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The major technical changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- additional requirements for connection of luminaires to the fixed wiring;
- modification of requirements regarding the fixing of luminaires;
- inclusion of alternative solutions for connecting devices used for through wiring and for connection of luminaires to the supply;
- withdrawal of Clause 556, as IEC 60364-5-56 now covers this matter.

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550 Introduction

550.1 Scope

This part of IEC 60364 ~~covers~~ specifies requirements and recommendations for the selection and erection of low-voltage ~~generating sets and for the selection and erection of luminaires and lighting installations~~ electric equipment not covered by other parts of IEC 60364-5, intended to be part of the fixed installation.

550.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60038, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60050-195, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 195: Earthing and protection against electric shock*

IEC 60050-826, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 826: Electrical installations*

IEC 60079 (all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60245-3, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 3: Heat resistant silicone insulated cables*

IEC 60331-11, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 11: Apparatus – Fire alone at a flame temperature of at least 750 °C*

IEC 60331-21, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 21: Procedures and requirements – Cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV*

IEC 60364-1:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-4-42, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-42: Protection for safety – Protection against thermal effects*

IEC 60364-4-43:2008, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-43: Protection for safety – Protection against overcurrent*

IEC 60364-4-44:2007, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-44: Protection for safety – Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*

IEC 60364-5-52:2009, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems*

IEC 60364-5-53:2001, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-53: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Isolation, switching and control*

IEC 60364-7-712, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 7-712: Requirements for special installations or locations – Solar photovoltaic (PV) power supply systems*

IEC 60364-7-717, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 7-717: Requirements for special installations or locations – Mobile or transportable units*

IEC 60417 (all parts), *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60570, *Electrical supply track systems for luminaires*

IEC 60598 (all parts), *Luminaires*

IEC 60598-2-13:2006, *Luminaires – Part 2-13: Particular requirements – Ground recessed luminaires*

IEC 60598-2-22:1997, *Luminaires – Part 2-22: Particular requirements – Luminaires for emergency lighting*

IEC 60670 (all parts), *Boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories for household and similar fixed electrical installations*

IEC 60670-21, *Boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 21: Particular requirements for boxes and enclosures with provision for suspension means*

IEC 60702-1, *Mineral insulated cables and their terminations with a rated voltage not exceeding 750 V – Part 1: Cables*

IEC 60702-2, *Mineral insulated cables and their terminations with a rated voltage not exceeding 750 V – Part 2: Terminations*

IEC 60998 (all parts), *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61048:2006, *Auxiliaries for lamps – Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits – General and safety requirements*

IEC 61439-1:2011, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 61508 (all parts), *Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems*

IEC 61535, *Installation couplers intended for permanent connection in fixed installations*

IEC 61557-8, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 8: Insulation monitoring devices for IT systems*

IEC 61557-9, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 9: Equipment for insulation fault location in IT systems*

IEC 61995 (all parts), *Devices for the connection of luminaires for household and similar purposes*

ISO 8528-12, *Reciprocating internal combustion engine driven alternating current generating sets – Part 12: Emergency power supply to safety services*

550.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

550.3.1

self-contained battery unit

unit comprising a battery and a charging and testing unit

550.3.2

non-maintained mode

operating mode of electrical equipment, essential for safety services, operating only when the normal supply fails

550.3.3

maintained mode

operating mode of electrical equipment, essential for safety services, operating at all times

550.3.4

safety services

those services in a building which are essential

- for the safety of persons,
- for avoiding damage to the environment or other material

NOTE Examples of safety services include

- emergency (escape) lighting,
- fire pumps,
- fire brigade lifts,
- alarm systems, such as fire alarms, smoke alarms, CO alarms and intruder alarms,
- evacuation systems,
- smoke extraction systems,
- essential medical equipment.

550.3.5

electrical safety source

source intended to maintain the supply to electrical equipment essential for the safety services

550.3.6

electrical supply system for safety services

see IEC 60050-826

550.3.7

rated operating time of a safety source

operating time for which a safety source is designed under normal operating conditions.

551 Low-voltage generating sets

551.1 Scope

This clause provides requirements for the selection and erection of low-voltage and extra-low voltage generating sets intended to supply, either continuously or occasionally, all or part of the installation. Requirements are also included for installations with the following supply arrangements:

- supply to an installation which is not connected to a system for distribution of electricity to the public;
- supply to an installation as an alternative to a system for distribution of electricity to the public;
- supply to an installation in parallel with a system for distribution of electricity to the public supply;
- appropriate combinations of the above.

