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## INTRODUCTION

This standard distinguishes between protective class I and protective class II tariff and load control equipment.

The test levels are regarded as minimum values to guarantee the proper functioning of the equipment under normal working conditions. For special application, other test levels might be necessary and should be agreed on between the user and the manufacturer.

For information, the relevant parts of IEC 62052, IEC 62054 and IEC 62059 are listed:

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*(Replaces the general requirements of IEC 61037 and IEC 61038.)*

IEC 62054-11 Electricity metering (a.c.) – Tariff and load control – Part 11: Particular requirements for electronic ripple control receivers

*(Replaces the particular requirements of IEC 61037.)*

IEC 62054-21 Electricity metering (a.c.) – Tariff and load control – Part 21: Particular requirements for time switches<sup>1</sup>

*(Replaces the particular requirements of IEC 61038.)*

IEC 62059-11 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) – Dependability – Part 11: General concepts

IEC 62059-21 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) – Dependability – Part 21: Collection of meter dependability data from the field

IEC 62059-41 Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) – Dependability – Part 41: Reliability prediction<sup>1</sup>

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# ELECTRICITY METERING EQUIPMENT (A.C.) – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, TESTS AND TEST CONDITIONS –

## Part 21: Tariff and load control equipment

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62052 specifies general requirements for the type test of newly manufactured indoor tariff and load control equipment, like electronic ripple control receivers and time switches that are used to control electrical loads, multi-tariff registers and maximum demand indicator devices.

This standard gives no requirements for constructional details internal to the tariff and load control equipment.

In the case where tariff and load control functionality is integrated into multifunction electricity metering equipment, the relevant parts of this standard apply.

This standard does not cover the acceptance tests and the conformity tests. Nevertheless, an example of what could be an acceptance test is given in Annex F.

The dependability aspect is covered by the documents of the IEC 62059 series.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60060-1:1989, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-2-1:1990, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Tests A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2:1974, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Tests B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-6:1995, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27:1987, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-30:1980, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Db and guidance: Damp heat, cyclic (12 + 12-hour cycle)*

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IEC 60721-3-3:1994, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Section 3: Stationary use at weather protected locations*

IEC 61000-4-2:1995, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*. Basic EMC publication

IEC 61000-4-3:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

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IEC 61000-4-5:1995, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-6:1996, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 62054-11, *Electricity metering (a.c.) – Tariff and load control equipment – Part 11: Particular requirements for electronic ripple control tariff and load control equipment*<sup>2</sup>

IEC 62054-21, *Electricity metering (a.c.)– Tariff and load control equipment – Part 21: Particular requirements for time switches*<sup>2</sup>

CISPR 22:1997, *Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

ISO 75-2:1993, *Plastics – Determination of temperature of deflection under load – Part 2: Plastics and ebonite*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions, together with those of IEC 60050-300, apply.

Where there is a difference between the definitions in the glossary and those contained in product standards produced by TC 13 then the latter shall take precedence in applications of the relevant standard.

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<sup>2</sup> To be published.

### 3.1 General definitions

#### 3.1.1

##### **tariff and load control equipment**

device intended to make or break or change over circuits controlling tariff devices of electricity meters or controlling electrical loads, based on a pre-determined time schedule and/or commands received from a control centre over suitable media and using suitable protocols

#### 3.1.2

##### **control element**

functional element controlling the display and/or the operation indicator and the output element. In the case of ripple control receivers, it comprises the decoding element and may contain a timing element. In the case of time switches, it comprises the time-keeping element and the element comparing the actual date and time with the schedule stored in the time switch

#### 3.1.3

##### **reference voltage**

$U_n$

value of the supply voltage in accordance with which the relevant performance of the tariff and load control equipment is fixed

#### 3.1.4

##### **reference frequency**

$f_n$

value of the frequency of the supply voltage in accordance with which the relevant performance of the tariff and load control equipment is fixed

#### 3.1.5

##### **type**

term used to define a particular design of tariff and load control equipment, manufactured by one manufacturer, having the same uniform construction of parts determining the functional, and, when applicable, the metrological properties. The type may have several values of reference voltage and frequency. Tariff and load control equipment are designated by the manufacturer by one or more groups of letters or numbers, or a combination of letters and numbers. Each type has one designation only

Note 1 to entry: The type is represented by the sample tariff and load control equipment intended for type tests, whose characteristics are chosen from the values given in the tables proposed by the manufacturer.

