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IEC 60695-6-30	1996	Part 6-30: Guidance and test methods on the assessment of obscuration hazard of vision caused by smoke opacity from electrotechnical products involved in fires - Section 30: Small scale static method - Determination of smoke opacity - Description of the apparatus	-	-
IEC 60695-6-31	1999	Part 6-31: Smoke obscuration - Small- scale static test - Materials	-	-
IEC Guide 104	1997	The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications	-	-
ISO/TR 9122-1	1989	Toxicity testing of fire effluents Part 1: General	-	-
ISO 5659-2	1994	Plastics - Smoke generation Part 2: Determination of capital density by a single-chamber test	EN ISO 5659-2	1998
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International Standard IEC 60695-6-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 89: Fire hazard testing.

This standard constitutes part 6-1 of IEC 60695. IEC 60695-6-2¹⁾ is a summary of test methods; IEC 60695-6-30 and IEC 60695-6-31 describe a small scale static test method.

This standard has the status of a basic safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104.

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

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

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

This standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60695-6-2.

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Annexes A, B, and C are for information only.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2006. At this date, the publication will be

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INTRODUCTION

The risk of fire needs to be considered in any electrical circuit, and the objective of component, circuit and equipment design, as well as the choice of material, is to reduce the likelihood of fire, even in the event of foreseeable abnormal use, malfunction or failure.

Electrotechnical products, primarily victims of a fire, may nevertheless contribute to the fire hazard due to the release of smoke, which may cause loss of vision and/or disorientation which could impede escape from the building or fire fighting.

Smoke particles reduce the visibility due to light absorption and scattering. Consequently, people may experience difficulties in finding exit signs, doors and windows. Visibility is often determined as the distance at which an object is no longer visible. It depends on many factors, but close relationships have been established between visibility and the measurements of the extinction coefficient of smoke – see annex A.

The production of smoke and its optical properties may be measured simultaneously with other fire properties, such as heat release and flame spread. This part of IEC 60695 serves as a guidance document and focuses on obscuration of light by smoke.

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