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### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the electrical characteristics with which A.C. flasher units for motorcycles shall comply when submitted for type testing.

the short-circuit current  $I_{cc}$  and the identification numbers of the terminals in accordance with table 1 and the wattages of the lamps for which the flasher is designed.

Table 1 — Identification of the flasher unit terminal

### 2 Field of application

This International Standard applies to flashers intended for use on motorcycles (as defined in ISO 3833) with 6 V or 12 V systems, operating simultaneously or alternately.<sup>1)</sup>

### 3 References

ISO 3833, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions.*

IEC Publication 809-2, *Lamps for road vehicles — Part 2: Performance requirements.*<sup>2)</sup>

### 4 Identification

Each flasher shall show, legibly and indelibly, the trade name or mark of the manufacturer, the rated voltage, the symbol ~ ,

Identification number of the terminals <sup>1)</sup>	Allocation
1	Current supply
2	To the turn signal switch
4	Common return
5	To the tell-tale lamp
7	"Off" circuit of the operating tell-tale
8	Return for the turn signal switch, left side
9	Return for the turn signal switch, right side
10 <sup>2)</sup>	Indicator lights to the left
11 <sup>2)</sup>	Indicator lights to the right

1) Other terminal identifications are allowed.

2) When front and rear direction indicator lights of a motorcycle are individually connected to the flasher, the corresponding terminals shall each have the same identification number.

1) Direction indicator lights on the same side of the vehicle flash alternately.

2) At present at the stage of draft.

## 5 Electrical characteristics

### 5.1 Working voltage

The working voltage is the voltage existing between points  $D_1$  (or  $D_2$  or  $D_3$ ) and E of the test circuit (see figures 1 and 2) in accordance with 5.4, with the flasher short-circuited.

Tests shall be performed with alternating current of frequency 50 Hz or 60 Hz at working voltages of 4,5 — 5,5 and 7,5 V r.m.s. for 6 V systems and 9 — 11 and 15 V r.m.s. for 12 V systems.

### 5.2 General test conditions

If not otherwise specified, the flasher shall be tested in a room at an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C.

The flashers shall be tested in the position (or positions) indicated by the manufacturer.

### 5.3 Test circuitry and equipment

#### 5.3.1 Wiring diagram

The resistances in the circuitry shall have the values indicated in the wiring diagram shown in figure 1 or figure 2, for simultaneous or alternate flashing respectively. The resistance of the cables and the ammeter are included in the resistances indicated in these wiring diagrams. To check these resistances, the flasher and the filament lamps shall be short-circuited by shunts not exceeding 0,005  $\Omega$  each.

#### 5.3.2 Filament lamps

Only filament lamps in accordance with IEC Publication 809-2 shall be used. This does not apply to tell-tale lamps when they are not connected in parallel to the main lamps.

#### 5.3.3 Measuring equipment

The measuring equipment used to measure the flash-rate, the "on"-time, the starting time and voltage drop in the flasher shall not disturb the circuit. The measuring equipment shall be able to measure the r.m.s. voltage.

#### 5.3.4 Power supply characteristics

For the tests a power transformer of power at least ten times greater than that supplied during the most exacting test shall be used. It shall supply the voltage as in 5.1 with a tolerance  $\pm 2$  %.

### 5.4 Adjustments (see figures 1 and 2)

5.4.1 The voltage at the terminals  $D_1$  (or  $D_2$  or  $D_3$ ) and E of the filament lamps shall be adjusted to 6,75 V or 13,5 V after the flasher has been short-circuited by a shunt in accordance with 5.3.1.

The lamps used for the tests shall be selected so that, before the following adjustment, the sum of the wattages does not deviate by more than +2 % and -6 % from the sum of the corresponding mean wattage values at 6,75 V or 13,5 V.

The current to obtain the required electrical load shall be adjusted, exact to 0,5 %, to the sum of the corresponding mean wattage values at test voltage, by adjusting one of the trimmer resistors  $R_1$  or  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  or  $R_4$ , with the other(s) neutralized.

The filament lamp of the tell-tale shall also be included when it is connected in parallel to the main lamps.

