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

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

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– *Test specifications: italic type.*

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– "clause" means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g., Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);

– "subclause" means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g., 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term "clause" followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

In this standard, the conjunctive "or" is used as an "inclusive or" , so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

– "shall" means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;

– "should" means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;

– "may" is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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- reconfirmed,
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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

The third edition of this particular standard has been prepared to provide a complete set of safety requirements for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, based on IEC 60601-1:2005 (3rd edition) and its collaterals. This particular standard addresses the system level of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, which consists of a combination of an X-RAY GENERATOR, associated equipment and ACCESSORIES. Components functions are addressed as far as necessary.

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

Like the previous edition of this Part 2-45, the present third edition includes requirements on HIGH-VOLTAGE GENERATORS for mammography.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard[1)] applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This international standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT and MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICES, hereafter also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 1 This includes MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT using integrated digital X-RAY IMAGE RECEPTORS or integrated storage phosphor subsystems.

Excluded from the scope of this document are:

– reconstructive tomography modes of operation;
– diagnostic consoles;
– picture archiving and communication systems (PACS);
– non-integrated storage phosphor readers;
– hard copy cameras;
– films, screens and cassettes;
– computer aided detection (CAD);
– devices for performing core biopsy and other biopsy instruments;
– modes of operation intended to demonstrate local contrast medium uptake (contrast enhanced digital mammography);

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

NOTE 2 IEC 60601-2-7:1998 and IEC 60601-2-32 are not part of the 3rd edition scheme for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT and MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICES.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT and MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICES, to ensure safety, to specify methods for demonstrating compliance with those requirements and to provide guidance for RISK MANAGEMENT.

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1) The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2:2007 and IEC 60601-1-3:2008 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203, respectively. IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-9, IEC 60601-1-10, and IEC 60601-1-11 do not apply[2)]. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1-X series apply as published.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard or a collateral standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g., 201.1 in this standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "20x" where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g., 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.139, additional definitions in this standard are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

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2) IEC 60601-1-9:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-9: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for environmentally conscious design.* IEC 60601-1-10:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers.* IEC 60601-1-11:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where “x” is the number of the collateral standard, e.g., 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding, clause or subclause in this particular standard, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

201.2 Normative references

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography beginning on page 48.

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

Replacement:

IEC 60601-1-2:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-3:2008, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*

Addition:

IEC 60336:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis – Characteristics of focal spots*

IEC 60613:2010, *Electrical and loading characteristics of X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis*

IEC 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 61223-3-2:2007, *Evaluation and routine testing in medical imaging departments – Part 3-2: Acceptance tests – Imaging performance of mammographic X-ray equipment*

IEC 62220-1-2:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging devices – Part 1-2: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency – Detectors used in mammography*

ISO 9236-3:1999, *Photography – Sensitometry of screen/film systems for medical radiography – Part 3: Determination of sensitometric curve shape, speed and average gradient for mammography*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1-3:2008 and IEC/TR 60788:2004 apply, except as follows:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 49.

Addition:

201.3.201
APPARENT RESISTANCE OF SUPPLY MAINS
resistance of the SUPPLY MAINS determined under specific load conditions

201.3.202
AVERAGE GLANDULAR DOSE
AGD
<X-ray mammography> average absorbed dose in the glandular tissue (excluding skin) in a uniformly compressed breast of known tissue composition, using a specified calculation method

[IEC 61223-3-2:2007, definition 3.7]

NOTE The terms "AVERAGE GLANDULAR DOSE" and "mean glandular dose" are interchangeable according to literature use.

201.3.203
BREAST COMPRESSION DEVICE
device used to exert pressure upon the breast of a PATIENT during either examination or treatment

201.3.204
DEFECTIVE DETECTOR ELEMENT
element of an X-RAY IMAGE RECEPTOR whose response is out of acceptable tolerance, such as when output is independent of the entrance AIR KERMA, or there is an excessive NOISE level

201.3.205
DIRECT FOCAL DISTANCE
<X-ray mammography> shortest achievable distance from the FOCAL SPOT to the IMAGE RECEPTION AREA

201.3.206
MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICE
device for three-dimensional localization of a point within the breast, and for mechanically guided placement of a needle or position marker for such purposes as fine-needle aspiration, core biopsy, and pre-surgical localization, based on radiographic images of an immobilized breast acquired at different known angles

NOTE Such a device may be a dedicated system or an ACCESSORY for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

201.3.207
MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT
X-RAY EQUIPMENT where the INTENDED USE is breast imaging

201.3.208
ORIGINAL DATA
DN
RAW DATA to which the corrections allowed in this standard have been applied

[IEC 62220-1-2:2007, definition 3.11]

NOTE Here "this standard" is to be understood in the context of IEC 62220-1-2:2007.

201.3.209
RAW DATA
PIXEL values read directly after the analogue-digital-conversion from the digital X-ray imaging device or counts from photon counting systems without any software corrections

[IEC 62220-1-2:2007, definition 3.13]

201.4 General requirements

Clause 4 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.4.3 ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE

Addition:

201.4.3.101 *Additional ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements

Additional ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements are found in the subclauses listed in Table 201.101.

