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NOTE: When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

| <u>Publication</u>           | <u>Year</u>  | <u>Title</u>   | <u>EN/HD</u>              | <u>Year</u>          |
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| IEC 60050(441)               | 1984         | International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)<br>Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses                          | -                         | -                    |
| IEC 60083                    | 1997         | Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC                      | -                         | -                    |
| IEC 60112                    | 1979         | Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions | HD 214 S2                 | 1980                 |
| IEC 60227 (mod)              | series       | Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V  | HD 21                     | series               |
| IEC 60228 + IEC 60228A (mod) | 1978<br>1982 | Conductors of insulated cables<br>First supplement: Guide to the dimensional limits of circular conductors                 | HD 383 S2<br>+ A1<br>+ A2 | 1986<br>1989<br>1993 |
| IEC 60245-4 (mod)            | 1994         | Rubber insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V<br>Part 4: Cords and flexible cables               | HD 22.4 S3<br>+ A1        | 1995<br>1999         |
| IEC 60269-1                  | 1986         | Low-voltage fuses<br>Part 1: General requirements  | EN 60269-1 <sup>1)</sup>  | 1989                 |
| IEC 60269-2                  | 1986         | Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application)       | EN 60269-2                | 1995                 |
| IEC 60320 (mod) series       |              | Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes  | EN 60320                  | series               |
| IEC 60529                    | 1989         | Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)   | EN 60529<br>+ corr. May   | 1991<br>1993         |

1) EN 60269-1 is superseded by EN 60269-1:1998, which is based on IEC 60269-1:1998.

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| IEC 60664-1<br>(mod)                          | 1992        | Insulation coordination for equipment within<br>low-voltage systems<br>Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests                | HD 625.1 S1<br>+ corr. November 1996          | 1996<br>1996 |
| IEC 60695-2-1                                 | 1994        | Fire hazard testing<br>Part 2: Test methods - Section 1  | EN 60695-2-1                                  | 1996         |
| IEC 60947-3<br>+ corr. December 1991<br>(mod) | 1990        | Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear<br>Part 3: Switches, disconnectors,<br>switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination<br>units | EN 60947-3 <sup>2)</sup><br>+ corr. June 1997 | 1992<br>1997 |

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**PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS AND COUPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES –****Part 1: General requirements**

## FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 60309-1 has been prepared by subcommittee 23H: Industrial plugs and socket-outlets, of IEC technical committee 23: Electrical accessories.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 1997 and constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

| FDIS        | Report on voting |
|-------------|------------------|
| 23H/88/FDIS | 23H/91/RVD       |

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

Annex A forms an integral part of this standard.

## INTRODUCTION

International Standard IEC 60309 is divided into several parts:

*Part 1: General requirements*, comprising clauses of a general character.

Subsequent parts: Particular requirements dealing with particular types. The clauses of these particular requirements supplement or modify the corresponding clauses in part 1. Where the text of subsequent parts indicates an "addition" to or a "replacement" of the relevant requirement, test specification or explanation of part 1, these changes are made to the relevant text of part 1, which then becomes part of the standard. Where no change is necessary, the words "This clause of part 1 is applicable" are used.

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# PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS AND COUPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES –

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers, with a rated operating voltage not exceeding 690 V d.c. or a.c. and 500 Hz a.c., and a rated current not exceeding 250 A, primarily intended for industrial use, either indoors or outdoors.

The list of preferred ratings is not intended to exclude other ratings, requirements for which are under consideration.

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers, hereinafter referred to as accessories, for use when the ambient temperature is normally within the range of –25 °C to +40 °C. These accessories are intended to be connected to cables of copper or copper alloy only.

The use of these accessories on building sites and for agricultural, commercial and domestic applications is not precluded.

Socket-outlets or appliance inlets incorporated in or fixed to electrical equipment are within the scope of this standard. This standard also applies to accessories intended to be used in extra-low voltage installations.

This standard does not apply to accessories primarily intended for domestic and similar general purposes.

In locations where special conditions prevail, for example on board ship or where explosions are liable to occur, additional requirements may be necessary.

### 2 Definitions

Where the terms voltage and current are used, they imply the d.c. or the a.c. r.m.s. values.

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60309, the following definitions apply.

The application of accessories is shown in figure 1.

#### 2.1

##### **plug and socket-outlet**

a means enabling the connection at will of a flexible cable to fixed wiring. It consists of two parts:

**2.1.1****socket-outlet**

the part intended to be installed with the fixed wiring or incorporated in equipment.

A socket-outlet may also be incorporated in the output circuit of an isolating transformer

**2.1.2****plug**

the part integral with or intended to be attached directly to one flexible cable connected to the equipment or to a connector

**2.2****cable coupler**

a means enabling the connection at will of two flexible cables. It consists of two parts:

**2.2.1****connector**

the part integral with or intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the supply

NOTE – In general, a connector has the same contact arrangement as a socket-outlet.