For the tests, the power supply shall be so adjusted as to obtain the voltages specified at the terminals  $D_1$  (or  $D_2$  or  $D_3$ ) and E at the different test temperatures, without re-adjustment of the trimming resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  or  $R_4$ .

5.4.2 Where an operating tell-tale is fitted, it shall be connected in the test circuit as indicated by the manufacturer.

## 6 Test procedure

### 6.1 Starting time

6.1.1 By convention the following terms apply :

— **beginning of the current "on"-time:** the moment when the working voltage reaches 3,5 V, 4,5 V and 6 V or 7 V, 9 V and 12 V.

— **beginning of the current "off"-time:** the moment when the working voltage reaches 1 V, 1,5 V and 2 V or 2 V, 3 V and 4 V.

6.1.2 The beginning of the first current "on"-time shall be not more than 1,0 s after closing the switch F.

6.1.3 The period of time for the first current "on"-time shall be at least 0,2 s.

6.1.4 The beginning of the first current "off"-time shall be not more than 1,5 s after closing the switch F.

6.1.5 The requirements of 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 shall be complied with at the working voltages specified at 5.1.

6.1.6 The requirements of 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 shall be complied with on the basis of an average of three starts, separated by a cooling interval of at least 5 min.

6.1.7 In the case of systems operating alternately, the conditions of 6.1.2, 6.1.3 and 6.1.4 shall be complied with for each direction indicator light on the same side of the vehicle.

