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Part 2-43: Particular requirements for clothes dryers and towel rails

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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth 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) alignment with IEC 60335-1:2020;
- b) conversion of some notes to normative text (Clause 1, 11.101, 15.101);

- c) addition of test probe 19 for accessibility of live parts and moving (8.1.1, 20.2, B.22.3, B.22.4);
- d) addition of accessible surface temperature limits (11.3, 11.8).

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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: Particular requirements for clothes dryers and towel rails.

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- 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.

Guidance documents concerning the application of the safety requirements for appliances can be accessed via TC 61 supporting documents on the IEC website

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This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute a replacement for the normative text in this standard.

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 can 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 publications, basic safety publications and group safety publications 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.

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.

NOTE 3 Standards dealing with non-safety aspects of household appliances are:

- IEC standards published by TC 59 concerning methods of measuring performance;
- CISPR 11, CISPR 14-1 and relevant IEC 61000-3 series standards concerning electromagnetic emissions;
- CISPR 14-2 concerning electromagnetic immunity;
- IEC standards published by TC 111 concerning environmental matters.

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-43: Particular requirements for clothes dryers and towel rails

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric **clothes dryers** including **clothes dryers** intended for drying footwear or gloves, and **towel rails** for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) powered appliances and **battery-operated appliances**.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but that nevertheless can 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.

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:

- persons (including children) whose
 - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or Preview
 - · lack of experience and knowledge

prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;

- children playing with the appliance.

Attention is drawn to the fact that:

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements 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.

This standard does not apply to:

- spin extractors (IEC 60335-2-4);
- tumble dryers (IEC 60335-2-11);
- 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).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1 Definitions relating to physical characteristics

3.1.9 Modification:

normal operation

Replace the first paragraph with the following:

operation of the appliance under the following conditions:

Textiles positioned over the racks or rails in accordance with the instructions. The textiles are pre-washed, double-hemmed cotton sheets having dimensions approximately 700 mm \times 700 mm and a specific mass between 140 g/m² and 175 g/m² in the dry condition.

Four layers of textiles are used for appliances having a heated surface supporting the textiles. One layer is used for appliances in which the textiles are dried by a warm airflow.

Note 101 to entry: In case of doubt, the cotton sheets are conditioned for at least 24 h at a temperature of 20 $^{\circ}$ C \pm 5 $^{\circ}$ C and a relative humidity of (60 \pm 5) %.

For appliance with a cabinet, the cabinet shall be closed during operation.

For **clothes dryers** intended for drying footwear or gloves, having loads that cover all of the air outlets, if any, the air outlets are blocked with a number of layers of textile material that results in the most unfavourable condition without operation of a **protective device**.

3.5 Definitions relating to types of appliances

3.5.101

clothes dryer

appliance that does not have a mechanical action such as tumbling or spinning that is intended to dry clothes by air flow tandards/iec/5300b77e-548e-4703-b221-ea54a49ae79a/iec-60335-2-43-2024

Note 1 to entry: These appliances can also be suitable to dry footwear, gloves and the like.

Note 2 to entry: The clothes can be located on racks that are fixed or free-standing in a cabinet. The air circulation can be natural or forced.

3.5.102

towel rail

appliance to hold, warm and dry towels

Note 1 to entry: These appliances can also be suitable to dry swimwear, bath robes or the like.

3.6 Definitions relating to parts of appliances

3.6.101

free space

space with a volume exceeding 60 I where a child can be entrapped and which is accessible after opening any door or lid and removing any **detachable internal part**, including shelves and containers

Note 1 to entry: In calculating the volume, a space with any single dimension not exceeding 150 mm or any two orthogonal dimensions, each of which do not exceed 200 mm, is ignored.

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.

6.2 Addition:

Clothes dryers intended for drying footwear or gloves that when in use have electrical components located below or inserted inside the footwear or gloves shall be at least IPX2. All other appliances shall be at least IPX1.

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.12 Addition:

The instructions for clothes dryers shall include the substance of the following:

WARNING: This appliance is intended only for drying textiles washed in water.

Instructions for appliances intended to be placed above 850 mm in normal use shall include the substance of the following:

Do not place this product lower than 850 mm from the floor during use.

7.12.1 Addition:

The installation instructions for **fixed towel rails** shall include the substance of the following:

WARNING: In order to avoid a hazard for very young children, this appliance shall be installed so that the lowest heated rail is at least 850 mm above the floor.

Instructions for other **fixed appliances** intended for installation above 850 mm in normal use shall include the substance of the following:

Do not mount this product lower than 850 mm from the floor.

The instructions for **fixed towel rails** likely to be used in a bathroom shall state that the **towel rail** is to be installed so that switches and other controls cannot be touched by a person in the bath or shower. This instruction is not necessary if the **towel rail** is classified as at least IPX4.