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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) In 1.1.1, definitions of current sensor types have been moved to a new Annex FF;
- b) Clause 2, all normative references have been dated and new normative references have been added;
- c) 3.2.103, a new definition PROTECTIVE FINGERGUARD has been added which replaces the previous definition of PROTECTIVE BARRIER;
- d) 4.4.2.101 is a new subclause about surge protective devices;

- e) in 5.1.5.101.2, minimum RATINGS for voltage of measuring TERMINALS are required;
- f) Subclause 6.5.1 has been modified;
- g) Subclause 6.5.5 is no longer used;
- h) Subclause 6.6.101 modifies 6.6.101 and 6.6.102 of previous edition:
 - 1) in 6.6.101.1, insulating material of group I may be allowed for determination of CREEPAGE DISTANCES of measuring circuit TERMINALS;
 - 2) in 6.6.101.2, CLEARANCES and CREEPAGE DISTANCES up to 3 000 V for measuring circuit TERMINALS in unmated position have been defined;
 - 3) in 6.6.101.3, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in partially mated position have been specified;
 - 4) in 6.6.101.4, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in mated position have been specified;
 - 5) Subclause 6.6.101.5 replaces 6.6.102;
- i) Subclause 6.6.102 replaces 6.101 of previous edition with modifications;
- j) Subclause 6.101.2 replaces 6.9.101.1 of previous edition with modifications;
- k) Subclause 6.101.3 replaces 6.9.101.2 of previous edition with modifications;
- l) Subclause 6.101.4 replaces 6.9.102 of previous edition with modifications;
- m) in 8.101, JAW ENDS abrasion test has been modified;
- n) 8.105 is a new subclause for input/output leads attachment has been added;
- 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- q) Table 104 has been replaced by Table K.101;
- r) in 9.102, relocation of Clause 102 of previous edition;
- s) in 14.101, relocation of 14.102. Subclause 14.101 of previous edition has been deleted;
- t) 101.3 is a new subclause for protections against HAZARD occurring from reading a voltage value in replacement of Clause EE.5 of previous edition;
- u) in Table D.101, transients are disregarded for insulation between JAW ENDS and input/output circuits;
- v) in Clause F.101, test voltages for routine test of JAWS have been modified;
- w) in K.2.1, another method for determination of CLEARANCES of secondary circuits is proposed;
- x) in K.3.2, new Table K.15 and Table K.16 for CLEARANCE calculation;
- y) K.3.101 is a new clause;
- z) Clause K.4, redraft of the clause to propose a method for determination of U_t for circuits which reduce TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGES;
- aa) Table K.101 replaces Table 104;
- bb) Subclause K.101.4 has been reviewed and tables and tests for solid insulation have been modified;
- cc) Table K.104 of previous edition has been deleted;
- dd) Annex AA: Figure AA.1 has been redesigned;
- ee) Annex EE: addition of a new informative annex for determination of CLEARANCES for Table 101;
- ff) Annex GG: this annex was Annex EE of previous edition and the current sensor type of a CLAMP MULTIMETER is type A or type B.

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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 hand-held and hand-manipulated current sensors for electrical test and measurement*.

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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 61010-2-030:2023 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) This document 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 61010-2-030:2023 have been included in this document. Equipment within the scopes of both IEC 61010-2-030:2023 and this document is considered to be covered by the requirements of this document.

However, for current sensors in combined equipment with protective bonding and automatic disconnection of the supply, IEC 61010-2-030:2023 and this document are read in conjunction.

- 3) IEC 61010-2-033:2023 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 61010-2-033:2023.

- 4) IEC 61010-2-034:2023 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 61010-2-030:2023 have been included in IEC 61010-2-034:2023. However, for equipment within the scope of this document and IEC 61010-2-034:2023, 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, this document, IEC 61010-2-033 and IEC 61010-2-034. 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.

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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 for HAND-HELD and hand-manipulated current sensors intended for measuring, detecting or injecting current, or indicating current waveforms on circuits without physically opening the current path of the circuit being measured.