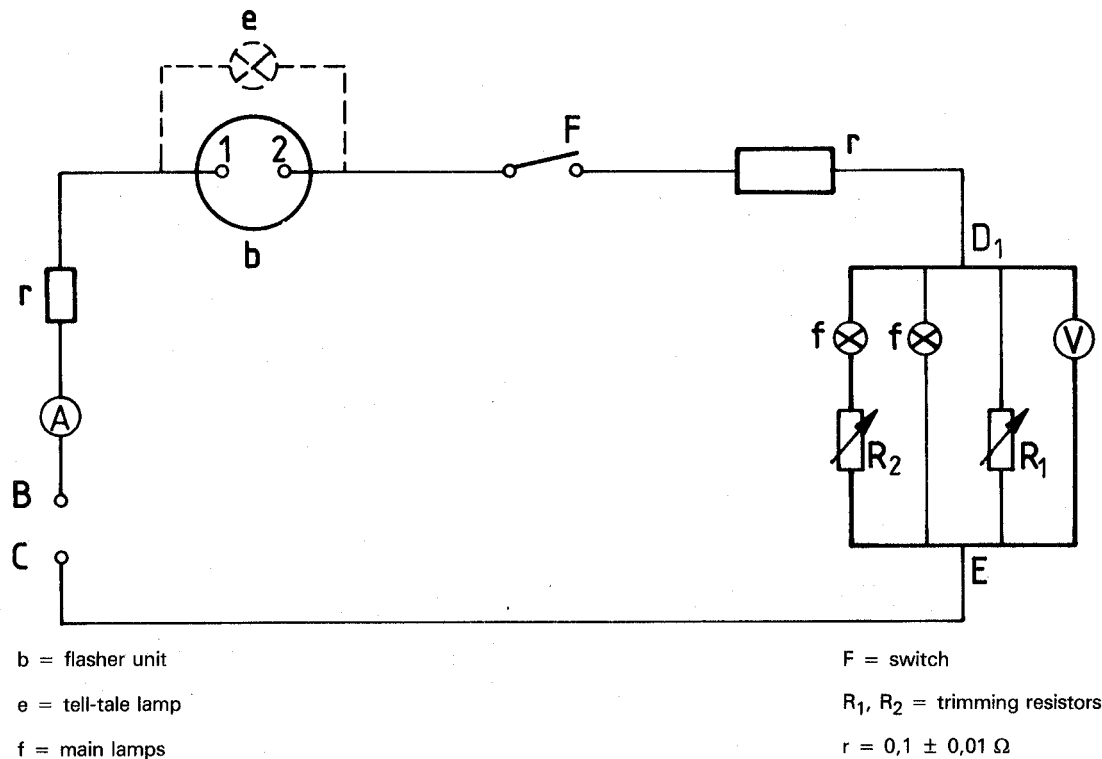


Figure 1 — Example of wiring diagram to test flashers operating simultaneously

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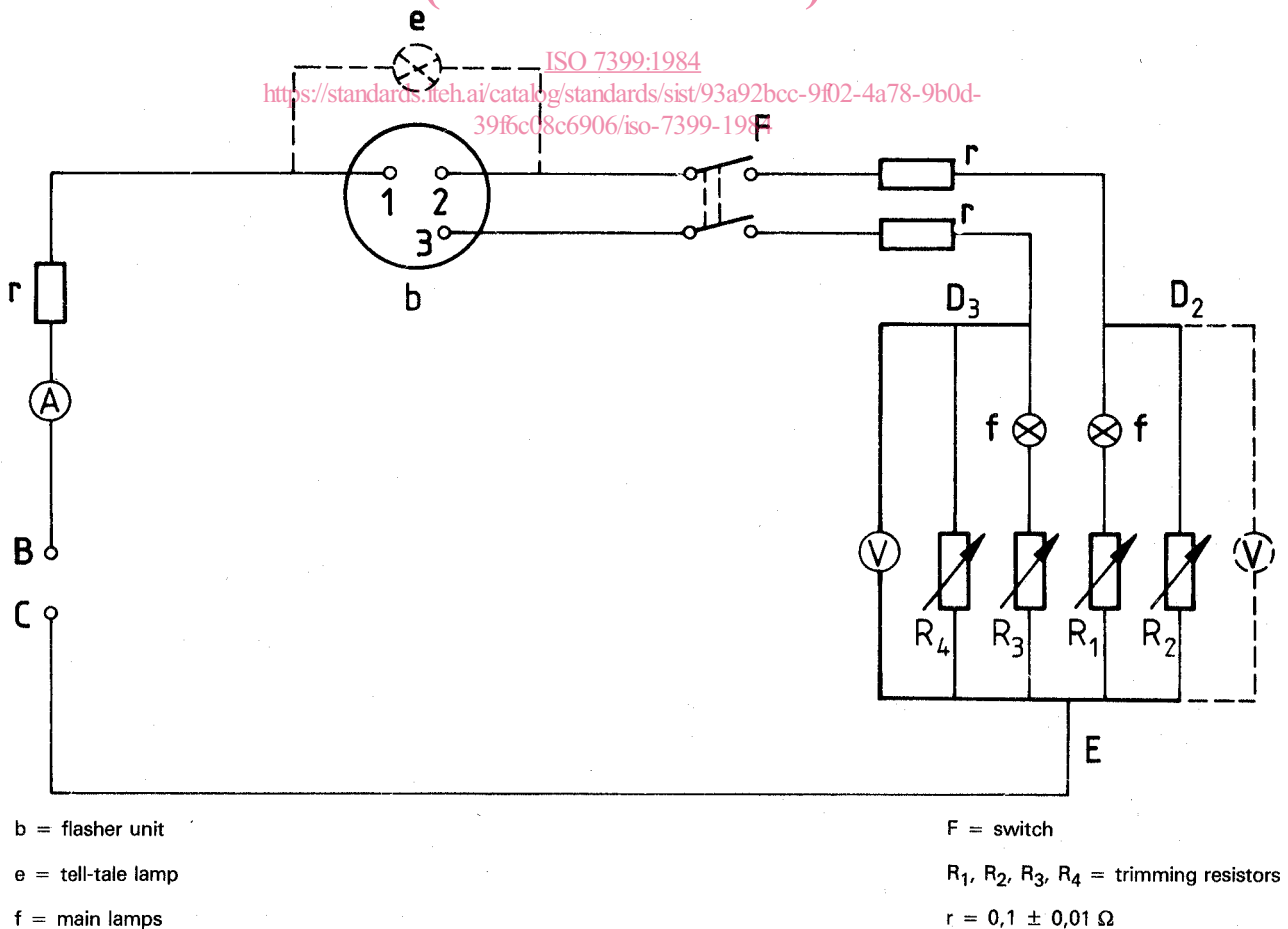


Figure 2 — Example of wiring diagram to test flashers operating alternately

**6.2 Frequency and current "on"-time**

**6.2.1 Flash-rate**

For electrical loads intended by the manufacturer, the flash-rate shall comply with the requirements of table 2 when, after at least five consecutive cycles, the mean value of at least three consecutive cycles is determined.

