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### HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

#### Part 2-61: Particular requirements for thermal-storage room heaters

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The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendments and has been prepared for user convenience.

It bears the edition number 2.2.

A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendments 1 and 2.

The French version of this standard has not been voted upon.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fourth edition (2001) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Safety requirements for electric thermal-storage room heaters.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification", or "replacement", the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 7.1: All thermal-storage room heaters have to be marked with a warning against covering (Sweden).

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of the amendment 2 be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

## INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

- 2 | When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

# HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

## Part 2-61: Particular requirements for thermal-storage room heaters

### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **thermal-storage room heaters** for household and similar purposes that are intended to heat the room in which they are located, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account:

- 2 | – persons (including children) whose
- physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledge
- prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- this standard only applies to self-contained **thermal-storage room heaters**. However, it may be used as a guide, in so far as it reasonably applies, to determine the requirements and test specifications for other **thermal-storage room heaters**;
- for heaters incorporating direct-acting heating elements, IEC 60335-2-30 is also applicable;
- for heaters intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- heaters incorporated in the building structure;
- central heating systems;
- heaters for saunas (IEC 60335-2-53);
- flexible sheet heating elements for room heating (IEC 60335-2-96);
- heaters intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas).



## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 60335-2-30, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-30: Particular requirements for room heaters*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*

## 3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 3.1.9 Replacement:

#### normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following conditions

The heater is operated in cycles, each cycle having a duration of 24 h and consisting of a charging period and a discharging period. The charging period is terminated when all heating elements are disconnected for the first time by the devices controlling the temperature of the core (charge controls).

#### 3.101

##### thermal-storage room heater

heater constructed to store heat obtained from electrical energy in a heat-accumulating core and to discharge it at any time

#### 3.102

##### controlled-output heater

**thermal-storage room heater**, the heat output of which can be controlled by means such as fans, shutters or flaps

#### 3.103

##### free-output heater

**thermal-storage room heater**, the heat output of which is discharged by natural convection and radiation and can only be varied by adjusting the charge

#### 3.104

##### rated charging period

longest uninterrupted charging period assigned to the heater by the manufacturer

#### 3.105

##### rated charge

energy consumption assigned to the heater by the manufacturer for a **rated charging period**

## 4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

## 5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 5.5 Addition:

*For **controlled-output heaters** having auxiliary air-outlets, air is discharged only through the main outlet into the room where the heater is situated.*

NOTE 101 Movable parts include accessories supplied with the heater, such as shelves and humidifiers.

### 5.6 Addition:

***Thermostats** sensitive to the room air temperature, such as those having a sensing element located in the air-inlet, are short-circuited.*

### 5.9 Addition:

*When it is specified that direct-acting heating elements are operated together with the storage heating elements, this only applies if allowed by the construction.*

## 6 Classification

The clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 6.1 Modification:

**Thermal-storage room heaters shall be class I, class II or class III.**

## 7 Marking and instructions

The clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 7.1 Modification:

Appliances shall be marked with **rated power input**.

#### *Addition:*

Appliances shall be marked with

- the **rated charging period**, in hours;
- the mass of the assembled appliance, in kilograms.

For appliances provided with more than one means of connection to the supply, each supply circuit shall be marked with **rated voltage**, **rated power input** and the symbol for nature of supply.

If the temperature rises determined during the tests of Clause 19 exceed the limits specified in Clause 11, appliances shall be marked with symbol IEC 60417-5641 (DB:2002-10) combined with the prohibition sign of ISO 3864-1, except for colours, or with the substance of the following:

WARNING: Do not cover.

NOTE 101 This marking may be on a label that is permanently attached to the appliance.

#### 7.6 Addition:



Do not cover

NOTE This symbol incorporates symbol IEC 60417-5641(DB:2002-10) combined with the prohibition sign of ISO 3864-1, except for colours.

#### 7.10 Addition:

Charging controls shall not be marked with the **off position** unless they have a contact separation in all poles to provide full disconnection under overvoltage category III conditions. However, disconnection of the neutral pole is not required for single phase appliances permanently connected to a system with an earthed neutral (TN-S-C system).