These current sensors are hand-manipulated before and/or after a test or measurement, but are not necessarily HAND-HELD during the test or measurement. They can be stand-alone current sensors or accessories to other equipment or parts of combined equipment. These include measurement circuits which are part of electrical test and measurement equipment, laboratory equipment, or process control equipment.

NOTE 1 Combined equipment is equipment that is electrically connected to a current sensor by means of a permanent connection which can be detached only by the use of a TOOL.

NOTE 2 Some current sensors are also known as current clamps, CLAMP MULTIMETERS and current probes.

The types of current sensors covered by this document are defined in Annex FF.

1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

Add the following new paragraph:

This document does not apply to current sensors used as FIXED EQUIPMENT.

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 current sensor (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, Clause 101 and Annex GG.

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 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

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 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external impacts (IK code)*

with the following new normative references:

IEC 60068-2-75:2014, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

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*¹

IEC 62262:2002, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*
IEC 62262:2002/AMD1:2021

Add the following new normative reference:

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

¹ "IEC 61180:2016" replaces everywhere IEC 61180, IEC 61180-1 and IEC 61180-2 are referenced in IEC 61010-1.

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 Equipment and states of equipment

Add the following two new terms and definitions:

3.1.101

HAND-HELD

intended to be supported by one hand during NORMAL USE

3.1.102

CLAMP MULTIMETER

HAND-HELD multi-range and multifunction measuring instrument intended to measure current on a live MAINS without physically opening the conductors, voltage on a live MAINS and other electrical quantities such as resistance

3.2 Parts and accessories

Add the following three new terms and definitions:

3.2.101

JAW

part of a current sensor which surrounds or partially surrounds the conductor under test

3.2.102

JAW END

part of the JAW where opening occurs while clamping around a conductor

3.2.103

PROTECTIVE FINGERGUARD

part of the enclosure that indicates the limit of safe access and that reduces the risk of the operator touching HAZARDOUS LIVE parts

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

3.6 Insulation

Add the following new term and definition:

3.6.101

UNINSULATED CONDUCTOR

conductor which is not insulated by solid insulation or which is insulated by solid insulation that does not meet the requirements for BASIC INSULATION for the relevant voltage to earth

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 current sensor can be set or, if the current sensor is RATED for a greater fluctuation, at any supply voltage within the fluctuation range;
- b) the MAINS frequency shall be any RATED frequency;
- c) current sensors for both a.c. and d.c. shall be connected to an a.c. or d.c. supply;
- d) current sensors 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. current sensors 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.

4.4.2.8 Outputs

Replace the text with the following:

Outputs shall be open-circuited and short-circuited, one at a time.

Add the following new subclause:

4.4.2.101 Surge protective devices

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

5 Marking and documentation

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

5.1.2 Identification



Add the following new list items and add a new paragraph before the conformity statement:

- aa) for current sensors designed for use only with a specific model of equipment, a clear identification of the equipment, or with symbol 14 of Table 1 if this information is available only in the documentation;
- bb) for Type A current sensors, with symbol 102 of Table 1;
- cc) for Type B and Type C current sensors, with symbol 101 of Table 1;
- dd) for Type D current sensors, with symbol 101 and symbol 14 of Table 1.

The relevant symbol (14, 101 or 102) shall be marked adjacent to the JAWS or adjacent to the marking of the MEASUREMENT CATEGORY for the JAWS, if present (see 5.1.5.101 and 5.1.5.102).

Table 1 – Symbols

Add the following two new symbols:

Number	Symbol	Reference	Description
101		IEC 61010-2-032:2023 ED5	Do not apply current sensor to or remove from HAZARDOUS LIVE UNINSULATED CONDUCTORS, which may render electric shock, electric burn, or arc flash
102		IEC 60417-6300 (2016-03)	To indicate that the current sensor can safely be used with UNINSULATED HAZARDOUS LIVE CONDUCTORS

5.1.5 TERMINALS, connections and operating devices

Add the following new subclause:

5.1.5.101 Measuring circuit TERMINALS

5.1.5.101.1 General

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

Except as permitted in 5.1.5.101.4:

- 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