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- Part 2: Dimensional interchangeability requirements for pin and contact-tube accessories
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PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS AND COUPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES –

Part 4: Switched socket-outlets and connectors with or without interlock

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable except as follows:

Replacement of the first paragraph by the following text:

This part of IEC 60309 applies to self-contained products that combine within a single enclosure, a socket-outlet or connector according to IEC 60309-1 or IEC 60309-2 and a switching device, with a rated operating voltage not exceeding ~~690~~ 1 000 V d.c. or a.c. and 500 Hz, and a rated current not exceeding ~~250~~ 800 A, primarily intended for industrial use, either indoors or outdoors.

These accessories are intended to be installed by instructed persons (Amendment 1:2001 of IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-02) or skilled persons (Amendment 1:2001 of IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-01) only.

These products may incorporate an interlock and/or protective devices.

2 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable, except as follows:

Deletion of definitions 2.6 to 2.9.

Addition:

2.101 switched socket-outlet or connector

accessory containing in a single enclosure a switching device and a socket-outlet or connector, intended to be used in combination. It can be either interlocked or non-interlocked

2.102 interlocked socket-outlet or connector

socket-outlet or connector associated with an interlock

2.103 switching device

device designated to make or break the current in one or more electric circuits

[IEV 441-14-01]

2.103.1 mechanical switching device

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

[IEV 441-14-02]

2.103.1.1

switch (mechanical)

mechanical switching device capable of making, carrying and breaking currents under normal circuit conditions, which may include specified operating overload conditions and also carrying, for a specified time, currents under specified abnormal circuit conditions such as those of short-circuit

[IEV 441-14-10]

NOTE A switch may be capable of making, but not breaking short-circuit currents.

2.103.1.1.1

switch-disconnector

switch, which in the open position complies with the requirements specified for the isolating function

[IEV 441-14-12, modified]

NOTE This definition differs from IEC 441-14-05 by referring to isolating function instead of the requirements specified for a disconnector.

2.103.1.2

contactor

mechanical switching device having only one position of rest, operated otherwise than by hand, capable of making, carrying and breaking currents under normal circuit conditions, including operating overload conditions

[IEV 441-14-33]

2.103.2

associated switching device

separate switching device which can be replaced independently

2.103.3

integral switching device

switching device constructed as a part of a socket-outlet or connector covered by this standard, where neither the switching device nor the socket-outlet or connector can be replaced independently

2.104

isolation (isolating function)

function intended to cut off the supply from all or a discrete section of the installation, by separating the installation or section from every source of electrical energy for reasons of safety (see IEC 60947-1 and IEC 61140¹)

2.105

utilization category

(switching device) combination of specified requirements related to the conditions in which the switching device fulfils its purpose, selected to represent a characteristic group of practical applications

[IEV 441-17-19, modified]

NOTE The specified requirements may concern e.g. the values of making capacities (if applicable), breaking capacities and other characteristics, the associated circuits under the relevant conditions of use and behaviour.

¹ IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

2.106**interlock or interlocking device**

device, either electrical or electronic or mechanical or a combination of these, which makes the operation of a piece of product dependent upon the condition, position or operation of one or more other pieces of product

2.107**control circuit device**

electrical device intended for the controlling, signaling, interlocking, etc. of switchgear and controlgear (see IEC 60947-1, 2.1.1)

2.108**pilot contact**

auxiliary electric contact for use in a control or monitoring or interlock function

NOTE Pilot contact is not considered to be a pole.

2.109**latching device**

part of the interlock mechanism provided to hold a plug or appliance-inlet in the socket-outlet or connector

3 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable, except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 60073, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Coding principles for indicators and actuators*

IEC 60417-DB:2002², *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60617-DB:2001³, *Graphical Symbols for diagrams*

IEC 60947-1:2004, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 60947-4-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

IEC 60947-5-1:2003, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices*

IEC 61032, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61058-1, *Switches for appliances – Part 1: General requirements*

4 General

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable except as follows:

² “DB” refers to the IEC on-line database.

³ “DB” refers to the IEC on-line database.

