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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 2007, and constitutes a technical revision.

The major technical changes with respect to the first edition are as follows:

- IEC normative references and definitions have been updated (e.g., hazardous locations, micro fuel cell power systems, transportable equipment, etc.);
- subclause 4.2.2 has been updated referencing an alternative test method in response to a comment;
- the limit on flammable atmospheres has been reduced from 50 % of LFL to 25 % of LFL in 4.5.4 and in 7.20;
- subclause 4.14 and the corresponding tests in 7.22 have been updated to include more effluents and criteria to establish if a system is suitable for indoor or outdoor operation;

- specific criteria for oxygen detector sensor performance requirements have been revised in 7.21;
- subclause 7.18 has been updated with a new test method and new drop heights in response to comments;
- Table 1 has been added giving limits on emission of effluents using limits drawn from the micro fuel cell power system standard.

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

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105/396/FDIS	105/404/RVD

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

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES –

Part 5-1: Portable fuel cell power systems – Safety

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62282 covers construction, marking and test requirements for portable fuel cell power systems. These fuel cell systems are movable and not fastened or otherwise secured to a specific location. The purpose of the portable fuel cell power system is to produce electrical power.

This standard applies to a.c. and d.c. type portable fuel cell power systems, with a rated output voltage not exceeding 600 V a.c., or 850 V d.c. for indoor and outdoor use. These portable fuel cell power systems are not to be used in hazardous locations as defined by IEC 60079-0 unless additional protective measures are added in accordance with IEC 60079-0.

This standard does not apply to portable fuel cell power systems that are

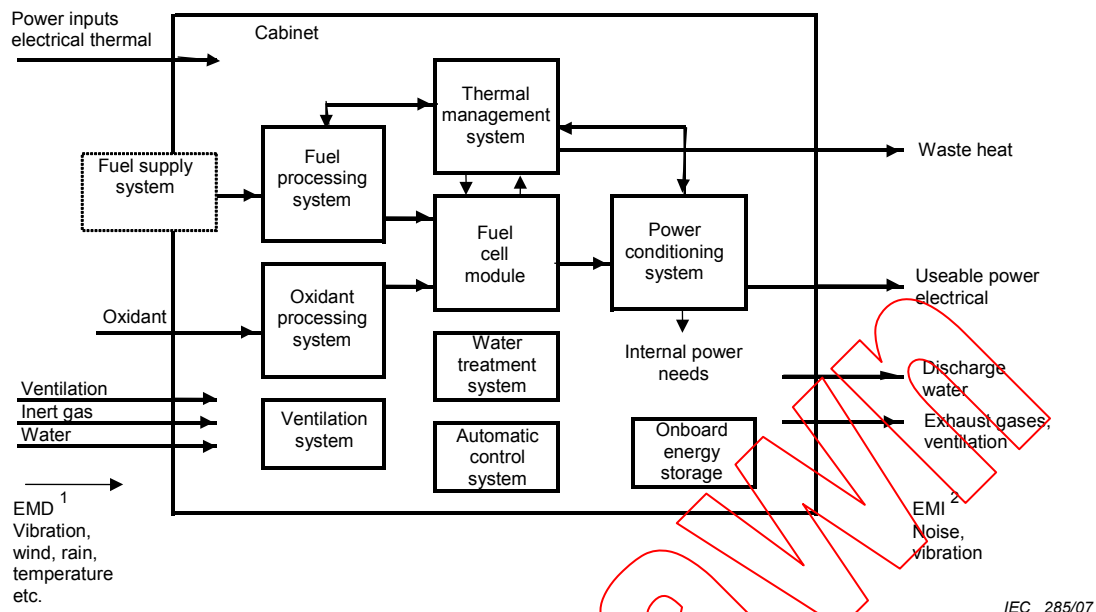
- a) permanently connected (hard wired) to the electrical distribution system,
- b) permanently connected to a utility fuel distribution system,
- c) exporting power to the grid,
- d) for propulsion of road vehicles,
- e) intended to be used on board passenger aircraft.

Fuel cells that provide battery charging for hybrid vehicles where the battery provides power and energy for propulsion of the vehicle are not included in the scope of this standard

The following fuels and fuel feedstocks are considered within the scope of this standard:

- natural gas;
- liquefied petroleum gas, such as propane and butane;
- liquid alcohols, for example methanol, ethanol;
- gasoline;
- diesel;
- kerosene;
- hydrogen;
- metals (e.g. Mg, Al or Zn) or metal alloys immersed in electrolyte (e.g. aqueous solutions of salts or alkali) in air or oxygen;
- chemical hydrides.

This standard does not preclude the use of similar fuels or oxidants from sources other than air provided the unique hazards are addressed through additional requirements.