### 3.2 Definitions related to electronic ripple control receivers

#### 3.2.1

##### **electronic ripple control receiver**

device with an input and decoder circuit for the reception and interpretation of pulses of a single audio frequency superimposed on the voltage of an electricity distribution network and for the execution of the corresponding operations

#### 3.2.2

##### **standard receiver**

receiver for mounting on equipment board, a meter board or an instrument rail (or which is a part of the meter)

#### 3.2.3

##### **special receiver**

receiver intended for particular applications, for example, street lighting receivers

### 3.2.4 input element

functional element that separates the control signals from the supply voltage and transmits them to the decoding element

#### 3.2.4.1 control voltage

$U_s$

audio-frequency voltage superimposed on the supply system voltage. Throughout this standard, its steady r.m.s. value is used and is expressed as a percentage of the rated supply voltage  $U_n$  of the receiver

#### 3.2.4.2 reference control voltage

$U_{ns}$

value of the control voltage  $U_s$  in accordance with which the relevant performance of the ripple control receiver is fixed

#### 3.2.4.3 operate voltage

$U_f$

minimum value of the control voltage that, under prescribed conditions, is sufficient to ensure correct operation of the receivers, the message being coded according to the system considered

#### 3.2.4.4 non-operate voltage

$U_{nf}$

maximum value of the control voltage for which, under prescribed conditions, the receivers do not operate, the message being coded according to the system considered

#### 3.2.4.5 maximum control voltage

$U_{max}$

maximum value of the control voltage that, under prescribed conditions, ensures correct operation of the receivers receiving a message coded according to the system considered

#### 3.2.4.6 reference control frequency

$f_s$

value of the control frequency in accordance with which the relevant performance of the ripple control receiver is fixed

### 3.3 Definitions related to the ripple control code and to the control element

#### 3.3.1 code

sequence of a given number of pulse positions having a specified cycle duration

Note 1 to entry: Examples of time diagrams for ripple control codes are given in Annex E of IEC 62054-11.

Note 2 to entry: Each pulse position is designated by a number.

#### 3.3.2 decoding element

part of the control element that identifies from the signals received from the input element those corresponding to the commands for which it is programmed. For this purpose, the decoding element checks the presence and, possibly, the absence of information pulses at the positions for which it is programmed and passes on the information to the control element

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### **3.3.3 timing element**

part of the control element that, together with the decoding element, affects the operation of the output element based on the value of internal timers. The presence of a timing element allows the ripple control receiver to execute periodic or delayed switching operations even without the reception of ripple control messages

### **3.3.4 pulse position**

position in the ripple control message where an information pulse may be present or absent

### **3.3.5 starting pulse**

first pulse of the message, which is intended to start the decoding operation of the receiver

Note 1 to entry: It is generally designated by the number 0.

### **3.3.6 information pulse**

pulse present at one of the positions in the message after the starting pulse. It is designated by the number of its position

### **3.3.7 pulse interval**

interval of time between the beginning of an information pulse and the beginning of the following information pulse in the ripple control message

Note 1 to entry: A pulse interval comprises a pulse of a length according to the coding system, plus, possibly, an associated pause.

### **3.3.8 message**

combination of the starting pulse and a certain number of information pulses representing one or more commands

### **3.3.9 command**

instruction to those receivers programmed to that command to carry out a certain operation on the output element

Note 1 to entry: It is generally characterized by the presence or absence of one or more information pulses.

### **3.3.10 cycle duration**

interval of time between the beginning of the start pulse and the normal return of the receiver to its quiescent state

## **3.4 Definitions related to time switches**

### **3.4.1 time switch**

device which may be set to make or break or change over circuits at pre-determined times

### **3.4.2 synchronous time switch**

time switch having as its main time base the network frequency

### **3.4.3 crystal-controlled time switch**

time switch having as its main time base a crystal-controlled oscillator

### **3.4.4 time-based element**

that part of the time switch which produces an output corresponding to the passing of the time

#### **3.4.4.1 time-indication discrepancy**

difference between the time displayed by the time switch and the actual time or, in the case of synchronous time switches, the difference between the time displayed by the time switch and the time determined by the network frequency

Note 1 to entry: The actual time may be obtained using a reference clock.