Addition:

4.101 Components incorporated or integrated in products (e.g. flexible cable, current cut-outs, thermal cut-outs, safety transformers, switches, fuses, residual current devices, lampholders and connecting devices) shall comply with the relevant standards as far as they reasonably apply.

5 Standard ratings

This clause of Part 2 is applicable except as follows:

5.101 *Replacement:*

5.101 Standard IP ratings are

- IP44
- IP67
- IP66/IP67

For switched socket-outlet with or without interlock according to 6.1.101, the whole unit can have a degree of protection different from IP44 or IP67 or IP66/IP67 but not lower than IP44 (see also 8.1).

6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable, except as follows:

6.1.1 *Replacement:*

6.1.1 According to purpose: socket-outlets, connectors

Deletion of 6.1.5.

Addition:

6.1.101 According to switching devices and interlock facilities:

- products with a switching device and without an interlock;
- products with a switching device and with an interlock.

6.1.102 According to the operation of the interlock/switching device

- manually;
- automatically (electrically and/or electronically);
- combination of the above.

NOTE Inserting the plug is not considered a manual operation of the interlock/switching device.

6.1.103 According to the mechanical switching device

- switch;
- switch-disconnector;
- contactor;
- other devices with suitable switch rating.

6.1.104 According to suitability for isolation of the switching device

- suitable for isolation;
- not suitable for isolation.

6.1.105 According to whether the interlock system has a latching device

- with latching device (mechanical interlock);
- without latching device (electrical interlock).

6.1.106 According to the presence of a protective device

- with protective device;
- without protective device.

7 Marking

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable, except as follows:

7.1 Addition:

- indication of the open and closed position of the switching device for products with isolating function according to 6.1.104;
- indication of the type of switching device.

7.2 Addition:

Open position	and/or	OFF
	IEC 60417-5008	
Closed position	and/or	ON
	IEC 60417-5007	
Switch	or	
	IEC 60617 – S00227	IEC 60947-3
Switch-disconnector		
	IEC 60617 – S00290	
Contactors		
	IEC 60617 – S00284	
Other devices	According to IEC 60617	

7.3 Replacement:

7.3 The marking for rated current, the type reference, the nature of supply, if necessary, and either the name or trademark of the manufacturer or the responsible vendor shall be on the outside of the enclosure, or on the lid, if any, if the latter cannot be removed without the aid of a tool.

These markings shall be easily discernible when the accessory is mounted and wired as in normal use, if necessary after it has been removed from the enclosure. The marking, if any, for the insulation voltage shall not be visible when the accessory is mounted and wired as in normal use.

The marking for rated operating voltage, type reference, the degree of protection, and the symbol indicating the position of the earthing contact or the means used for interchangeability, if any, shall be on a place which is visible after installation of the accessory, on the outside of enclosure or on the lid, if any, if the latter cannot be removed without the aid of a tool.

With the exception of the type reference, these markings shall be easily discernible when the accessory is mounted and wired as in normal use.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.4 *This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is not applicable.*

7.5 Replacement:

7.5 Marking of the terminals for the supply cables

The neutral terminal, if any, shall be marked N.

The earth terminal, if any, shall be marked \oplus or \perp .

The relationship between the terminals for the supply cable and load terminals/load contacts shall be made clear, if necessary by means of a diagram or instruction.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.6 *Replacement of the first sentence by the following text:*

7.6 Marking on the outside of the enclosure shall be indelible and easily legible.

Addition:

7.101 The indication of the positions (open or closed) of the switching device shall be unambiguous and clearly indicated.

The actuator of a mechanical switching device may be used to indicate the position of the contacts.

For mechanical switching devices operated by means of two push-buttons, only the push-button designated for the opening operation shall be red or marked with the symbol "O".

The colours of other push-buttons, illuminated push-buttons and indicator lights shall be in accordance with IEC 60073.

7.102 The marking of the type of switching device shall be on a place which is visible after installation of the products, on the outside of enclosure or on the lid, if any, if the latter cannot be removed without the aid of a tool.

