 2: Pattern evaluation tests*

*with the following new normative references:*

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 61010-031:2022, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe assemblies for electrical test and measurement*

IEC 61180:2016, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment – Definitions, test and procedure requirements, test equipment*<sup>1</sup>

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

IEC 61672-2:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 2: Pattern evaluation tests*  
IEC 61672-2:2013/AMD1:2017

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<sup>1</sup> IEC 61180:2016 replaces everywhere IEC 61180, IEC 61180-1 and IEC 61180-2 are referenced in IEC 61010-1.

Add the following new normative references:

IEC 61000-4-5:2014, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*  
IEC 61000-4-5:2014/AMD1:2017

IEC 61010-2-032, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 2-032: Particular requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated current sensors for electrical test and measurement*

### 3 Terms and definitions

IEC 61010-1:2010, Clause 3 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016, Clause 3 apply except as follows:

#### 3.5 Safety terms

Replace the definition of 3.5.4 with the following new definition:

##### 3.5.4

###### MAINS

electricity supply system

Add the following new term and definition:

##### 3.5.101

###### MEASUREMENT CATEGORY

classification of testing and measuring circuits according to the type of MAINS to which they are intended to be connected

### 4 Tests

IEC 61010-1:2010, Clause 4 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016, Clause 4 apply except as follows:

#### 4.3.2.5 MAINS supply

Replace the existing title and text with the following:

#### 4.3.2.5 Power supply

The following requirements apply:

- a) the voltage of the power supply connected to the MAINS shall be between 90 % and 110 % of any RATED supply voltage for which the equipment can be set or, if the equipment is RATED for a greater fluctuation, at any supply voltage within the fluctuation range;
- b) the MAINS frequency shall be any RATED frequency;
- c) equipment for both a.c. and d.c. shall be connected to an a.c. or d.c. supply;
- d) equipment powered from MAINS by single-phase a.c. shall be connected both with normal and reverse polarity;
- e) if the means of connection permit reversal, battery-operated and d.c. equipment shall be connected with both reverse and normal polarity.

#### 4.3.2.6 Input and output voltages

*Replace the existing title and text with the following:*

#### 4.3.2.6 Input and output voltages or currents

Input and output voltages or currents, including floating voltages but excluding the supply voltage connected to the MAINS, shall be set to any voltage or current within their RATED range, in normal and reverse polarity if possible.

*Add the following new subclause:*

##### 4.4.2.101 Surge protective devices

Surge protective devices used in MAINS circuits or the circuits measuring MAINS shall be short-circuited and open-circuited.

### 5 Marking and documentation

*Replace the existing title with the following:*

### 5 Marking, documentation and HAZARD indicator

IEC 61010-1:2010, Clause 5 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016, Clause 5 apply except as follows:

#### 5.1.5 TERMINALS, connections and operating devices

*Add the following new subclause:* [IEC 61010-2-034:2023](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/7ba6cdb3-e09e-4590-a63d-e601a0f3465e/iec-61010-2-034-2023)  
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##### 5.1.5.101 Measuring circuit TERMINALS

###### 5.1.5.101.1 General

Some measuring circuit TERMINALS for the equipment within the scope of this document also serve as output TERMINALS.

Except as permitted in 5.1.5.101.5:

- a) the value of the nominal a.c. r.m.s. line-to-neutral or d.c. voltage of MAINS being measured shall be marked for measuring circuit TERMINALS RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES, or the value of the RATED voltage to earth for other measuring circuit TERMINALS, and

NOTE CLEARANCES and solid insulation for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES are specified for a nominal a.c. r.m.s. line-to-neutral or d.c. voltage of MAINS being measured. Neutral is considered to be earthed (see Annex I).

- b) the value of the RATED voltage or the RATED current, as applicable, of each pair or set of measuring circuit TERMINALS that are intended to be used together shall be marked, and
- c) the pertinent MEASUREMENT CATEGORY for each individual, pair, or set of measuring circuit TERMINALS, or symbol 14 of Table 1 shall be marked as specified in 5.1.5.101.2 and 5.1.5.101.3, if applicable.

Measuring circuit TERMINALS are usually arranged in pairs or sets. Each pair or set of TERMINALS may have a RATED voltage or a RATED current, or both, within that set, and each individual TERMINAL may have a RATED voltage to earth. For some equipment, the RATED voltage between TERMINALS may be different from the RATED voltage to earth. Markings shall be clear to avoid misunderstanding.

Symbol 14 of Table 1 shall be marked if current measuring TERMINALS are not intended for connection to current transformers without internal protection (see 101.2).

Markings shall be placed adjacent to the TERMINALS. However, if there is insufficient space (as in multi-input equipment), the marking may be on the RATING plate or scale plate, or the TERMINAL may be marked with symbol 14 of Table 1.