**2.2.2****plug**

the part integral with or intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the equipment or to a connector

NOTE – The plug of a cable coupler is identical to the plug of a "plug and socket-outlet".

**2.3****appliance coupler**

a means enabling the connection at will of a flexible cable to the equipment. It consists of two parts:

**2.3.1****connector**

the part integral with, or intended to be attached to, one flexible cable connected to the supply

NOTE – In general, the connector of an appliance coupler is identical to the connector of a cable coupler.

**2.3.2****appliance inlet**

the part incorporated in, or fixed to, the equipment or intended to be fixed to it

NOTE – In general, an appliance inlet has the same contact arrangement as a plug.

**2.4****rewirable plug or connector**

an accessory so constructed that the flexible cable can be replaced

**2.5****non-rewirable plug or connector**

an accessory so constructed that the flexible cable cannot be separated from the accessory without making it permanently useless

**2.6****mechanical switching device**

a switching device designed to close and open one or more electric circuits by means of separable contacts

**2.7****switched socket-outlet**

a socket-outlet with an associated switching device to disconnect the supply from the socket-outlet contacts

**2.8****integral switching device**

a mechanical switching device constructed as a part of an accessory covered by this standard

**2.9****interlock**

a device, either electrical or mechanical, which prevents the contacts of a plug from becoming live before it is in proper engagement with a socket-outlet or connector, and which either prevents the plug from being withdrawn while its contacts are live or makes the contacts dead before separation

**2.10****retaining device**

a mechanical arrangement which holds a plug or connector in position when it is in proper engagement, and prevents its unintentional withdrawal

**2.11****rated current**

the current assigned to the accessory by the manufacturer

**2.12****insulation voltage**

the voltage assigned to the accessory by the manufacturer and to which dielectric tests, clearances and creepage distances are referred

**2.13****rated operating voltage**

the nominal voltage of the supply for which the accessory is intended to be used

**2.14****basic insulation**

the insulation necessary for the proper functioning of the accessory and for basic protection against electric shock

**2.15****supplementary insulation (protective insulation)**

an independent insulation provided in addition to the basic insulation, in order to ensure protection against electric shock in the event of a failure of the basic insulation

**2.16****double insulation**

insulation comprising both basic insulation and supplementary insulation

**2.17****reinforced insulation**

an improved basic insulation with such mechanical and electrical qualities that it provides the same degree of protection against electric shock as double insulation

**2.18****terminal**

a conductive part provided for the connection of a conductor to an accessory

**2.18.1****pillar terminal**

a terminal in which the conductor is inserted into a hole or cavity, where it is clamped under the shank of the screw or screws. The clamping pressure may be applied directly by the shank of the screw or through an intermediate clamping member to which pressure is applied by the shank of the screw (see figure 14a)

**2.18.2****screw terminal**

a terminal in which the conductor is clamped under the head of the screw. The clamping pressure may be applied directly by the head of the screw or through an intermediate part, such as a washer, clamping plate or anti-spread device (see figures 14b and 14c)

**2.18.3****stud terminal**

a terminal in which the conductor is clamped under a nut. The clamping pressure may be applied directly by a suitably shaped nut or through an intermediate part, such as a washer, clamping plate or anti-spread device (see figure 14d)

**2.18.4****saddle terminal**

a terminal in which the conductor is clamped under a saddle by means of two or more screws or nuts (see figure 14e)

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**2.18.5****lug terminal**

a screw terminal or a stud terminal, designed for clamping a cable lug or bar by means of a screw or nut (see figure 14f)

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**2.18.6****mantle terminal**

a terminal in which the conductor is clamped against the base of a slot in a threaded stud by means of a nut. The conductor is clamped against the base of the slot by a suitably shaped washer under the nut, by a central peg if the nut is a cap nut, or by equally effective means for transmitting the pressure from the nut to the conductor within the slot (see figure 14g)

**2.19****clamping unit**

the part of a terminal necessary for the clamping and the electrical connection of the conductor

**2.20****conditional short-circuit current**

the prospective current that an accessory, protected by a specified short-circuit protective device, can satisfactorily withstand for the total operating time of that device under specified conditions of use and behaviour

NOTE – This definition differs from IEC 441-17-20 by broadening the concept of current-limiting device into a short-circuit protective device, the function of which is not only to limit the current.

**2.21****cap**

a part separated or attached, which may be used to provide the degree of protection of a plug or appliance inlet when it is not engaged with a socket-outlet or connector

**2.22****lid**

a means to ensure the degree of protection on a socket-outlet or a connector

**3 Normative references**

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60309. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60309 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60050-441:1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*

IEC 60083:1997, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC*

IEC 60112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions*

IEC 60227, (all parts) *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60228:1978, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60245-4:1994, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Cords and flexible cables*

IEC 60269-1:1986, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60269-2:1986, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application) – Sections I to III*

IEC 60320, (all parts) *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

IEC 60664-1:1992, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-1:1994, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2: Test methods*

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