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Part 1: General requirements

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- c) changes to the definitions;
- d) in Clause 5 the number of specimens to be used for the tests are clearly given in Table 1 (Corresponding Annex A of IEC 60669-1:1998 was therefore deleted);
- e) in Clause 5 it was clarified on which switches the tests of Clause 19 shall be carried out;
- f) requirements concerning 13 A switches have been included;
- g) mandatory indication that a terminal is suitable for rigid conductor only;
- h) requirements and test conditions for flexible conductors have been included in Clause 12;
- i) requirements for pilot light units have been included;
- j) new test for self-ballasted lamp loads in 19.3;
- k) Table 20 has been completely redrawn to cover normal, mini and micro-gap switches and renumbered Table 23;
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- n) new informative Annex D including additional requirements for insulation-piercing terminals; <u>IEC 60669-1:2017</u>
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SWITCHES FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60669 applies to manually operated general purpose functional switches, for alternating current (AC) only with a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V with a rated current not exceeding 63 A, intended for household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.

For switches provided with screwless terminals, the rated current is limited to 16 A.

NOTE 1 An extension of the scope to switches for rated voltages higher than 440 V is under consideration. The rated current is limited to 16 A for switches provided with insulation piercing terminals (IPT's) according to Annex D

Switches covered by this document are, where applicable, intended for the control in normal use of all of the following loads:

- a circuit for a tungsten filament lamp load; and ards
- a circuit for an externally ballasted lamp load (for example LED, CFL, fluorescent lamp load);
- a circuit for a self ballasted lamp load (for example LEDi or CFLi);
- a circuit for a substantially resistive load with a power factor not less than 0,95;
- a single phase circuit for motor load with a rated current not exceeding 3 A at 250 V (750 VA) and 4,5 A at 120 V (540 VA) and a power factor not less than 0,6. This applies to both switches rated not less than 10 A that have not undergone additional tests and to 17 momentary switches rated not less than 6 A that have not undergone additional tests.

NOTE 2 In the following country the suitability of a switch intended to control the inrush current of a motor shall be tested: AU.

This document also applies to boxes for switches, with the exception of mounting boxes for flush-type switches.

NOTE 3 In this standard specific requirements are given for boxes, while General requirements for boxes for ordinary* flush-type switches are given in IEC 60670-1.

It also applies to switches such as:

- switches incorporating pilot lights;
- electromagnetic remote control switches (particular requirements are given in part 2 IEC 60669-2-2);
- switches incorporating a time-delay device (particular requirements are given in part 2 IEC 60669-2-3);
- combinations of switches and other functions (with the exception of switches combined with fuses);
- electronic switches (particular requirements are given in part 2 IEC 60669-2-1);
- switches having facilities for the outlet and retention of flexible cables (see Annex A);

^{*} See note 1 to 7.1.4.

- isolating switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-4);
- switches and related accessories for use in home and building electronic systems (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-5);
- firemen's switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-6).

NOTE 3 — The minimum length of the flexible cable used with these switches may be governed by National Wiring Rules.

Switches complying with this document are suitable for use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +25 40 °C, but occasionally reaching their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of -5 °C.

NOTE 4 Additional requirements for flush-type non-ordinary switches are under consideration. For lower temperatures see Annex E.

NOTE 5 Switches complying with this document are suitable only for incorporation in equipment in such a way and in such a place that it is unlikely that the surrounding ambient temperature exceeds +35 °C.

In locations where special conditions prevail, such as in ships, vehicles and the like and in hazardous locations, for example where explosions are liable to occur, special construction and/or additional requirements may be required.

This standard does not include requirements and tests for switches with protection against ingress of solid foreign bodies. These are under consideration.

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