For any set of measuring circuit TERMINALS, symbol 14 of Table 1 does not need to be marked more than once, if it is close to the TERMINALS.

*Conformity is checked by inspection and, if applicable, as specified in 5.1.5.101.2, 5.1.5.101.3 and 5.1.5.101.4, taking the exceptions in 5.1.5.101.5 into account.*

#### **5.1.5.101.2 Measuring circuit TERMINALS RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES**

The relevant MEASUREMENT CATEGORY shall be marked for TERMINALS of measuring circuits RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES. The MEASUREMENT CATEGORY markings shall be "CAT II", "CAT III" or "CAT IV" as applicable.

The RATED voltage of the TERMINALS of a measuring circuit intended for MAINS voltage measurements shall be equal to or higher than their RATED a.c. r.m.s. line-to-neutral or d.c. voltage.

Marking those TERMINALS with more than one type of MEASUREMENT CATEGORY and its RATED voltage is permissible.

*Conformity is checked by inspection.*

#### **5.1.5.101.3 Measuring circuit TERMINALS RATED for connection to voltages above the levels of 6.3.1**

Symbol 14 of Table 1 shall be marked adjacent to the TERMINALS for measuring circuit TERMINALS RATED for connection to voltages above the levels of 6.3.1, but that are not RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES (see also 5.4.1 bb)).

*Conformity is checked by inspection.*

#### **5.1.5.101.4 HAZARDOUS LIVE output TERMINALS**

Output TERMINALS of measurement equipment for insulation resistance and test equipment for electric strength which can be HAZARDOUS LIVE shall be marked with symbol 12 of Table 1 in close proximity to those TERMINALS.

*Conformity is checked by inspection.*

#### **5.1.5.101.5 Measuring circuit TERMINALS which are permanently connected, dedicated or for non-HAZARDOUS LIVE voltages**

Measuring circuit TERMINALS do not need to be marked if:

- a) they are intended to be permanently connected and not ACCESSIBLE (see 5.4.3 aa) and bb)),  
or
- b) they are dedicated only for connection to specific TERMINALS of other equipment, or

- c) it is obvious from other indications that the RATED voltage does not exceed the levels of 6.3.1.

NOTE Examples of acceptable indications that the RATED voltage of the inputs is intended to not exceed the levels of 6.3.1 include:

- the full scale deflection marking of a single-range indicating voltmeter or ammeter or maximum marking of a multi-range multimeter;
- the maximum range marking of a voltage selector switch;
- a marked voltage or power RATING expressed in dB, mW or W, where the equivalent value, as explained in the documentation, does not exceed 30 V a.c.

*Conformity is checked by inspection.*

#### 5.4.1 GENERAL

*Add the following two new items to the list and a new paragraph at the end of the list:*

- aa) information about each relevant MEASUREMENT CATEGORY if the measuring circuit is RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES (see 5.1.5.101.2);
- bb) for measuring circuits that are not RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES, but that could be misused by connection to such circuits, a warning not to use the equipment for measurements on MAINS, and a detailed RATING including TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGES (see AA.2.4 for more information).

Some equipment may have multiple MEASUREMENT CATEGORY RATINGS for the same measuring circuit. For such equipment, the documentation shall clearly identify the MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES where the equipment is intended to be used and where it shall not be used.

#### 5.4.2 Equipment RATINGS

*Add the following three new items to the list:*

- aa) the output voltage or voltage range, frequency and current RATING;
- bb) for insulation resistance measurement equipment, the RATED line or unit capacitance as required by 6.102;
- cc) for insulation resistance measurement equipment intended for use in power station or substation, the RATED induced current (see 9.101.5).

#### 5.4.3 Equipment installation

*Add the following two new items to the list:*

- aa) for measuring circuit TERMINALS intended for permanent connection and that are RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES, information regarding the MEASUREMENT CATEGORY, RATED voltages or RATED currents as applicable (see 5.1.5.101.2);
- bb) for measuring circuit TERMINALS intended for permanent connection and that are not RATED for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES, information regarding the RATED voltages, RATED currents, and RATED TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGES as applicable (see 5.1.5.101.5).

#### 5.4.4 Equipment operation

*Add the following three new items to the list:*

- aa) instructions for a daily or routine check to ensure the correct functionality of the equipment before use when one HAZARD indicator has been considered to be sufficient (see 5.101.1);
- bb) when performing an a.c. voltage test, instructions to warn the OPERATOR that a hazardous residual voltage can be present after the interruption of the test if the capacitance value of the line or unit under test exceeds the maximum RATED line or unit capacitance value (see 6.102.3);