8 Dimensions

This clause of Part 2 is applicable except as follows:

8.1 *Replacement of the first 2 paragraphs starting with “Accessories shall” and finishing with “non-interchangeability” by the following:*

Accessories shall comply with the relevant standard sheets as specified below:

- accessories having rated operating voltages exceeding 50 V:
 - 16/20 A Sheets 2-VIII and 2-VIIIa;
 - 16/20 A and 32/30 A Sheets 2-I, 2-II, 2-IX and 2-IXa;
 - 63/60 A and 125/100 A, without pilot contact Sheets 2-III and 2-IV;
 - 63/60 A and 125/100 A, with pilot contact Sheets 2-IIIa and 2-IVa;
 - mechanical interlock for 16 A to 125 A accessories Sheet 2-V
- accessories having rated operating voltage not exceeding 50 V:
 - 16/20 A and 32/30 A Sheets 2-VIII and 2-IX.

Switched socket-outlets according to 6.1.101 with degree of protection higher than IP44 and different from IP67 shall use socket-outlets that comply with IP66/IP67 construction as stated in standard sheet 2-I (continuation 2) or 2-III (continuation 2) or 2-VIII (continuation 2) (see 6.1.2).

Deviations from the dimensions specified in the standard sheets may be made, but only if they provide a technical advantage and do not adversely affect the purpose and safety of the accessories complying with the standard sheets, especially with regard to interchangeability and non-interchangeability.

9 Protection against electric shock

Replacement of this clause of Part 1 or Part 2 by the following:

9.1 The enclosure shall be designed so that live parts are not accessible when in normal use and when parts which can be removed without the aid of a tool have been removed.

Compliance is checked by inspection and, if necessary, by the tests from 9.1.1 to 9.1.3.

9.1.1 *The standard test finger shown in Figure 2 of IEC 60309-1 is applied with a force of 10 N ± 1 N in every possible position. An electrical indicator with a voltage not less than 40 V and not more than 50 V is used to show contact with the relevant part.*

9.1.2 *For elastomeric or thermoplastic enclosures, the following test is made at an ambient temperature of 35°C ± 2°C, the products being at this temperature.*

During this test, the parts of elastomeric or thermoplastic material of the products are subjected for 1 min to a force of 75 N, applied through the tip of a straight unjointed test finger of the same dimensions as the standard test finger. This finger, with an electrical indicator as described above, is applied to all places where yielding of the insulating material could impair the safety of the product.

During this test, the product shall not deform to such an extent that live parts become accessible.

9.1.3 The test probe *D* of IEC 61032 is applied with a force of $1^{+0,1}_0$ N.

This test does not apply to the components fitted to the product.

The protection is satisfactory if the wire cannot enter the enclosure, or if it enters, it does not touch live parts inside the enclosure.

The test wire is provided with an electrical indicator, with a voltage not less than 40 V and not more than 50 V, to show contact with relevant part.

9.2 Parts providing protection against electric shock shall have adequate mechanical strength and shall be reliably secured by means of screws or in a similar reliable manner so that they will not loosen in normal use.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by the tests of Clauses 24 and 25.

9.3 Knobs, operating levers, push-buttons, rockers and the like, for operating switches in switched socket-outlets or connectors shall be of insulating material, unless their accessible metal parts are separated from the metal parts of the mechanism by double insulation or reinforced insulation, or they are reliably connected to earth.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by the tests of Clauses 19 and 22.

10 Provision for earthing

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable except as follows:

10.1 Replacement of the first paragraph by the following:

Products with earthing contact shall be provided with an earthing terminal. Metal-clad fixed products with an internal earthing terminal can, in addition, be provided with an external earthing terminal, which, except for flush type products, shall be visible from the outside.

The earthing terminal of the socket-outlet or connector may be used provided it is easily accessible.

11 Terminals

This clause of Part 1 or Part 2 is applicable.

12 Interlocks, switches and their components

Replacement of this clause of Part 1 or Part 2 by the following:

12.1 Switched socket-outlets or connectors with interlocks shall be so constructed that a plug or appliance inlet cannot be completely withdrawn from the socket-outlet or connector while the contacts of that socket-outlet or connector are live, and the contacts of the socket-outlet or connector cannot be made live until a plug or appliance inlet is in proper engagement. The contacts shall not open or close on load.