**Table 2 — Flash-rate for flashers**

Working voltage V		Stabilized temperature °C	Flash-rate cycles/min
5,5	11	- 18 ± 2,5	60 to 120
7,5	15	23 ± 5	60 to 120
4,5	9	52 ± 2,5	45 to 120

Measurements shall be taken after 2 h of stabilization at the specified temperatures. The time of operation at the temperature of -18 °C shall not exceed 15 s. At the temperature of 52 °C, measurements shall be taken after 5 ± 1 min of continuous operation.

**6.2.2 Current "on"-time**

The current "on"-time (cyclic ratio : ratio, as a percentage, of the current "on"-time over one cycle) shall be measured, after at least five consecutive cycles, by determining the mean value of at least three consecutive cycles under the conditions of temperature and voltage defined in 6.2.1.

Under these conditions, the current "on"-time shall remain between 40 % and 60 %.

**6.3 Operating tell-tales**

**6.3.1 Normal conditions (all lamps operating)**

When all lamps are operating normally, the audible and/or optical operating tell-tales (if any) shall operate, at the rate of the main filament lamps, in phase or counterphase, at temperatures of -18 ± 2,5 °C, 23 ± 5 °C and 52 ± 2,5 °C.

This test shall be carried out in accordance with 5.4, but without re-adjustment of the trimming resistors R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> or R<sub>4</sub>.

**6.3.2 Indication of a filament lamp failure**

In the case of a failure of a main filament lamp at temperatures of -18 ± 2,5 °C, 23 ± 5 °C and 52 ± 2,5 °C the audible and/or optical operating tell-tales (if any) shall indicate this failure either by ceasing to function, or by a change of frequency.

In the case of a tell-tale lamp, it is considered that it ceases to function when it remains either extinguished or lit.

The main filament lamp remaining operable shall either remain lit or continue to flash, in which case a change in frequency is permitted.

This test shall be carried out in accordance with 5.4, but without re-adjustment of trimming resistors R<sub>1</sub> or R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> or R<sub>4</sub>.

**6.4 Voltage drop**

Measurements shall be carried out after at least five complete functioning cycles.

At the voltage shown in table 2 and with the charge selected and regulated as in 5.4, voltage drops between the input and output terminals considered shall not exceed 0,8 V r.m.s.

**6.5 Dielectric strength**

When new, and in an ambient air relative humidity of 45 % to 75 %, the flasher shall be capable of withstanding for 1 min a voltage of 1 000 V r.m.s. with a frequency of 50 Hz or 60 Hz between the terminals and the exterior metallic parts (mounting brackets, housing, rivets), if these parts are not electrically connected to one of the terminals.

This test is not required where such exterior metallic parts do not exist or if an electrical connection exists as stated above.

**6.6 Overload strength**

Before the test, the flasher terminals considered shall be shunted by 5 mΩ max. With the resistor R<sub>3</sub>, the current shall be adjusted to I<sub>cc</sub> (see figure 3). The shunt shall then be removed for the test.

With a voltage of 6,5 V or 13 V, the flasher shall be capable of resisting the maximum I<sub>cc</sub> current on the flasher label once only for 10 s between the input and output terminals considered, with the exception of tell-tale circuits.

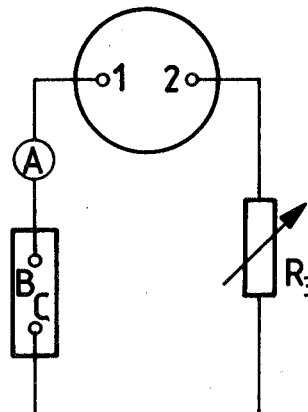
The value of I<sub>cc</sub> is defined as follows:

$$I_{cc} > \frac{P}{U} \times 1,5$$

where

P is the lamp wattage;

U is the nominal wattage.