This part does not apply to self-contained items of extra-low voltage electrical equipment which incorporate both the source of energy and the energy-using load and for which a specific product standard exists that includes the requirements for electrical safety.

NOTE Requirements of the electricity distributor should be ascertained before a generating set is installed in an installation that is connected to a system for distribution of electricity to the public.

551.1.1 Generating sets with the following power sources are considered:

- combustion engines;
- turbines;
- electric motors;
- photovoltaic cells (IEC 60364-7-712 also applies);
- electrochemical accumulators;
- other suitable sources.

551.1.2 Generating sets with the following electrical characteristics are considered:

- mains-excited and separately excited synchronous generators;
- mains-excited and self-excited asynchronous generators;
- mains-commutated and self-commutated static converters with or without by-pass facilities;
- generating sets with other suitable electrical characteristics.

551.1.3 The use of generating sets for the following purposes is considered:

- supply to permanent installations;
- supply to temporary installations;
- supply to portable equipment which is not connected to a permanent installation;
- supply to mobile units (IEC 60364-7-717 also applies).

551.2 General requirements

551.2.1 The means of excitation and commutation shall be appropriate for the intended use of the generating set and the safety and proper functioning of other sources of supply shall not be impaired by the generating set.

NOTE See 551.7 for particular requirements where the generating set may operate in parallel with a system for the distribution of electricity to the public.

551.2.2 The prospective short-circuit current and prospective earth fault current shall be assessed for each source of supply or combination of sources which can operate independently of other sources or combinations. The short-circuit breaking capacity of protective devices within the installation and, where appropriate, connected to a system for distribution of electricity to the public, shall not be exceeded for any of the intended methods of operation of the sources.

NOTE Attention should be given to the power factor specified for protective devices in the installation.

551.2.3 The capacity and operating characteristics of the generating set shall be such that danger or damage to equipment does not arise after the connection or disconnection of any intended load as a result of the deviation of the voltage or frequency from the intended operating range. Means shall be provided to automatically disconnect such parts of the installation as may be necessary if the capacity of the generating set is exceeded.

NOTE 1 Attention should be given to the size of individual loads as a proportion of the capacity of the generating set and to motor starting currents.

NOTE 2 Attention should be given to the power factor specified for protective devices in the installation.

NOTE 3 The installation of a generating set within an existing building or installation may change the conditions of external influence for the installation (see IEC 60364-1), for example by the introduction of moving parts, parts at high temperature or by the presence of inflammable fluids and noxious gases, etc.

551.2.4 Provision for isolation shall meet the requirements of Clause 537 for each source or combination of sources of supply.

551.3 Protective measure: extra-low-voltage provided by SELV and PELV

551.3.1 Additional requirements for SELV and PELV where the installation is supplied from more than one source

Where a SELV or PELV system may be supplied by more than one source, the requirements of 414.3 of IEC 60364-4-41:2005 shall apply to each source. Where one or more of the sources is earthed, the requirements for PELV systems in 414.4 of IEC 60364-4-41:2005 shall apply.

If one or more of the sources does not meet the requirements of 414.3, the system shall be treated as a FELV system and the requirements of 411.7 of IEC 60364-4-41:2005 shall apply.

551.3.2 Additional requirements where it is necessary to maintain the supply to an extra-low voltage system

Where it is necessary to maintain the supply to an extra-low voltage system following the loss of one or more sources of supply, each source of supply or combination of sources of supply which can operate independently of other sources or combinations shall be capable of supplying the intended load of the extra-low voltage system. Provisions shall be made so that the loss of low-voltage supply to an extra-low voltage source does not lead to danger or damage to other extra-low voltage equipment.

NOTE Such precautions may be necessary in supplies for safety services (see Clause 35 of IEC 60364-1:2005).

551.4 Fault protection (protection against indirect contact)

551.4.1 Fault protection shall be provided for the installation in respect of each source of supply or combination of sources of supply that can operate independently of other sources or combinations of sources.

The fault protective provisions shall be selected or precautions shall be taken to ensure that where fault protective provisions are achieved in different ways within the same installation or part of an installation according to the active sources of supply, no influence shall occur or conditions arise that could impair the effectiveness of the fault protective provisions.

NOTE This might, for example, require the use of a transformer providing electrical separation between parts of the installation using different earthing systems.

551.4.2 The generating set shall be connected so that any provision within the installation for protection by residual current devices in accordance with IEC 60364-4-41 remains effective for every intended combination of sources of supply.

NOTE Connection of live parts of the generator with earth may affect the protective measures.