Table 201.101 – Distributed ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements

Requirement	Subclause
Accuracy of LOADING FACTORS	203.6.4.3.103
AUTOMATIC CONTROL SYSTEM	203.6.5
Imaging performance	203.6.7
Missed tissue at chest wall side	203.8.5.4.101
BREAST COMPRESSION DEVICE	203.8.5.4.102
Linearity of AIR KERMA over limited intervals of LOADING FACTORS	203.6.3.1.2
Reproducibility of the X-RADIATION output	203.6.3.2

201.4.10.2 SUPPLY MAINS for ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS

Addition:

The internal impedance of SUPPLY MAINS is to be considered sufficiently low for the operation of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT if the value of the APPARENT RESISTANCE OF SUPPLY MAINS does not exceed the value specified in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

The required APPARENT RESISTANCE OF SUPPLY MAINS and other appropriate SUPPLY MAINS requirements shall be provided in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT is considered to comply with the requirements of this standard only if its specified NOMINAL electric power can be demonstrated at an APPARENT RESISTANCE OF SUPPLY MAINS having a value not less than that specified by the MANUFACTURER in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

NOTE If a NOMINAL voltage is claimed for a mains power supply system, it is assumed that there is no voltage of a higher value between any of the conductors of the system or between any of these conductors and earth.

An alternating voltage is considered in practice to be sinusoidal if any instantaneous value of the waveform concerned differs from the instantaneous value of the ideal waveform at the same moment by no more than ± 2 % of the peak value of the ideal waveform.

Three-phase SUPPLY MAINS are considered to have a practical symmetry if it delivers symmetrical voltages and produces, when loaded symmetrically, symmetrical currents.

The requirements of this standard are based upon the assumption that three-phase systems have a symmetrical configuration of the MAINS VOLTAGE with respect to earth. Single-phase systems may be derived from such three-phase systems. Where the supply system is not earthed at the source, it is assumed that adequate measures have been provided to detect, limit and remedy any disturbance of symmetry within a reasonably short time.

Compliance is checked by inspection of the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

Additional subclause:

201.4.101 Data recording

Means shall be incorporated into the ME EQUIPMENT to record the following information with the image when acquired with an integrated digital X-RAY IMAGE RECEPTOR,:

– identity of the PATIENT (at least name and date of birth);
– positioning information (left/right breast, angulations, PATIENT positioning);
– acquisition parameters;
– place and date of the image acquisition.

When transferring any of the above noted information as image data, it is recommended to use the objects identified in the DICOM standard (ISO 12052).

The instructions for use shall give appropriate guidance to the OPERATOR.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

201.5 General requirements for testing of ME EQUIPMENT

Clause 5 of the general standard applies.

201.6 Classification of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS

Clause 6 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.6.2 Protection against electrical shock

Replacement:

MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT shall be CLASS I ME EQUIPMENT or INTERNALLY POWERED equipment.

If MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT is classified as INTERNALLY POWERED ME EQUIPMENT, the related clauses of the general standard apply and the RISK MANAGEMENT is to be provided accordingly.

201.7 ME EQUIPMENT identification, marking and documents

Clause 7 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.7.2 Marking on the outside of ME EQUIPMENT or ME EQUIPMENT parts

201.7.2.6 Connection to the SUPPLY MAINS

Addition:

For MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT that is specified to be PERMANENTLY INSTALLED, the information required in 7.2.6 of the general standard may be stated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS only.

201.7.2.7 Electrical input power from the SUPPLY MAINS

Addition:

For MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT that is intended to be PERMANENTLY INSTALLED, the information required in 7.2.7 of the general standard may be stated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS only.

The information on the input power shall be specified in terms of combinations of

a) the rated MAINS VOLTAGE of the ME EQUIPMENT in volts; see 7.2.1 and 7.2.6 of the general standard,

b) the number of phases; see 7.2.1 and 7.2.6 of the general standard,

c) the frequency, in hertz; see 7.2.1 and 7.2.6 of the general standard,

d) the maximum permissible value for APPARENT RESISTANCE OF SUPPLY MAINS, in ohms;

e) the characteristics of over-current releases required in the SUPPLY MAINS.

NOTE These requirements are adapted from IEC 60601-2-7:1998, subclause 6.1j).

201.7.2.15 Cooling conditions

Addition:

If cooling is necessary for safe operation of ME EQUIPMENT, or a subassembly thereof, the cooling requirements shall be indicated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS, including as appropriate:

– the maximum heat dissipation into the surrounding air, given separately for each subassembly that dissipates more than 100 W and might be separately located on installation;

– the maximum heat dissipation into forced air cooling devices, and the corresponding flow rate and temperature rise of the forced air stream;

– the maximum heat dissipation into a cooling medium utility and the permissible input temperature range, minimum flow rate and pressure requirements for the utility.

Additional subclause:

201.7.2.101 BEAM LIMITING DEVICE

BEAM LIMITING DEVICES shall be provided with the following markings:

– those required in 7.2.2 of the general standard;

– serial designation or individual identification;

– PERMANENT FILTRATION in terms of QUALITY EQUIVALENT FILTRATION.

The markings on the BEAM LIMITING DEVICE may be hidden by covers in NORMAL USE. In this case the marking for PERMANENT FILTRATION shall be repeated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

NOTE The BEAM LIMITING DEVICE is not in the scope of IEC 60601-2-28:2010. Therefore these requirements have been adapted from IEC 60601-2-28:1993 subclause 6.1.