**Key**

- 1 EMD electromagnetic disturbance
- 2 EMI electromagnetic interference

Figure 1 – Portable fuel cell power systems

The overall design of a portable fuel cell power system anticipated by this standard shall form an assembly of some or all of the following systems (see Figure 1), integrated as necessary, to perform designated functions, as follows:

Fuel processing system – chemical processing equipment including any associated heat exchangers and controls required to convert input fuel to a composition suitable for the fuel cell stack.

Oxidant processing system – subsystem that meters, conditions, processes and may pressurize the incoming oxidant supply for use within the fuel cell power system.

Thermal management system – subsystem intended to provide cooling and heat rejection in order to maintain thermal equilibrium within the fuel cell power system, and, if necessary, to provide for the recovery and utilization of excess heat and to assist in heating the fuel cell power systems during start-up.

Power conditioning system – equipment which is used to change the magnitude or waveform of the voltage, or otherwise alter or regulate the output of a power source.

Automatic control system – assembly of sensors, actuators, valves, switches and logic components (including process controllers) that maintains the fuel cell power system parameters within the manufacturer's specified limits without manual intervention.

Fuel cell module – assembly, including a fuel cell stack(s), which electrochemically converts chemical energy to electric energy and thermal energy intended to be integrated into a power generation system.

Fuel supply system – either integral to the portable fuel cell power system or supplied through a removable and refillable container assembly.

Onboard energy storage system – an internal energy source intended to aid or complement the fuel cell module in providing power to internal or external loads.

Ventilation systems – subsystem of the fuel cell power system that provides, by mechanical means, air to its cabinet.

Water treatment systems – provides for treatment and purification of recovered or added water for use within the portable fuel cell power system.

These requirements are not intended to prevent the design and construction of a portable fuel cell power system not specifically described in this standard, provided that such alternatives have been considered and equivalent testing yields equivalent safety performance to that prescribed by this standard. In considering alternative designs or construction, this standard may be used to evaluate the alternative materials or methods to be used as to their ability to yield equivalent performance to that prescribed by this standard.

This standard does not cover requirements of pressurized or non-pressurized fuel supply containers upstream of the appliance gaseous or liquid fuel supply connector that are not integral to the portable fuel cell power system.

All pressures in this standard are considered to be gauge pressures, unless otherwise specified.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60034 (all parts), *Rotating electrical machines*

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-2, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 2: Equipment protection by pressurized enclosures "p"*

IEC 60079-10, *Explosive atmospheres (all Parts 10) – Part 10: Classification of areas*

IEC 60079-15, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"*

IEC 60079-20-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 20-1: Material characteristics for gas and vapour classification – Test methods and data*

IEC 60079-29-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 29-1: Gas detectors – Performance requirements of detectors for flammable gases*

IEC 60086-4, *Primary batteries – Part 4: Safety of lithium batteries*

IEC 60204-1:2005, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60216-4-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 4-1: Ageing ovens – Single-chamber ovens*

IEC 60335-1:2010, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

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

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-2-13, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60695-11-20, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-20: Test flames – 500 W flame test methods*

IEC 60730-1:2010, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60730-2-5, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 2-5: Particular requirements for automatic electrical burner control*

IEC 60730-2-17, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 2-17: Particular requirements for electrically operated gas valves, including mechanical requirements*

IEC 60812, *Analysis techniques for system reliability – Procedure for failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA)*

IEC 60884-1, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60934, *Circuit-breakers for equipment (CBE)*

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60990:1999, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 61000-3-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents emissions (equipment input current ≤ 16 A per phase)*

IEC 61000-3-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current ≤ 16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection*

IEC 61000-6-1, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-1: Generic standards – Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-2: Generic standards – Immunity standards – Immunity for industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-3: Generic standards – Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-4: Generic standards – Emission standard for industrial environments*

IEC 61025, *Fault tree analysis (FTA)*

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

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

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

IEC 61508-1, *Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61511-1, *Functional safety – Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector – Part 1: Framework, definitions, system, hardware and software requirements*

IEC 61511-3, *Functional safety – Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector – Part 3: Guidance for the determination of the required safety integrity levels*

IEC 61882, *Hazard and operability studies (HAZOP studies) – Application guide*

IEC 62040-1, *Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 1: General and safety requirements for UPS*

IEC 62040-2, *Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements*

IEC 62133, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications*

IEC 62282-2, *Fuel cell technologies – Part 2: Fuel cell modules*

ISO 3864 (all parts), *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs*

ISO 4080, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies – Determination of permeability to gas*

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Index and synopsis*

ISO 7010, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*

ISO 15649, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Piping*

ISO 16000-3, *Indoor air – Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds – Active sampling method*

ISO 16000-6, *Indoor air – Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS or MS-FID*

ISO 16017-1:2007, *Indoor, ambient and workplace air – Sampling and analysis of volatile organic compounds by sorbent tube/thermal desorption/capillary gas chromatography – Part 1: Pumped sampling*

ISO 16110-1:2007, *Hydrogen generators using fuel processing technologies – Part 1: Safety*