**Figure 3 — Wiring diagram for overload strength test**

## 6.7 Vibration test

The flasher shall be mounted on a test bench in the position and with the mounting method corresponding to that on the vehicle. The test shall be carried out at an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C.

### 6.7.1 Operating tell-tale

With sinusoidal vibrations between 20 and 200 Hz, with an acceleration amplitude of  $50 \text{ m/s}^2$ , the flash-rates of the main filament lamps shall comply with the specifications of 6.2.1. However, this test is only required at a temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C. Furthermore, the operating tell-tales shall not cease functioning. Momentary frequency variations with respect to the main filament lamps are, however, allowed.

This test shall be carried out successively in each of the three main axes.

### 6.7.2 Vibration endurance

The flasher, not connected to the power supply, shall be subjected to sinusoidal vibrations varying from 20 to 200 Hz and from 200 to 20 Hz with a frequency variation of 2 octaves/min and with an acceleration amplitude of  $50 \text{ m/s}^2$ .

After 45 h of test, equally divided between the three main axes, the flasher shall not have deteriorated and shall still comply with the conditions specified in 6.1 and 6.2. Furthermore, the tell-tales shall still be operable.

## 6.8 Impact test

### 6.8.1 Test conditions

At an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C, the flasher shall be suspended at the end of a wire of 500 mm length, the other end of which shall be fixed. The fixing point shall be in the plane of a vertical face of a steel block of mass 25 kg. The wire shall be moved to make an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the vertical in a plane perpendicular to the corresponding steel block surface. The flasher shall then be released to strike the block.

This test shall be carried out in both directions of each of the three main axes. One test only shall be conducted on each sample. Any other equivalent method may be accepted.

### 6.8.2 Test requirements

After at least 3 min operating, the flashers tested shall comply with the requirements of 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 at the temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C; furthermore, the frequency shall not have varied, due to the impact, by more than 12 cycles/min.

However, if the variation is more than 12 cycles/min, the impact test shall be repeated five times, after which it is sufficient that the flashers tested comply with the requirements of 6.2.1 at a temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C.

## 6.9 Resistance to heat and cold

The flasher shall withstand :

- a) a temperature of  $40 \pm 3$  °C at a relative humidity of 90 to 95 % for 48 h;
- b) a temperature of  $80 \pm 3$  °C for 1 h;
- c) a temperature of  $-40 \pm 3$  °C for 3 h.

These tests shall be conducted without any electrical connection.

At the end of each of these three tests, which shall not be cumulative, and after having been brought to an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 5$  °C, the flasher shall be subjected to the tests specified in 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 and shall comply with the relevant conditions.

## 6.10 Endurance

The flasher shall be connected as indicated in 5.3 but without trimming resistors.

### 6.10.1 Test conditions

The circuit shall be fed with 7 V or 14 V (measured at the terminals of the power supply) and flashers shall be subjected to the following tests, but one of the tests only is to be conducted on each sample :

- a) 100 h of working cycles consisting of 15 s "on" and 15 s "off";
- b) 50 h of continuous operation.

### 6.10.2 Test requirements

After a minimum rest time of 1 h, the flasher shall meet the requirements of the tests specified in 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.

Two out of eight samples tested in accordance with the requirements of 6.4 shall, however, be allowed to exceed the maximum voltage drop specified in 6.4 by a margin of 20 %.

## 7 Number of samples and sequence of individual tests

The number of samples shall be 20.

Initially, all samples shall comply with the specifications of 6.1 to 6.4. Subsequently the tests on the samples shall be carried out in accordance with 6.5 to 6.10, as shown in table 3.

Table 3 – Individual tests

Test No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Sample No.	Dielectric strength (see 6.5)	Overload strength (see 6.6)	Resistance to cold and heat (see 6.9)	Impact (see 6.8)	Vibration (see 6.7)	Endurance (see 6.10)	
						100 h	50 h
1	X	X					
2	X	X					
3			X	X			
4			X	X			
5			X	X			
6			X	X			
7			X	X			
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