#### 7.12 Addition:

The instructions shall be given on a durable card or in a booklet and shall include the substance of the following:

- these instructions should be retained for future reference;
- fumes may be emitted during the first few operations of the heater and the room should be kept well ventilated.

The instructions shall also include

- the **rated charge**;
- the minimum distance to be maintained between the heater and combustible materials, such as furniture and curtains.

If the temperature rises determined during the tests of Clause 19 exceed the limits specified in Clause 11, the instructions shall include the substance of the following:

- do not cover;
- do not place objects in contact with the heater.

If the “Do not cover” symbol is marked on the appliance, its meaning shall be explained.

#### 7.12.1 Addition:

The installation instructions shall include the substance of the following:

- the installation of the heater should be carried out by trained personnel;
- if, during reassembly of the heater, a part of the thermal insulation shows damage or deterioration, it should be replaced by an identical part;

- to maintain stability, it is essential that the heater is placed on a level surface and care should be taken to avoid irregular surfaces, such as may result from carpets or tiled surrounds partially protruding under the heater.

The installation instructions shall also include

- a circuit diagram with a clear indication of the terminals;
- details for fixing the heater to the floor or for fixing the heater to the wall, including the minimum mounting height (if applicable).

**7.14 Addition:**

The height of the “Do not cover” symbol shall be at least 15 mm.

The height of the words “Do not cover” shall be at least 3 mm.

*Compliance is checked by measurement.*

**7.15 Addition:**

The marking concerning covering shall be visible after the heater has been installed.

**8 Protection against access to live parts**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

**9 Starting of motor-operated appliances**

This clause of Part 1 is not applicable.

**10 Power input and current**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

**10.1 Addition:**

*Heaters are installed as specified in 11.2.*

*The power input of the storage heating elements is measured during the charging period, any fans, shutters, flaps and similar devices being adjusted to cause minimum heat discharge.*

*The power input of direct-acting heating elements is measured during a discharge period, any fans, shutters, flaps and similar devices being adjusted to cause maximum heat discharge.*

*The total power input for each means of connection to the supply is measured with all controls adjusted to the position resulting in the highest power input.*

NOTE 101 For heaters incorporating motors, the tolerances specified for heating appliances apply.

**10.101** The heater shall accept at least 100 % of the **rated charge**.

*Compliance is checked by measuring the energy consumption for one **rated charging period**. The heater is initially at room temperature and is operated at **rated power input**. Charge controls, if adjustable by the user, are placed at the maximum setting. Any fans, shutters, flaps and similar devices are adjusted to cause minimum heat discharge.*

## 11 Heating

The clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 11.2 Replacement:

**Built-in appliances** are built in.

*Other heaters are placed in a test corner.*

*Dull black-painted plywood approximately 20 mm thick is used for the test corner and for the installation of built-in heaters. The test corner extends at least 300 mm beyond the heater. A wooden board, having a height of 120 mm and a thickness of 15 mm, is fixed along the full length of the walls of the test corner and in contact with the floor.*

*Apertures on the underside of the heater that are within 25 mm of the floor are blocked.*

*Heaters are positioned in the test corner as follows.*

- heaters normally used on a floor are placed on the floor as near to the walls as possible;
- heaters normally fixed to a wall are mounted on one of the walls, as near to the other wall and to the floor as is likely, unless otherwise stated in the installation instructions.

*If a **stationary heater** has an opening at floor level, a felt pad 20 mm thick is placed on the floor and pushed without appreciable force into the opening as far as the construction will permit. If a guard is provided or if the opening is too small to permit the entry of the pad, the pad is pushed as close as possible against the opening.*

NOTE The purpose of the felt pad is to simulate a carpet that might restrict the airflow.

*A dull black-painted plywood block having dimensions of 75 mm x 75 mm x 20 mm is placed on the floor of the test corner under the hottest part of the heater, if possible.*

### 11.3 Addition:

*The temperature rises of the felt pad and the plywood block are also determined by means of thermocouples attached to the small blackened disks.*

*Thermocouples are placed on the surface of the felt pad and on the centre of the plywood block.*

### 11.6 Replacement:

**Combined appliances** are operated as **heating appliances**.