ISO 16111, *Transportable gas storage devices – Hydrogen absorbed in reversible metal hydride*

ISO 16528, *Boilers and pressure vessels – Registration of Codes and Standards to promote international recognition*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 basic insulation

insulation of hazardous-live-parts which provides basic protection

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, definition 195-06-06, modified – Note not included] [1]¹

3.2 double insulation

insulation comprising both basic insulation and supplementary insulation

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, definition 195-06-08]

3.3 electromagnetic interference

EMI

degradation of the performance of an equipment, transmission channel or system caused by an electromagnetic disturbance

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, definition 161-01-06, modified – Notes not included] [2]

3.4 electromagnetic disturbance

EMD

any electromagnetic phenomenon which may degrade the performance of a device, equipment or system, or adversely affect living or inert matter

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, definition 161-01-05, modified – Notes not included]

¹ References in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

3.5**enclosure**

housing affording the type and degree of protection suitable for the intended application

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, definition 195-02-35]

Note 1 to entry: one type of enclosure can be inside another type (e.g. an electrical enclosure inside a fire enclosure or a fire enclosure inside an electrical enclosure). Also, a single enclosure can provide the functions of more than one type (e.g. those of both an electrical enclosure and a fire enclosure). Enclosures may be electrical, mechanical, fire or another type of enclosures to provide protection from these hazards or from wind, weather and other hazards.

3.6**electrical enclosure**

enclosure providing protection against the foreseen dangers created by electricity

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, definition 195-06-13]

3.7**fire enclosure**

part of the equipment intended to minimize the spread of fire or flames from within

3.8**mechanical enclosure**

part of the equipment intended to reduce the risk of injury due to mechanical and other physical hazards

3.9**hazardous location**

any area or space where combustible dust, ignitable fibres, or flammables, volatile liquids, gases, vapours or mixtures are or may be present in the air in quantities sufficient to produce an explosive atmosphere or ignitable mixtures

3.10**explosive atmosphere**

mixture with air, under atmospheric conditions, of flammable substances in the form of gas, vapour, dust, fibres, or flyings which, after ignition, permits self-sustaining propagation

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-426:2008, definition 426-01-06] [3]

3.11**hazardous energy level**

available power level of 240 VA or more, having a duration of 60 s or more, or a stored energy level of 20 J or more (for example, from one or more capacitors), at a potential of 2 V or more

[SOURCE: IEC 60950-1:2005, definition 1.2.8.10]

3.12**hazardous voltage**

voltage exceeding 42,4 V peak, or 60 V d.c., existing in a circuit that does not meet the requirements for either a limited current circuit or a TNV circuit

[SOURCE: IEC 60950-1:2005, definition 1.2.8.6]

3.13**heat deflection temperature**

HDT

measure of a polymer's resistance to distortion under a given load at elevated temperatures

Note 1 to entry: The deflection temperature is the temperature at which a test bar, loaded to the specified bending stress, deflects by 0,25 mm.

3.14**limited current circuit**

circuit that is so designed and protected that, under both normal operating conditions and single fault conditions, the current that can be drawn is not hazardous

Note 1 to entry: The limit values of currents under normal operating conditions and single fault conditions (see 1.4.14 of IEC 60950-1:2005) are specified in 2.4 of IEC 60950-1:2005.

[SOURCE: IEC 60950-1:2005, definition 1.2.8.9]

3.15**live part**

conductor or conductive part intended to be energized in normal operation, including a neutral conductor, but by convention not a PEN conductor or PEM conductor or PEL conductor

Note 1 to entry: This concept does not necessarily imply a risk of electric shock.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, definition 195-02-19]

3.16**maximum allowable working pressure****MAWP**

maximum pressure at which a fuel cell or fuel cell power system may be operated

Note 1 to entry: The maximum allowable working pressure is expressed in Pa.

Note 2 to entry: The maximum allowable working pressure is the pressure used in determining the setting of pressure limiting and relieving devices installed to protect a component or system from accidental over-pressuring.

Note 3 to entry: For the purpose of this standard, all pressures are to be given and used as gauge pressures unless absolute pressure is indicated.

3.17**maximum operating pressure**

maximum pressure, specified in gauge pressure by the manufacturer, of a component or system at which it is designed to operate continuously

Note 1 to entry: The maximum operating pressure is expressed in Pa.

Note 2 to entry: This includes all normal operation, both steady state and transient.

3.18**operator access area**

area for which under normal operating conditions

- a) access is gained without the use of a tool; or
- b) the means of access is deliberately provided to the operator; or
- c) the operator is instructed to enter regardless of whether or not tools are needed to gain access

Note 1 to entry: In this standard, the terms "access" and "accessible", unless qualified, relate to operator access as defined above.

3.19**portable fuel cell power system(s)**

fuel cell power system that is not intended to be permanently fastened or otherwise secured in a specific location

3.20**portable stand-alone fuel cell power system**

portable fuel cell power system that is not designed to be connected to the energized mains