#### **3.4.4.2 time-keeping accuracy**

increase or decrease in the time indication discrepancy within a specified time interval

#### **3.4.4.3 variation of time-keeping accuracy due to an influence quantity**

difference in time-keeping accuracy of a time switch when only one influence quantity assumes successively two specified values, one of them being the reference value

#### **3.4.4.4 operation reserve**

maximum period of time after switching off the power-supply voltage during which the time switch is capable to maintain correct time with a specified, relaxed time-keeping accuracy

#### **3.4.4.5 reserve restoration time**

period of time required for restoring the full operation reserve from the point where the operation reserve has been completely exhausted

### **3.4.5 setting and display elements**

#### **3.4.5.1 dial**

analogue mechanical device for facilitating the setting and observation of the settings of the time switch and for the display of indicated time. The dials are designated according to their period of rotation (for example, the day dial has a period of rotation of 1 day)

#### **3.4.5.2 digital display**

electronic device for facilitating the setting and observation of the settings of the time switch and for the display of indicated time and possibly the status of the output elements

## **3.5 Definitions related to the output elements**

### **3.5.1 output element**

element comprising one or more electromechanical or static switches controlled according to the information provided by the control element of the tariff and load control equipment

### **3.5.2 load switch**

part of the output element comprising the contacts, or their electronic equivalent, for switching loads, together with the parts directly operating the contacts

**3.5.3****tariff register switch**

part of the output element comprising the contacts, or their electronic equivalent, for switching tariff registers, together with the parts directly operating the contacts

**3.5.4****maximum demand indicator switch**

part of the output element comprising the contacts, or their electronic equivalent, for switching maximum demand indicators, together with the parts directly operating the contacts

**3.5.5****low rating d.c. switch**

part of the output element comprising the contacts, or their electronic equivalent, for switching low power d.c. circuits, together with the parts directly operating the contacts

**3.5.6****rated breaking voltage** $U_c$ 

value of the voltage for which a switch is designed

**3.5.7****rated breaking current** $I_c$ 

value of current for which a switch is designed and which it can close, carry continuously and break under specified conditions

**3.5.8****maximum total current** $I_{tot}$ 

value of total current that all the output switches of a tariff and load control equipment can carry continuously at the same time under specified conditions

**3.5.9****operation**

pair of changes of state of an output element, closure followed by opening or vice versa

**3.6 Definitions of mechanical elements****3.6.1****indoor tariff and load control equipment**

tariff and load control equipment, which can only be used in areas offering additional protection against environmental influences (i.e. in a house or in a cabinet)

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**3.6.2****base**

back of the tariff and load control equipment by which it is generally fixed and to which are attached the electronic board(s), the output element(s), the terminals or the terminal block and the cover

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**3.6.3****cover**

enclosure on the front of the tariff and load control equipment, made either wholly of transparent or of opaque material provided with (a) window(s) through which the dial and/or display can be read

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#### 3.6.4

##### **case**

set that comprises the base and the cover

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#### 3.6.5

##### **accessible conductive part**

conductive part, which can be touched by the standard test finger when the tariff and load control equipment is installed and ready for use

#### 3.6.6

##### **protective earth terminal**

terminal connected to accessible conductive parts of the tariff and load control equipment for safety purposes

#### 3.6.7

##### **terminal block**

support made of insulating material on which all or some of the terminals of the tariff and load control equipment are grouped together

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#### 3.6.8

##### **terminal cover**

cover, which covers the tariff and load control equipment terminals and, generally, the ends of the external wires or cables connected to the terminals

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#### 3.6.9

##### **clearance**

shortest distance measured in air between two conductive parts

#### 3.6.10

##### **creepage distance**

shortest distance measured over the surface of insulation between two conductive parts

### 3.7 Definitions of insulations

#### 3.7.1

##### **basic insulation**

insulation applied to live parts to provide basic protection against electric shock

Note 1 to entry: Basic insulation does not necessarily include insulation used exclusively for functional purposes.

#### 3.7.2

##### **supplementary insulation**

independent insulation applied in addition to the basic insulation, in order to provide protection against electric shock in the event of a failure of the basic insulation

#### 3.7.3

##### **double insulation**

insulation comprising both basic insulation and supplementary insulation