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The principal changes in this edition as compared with the seventh edition are as follows:

- new requirements for wall and ceiling mounting means;
- new requirements for coin / button cell batteries;
- all notes have been reviewed to comply with the new directives;
- addition of requirements for LEDs;
- requirements for creepage distances are aligned with IEC 60950-1;
- change in optocoupler requirements.

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

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INTRODUCTION

Principles of safety

General

This introduction is intended to provide an appreciation of the principles on which the requirements of this standard are based. Such an understanding is essential in order that safe apparatus can be designed and manufactured.

The requirements of this standard are intended to provide protection to persons as well as to the surroundings of the apparatus.

Attention is drawn to the principle that the requirements, which are standardized, are the minimum considered necessary to establish a satisfactory level of safety.

Further development in techniques and technologies may entail the need for future modification of this standard.

NOTE The expression "protection to the surroundings of the apparatus" implies that this protection should also include protection of the natural environment in which the apparatus is intended to be used, taking into account the life cycle of the apparatus, i.e. manufacturing, use, maintenance, disposal and possible end-of-life recycling of parts of the apparatus.

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Hazards

The application of this standard is intended to prevent injury or damage due to the following hazards:

- electric shock;
- excessive temperatures;
- radiation;
- implosion;
- mechanical hazards;
- fire;
- chemical burns (for example, as a result of the ingestion of lithium chemistry button/coin cells).

Electric shock

Electric shock is due to current passing through the human body. Currents of the order of a milliampere can cause a reaction in persons in good health and may cause secondary risks due to involuntary reaction. Higher currents can have more damaging effects. Voltages below certain limits are generally regarded as not dangerous under specified conditions. In order to provide protection against the possibility of higher voltages appearing on parts that may be touched or handled, such parts are either earthed or adequately insulated.

For parts which can be touched, two levels of protection are normally provided to prevent electric shock caused by a single fault. Thus a single fault and any consequential faults will not create a hazard. The provision of additional protective measures, such as SUPPLEMENTARY INSULATION or protective earthing, is not considered a substitute for, or a relief from, properly designed BASIC INSULATION.

Cause

Contacts with parts normally at hazardous voltage.

Prevention

Prevent access to parts at hazardous voltage by fixed or locked covers, interlocks, etc.

Discharge capacitors at hazardous voltages.

Breakdown of insulation between parts normally at hazardous voltage and accessible parts.

Either use double or reinforced insulation between parts normally at hazardous voltages and accessible parts so that breakdown is not likely to occur, or connect accessible conductive parts to protective earth so that the voltage which can develop is limited to a safe value. Provide adequate mechanical and electrical strength.

Breakdown of insulation between parts normally at hazardous voltage and circuits normally at non-hazardous voltages, thereby putting accessible parts and terminals at hazardous voltage.

Segregate hazardous and non-hazardous voltage circuits either by double or reinforced insulation so that breakdown is not likely to occur, or by a protective earthed screen, or connect the circuit normally at non-hazardous voltage to protective earth, so that the voltage which can develop is limited to a safe value.

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Touch current from parts at hazardous voltage through the human body.

Limit touch current to a safe value or provide a protective earthing connection to the accessible parts.

(Touch current can include current due to RFI filter components connected between mains supply circuits and accessible parts or terminals.)

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Excessive temperatures

Requirements are included to prevent injury due to excessive temperatures of accessible parts, to prevent damaging of insulation due to excessive internal temperatures, and to prevent mechanical instability due to excessive temperatures developed inside the apparatus.

Radiation

Requirements are included to prevent injury due to excessive energy levels of ionizing and laser radiation, for example by limiting the radiation to non-hazardous values.

Implosion

Requirements are included to prevent injury due to implosion of picture tubes.

Mechanical hazards

Requirements are included to ensure that the apparatus and its parts have adequate mechanical strength and stability, to avoid the presence of sharp edges and to provide guarding or interlocking of dangerous moving parts.

Fire

A fire can result from:

- heat;
- arcing;

caused by

- overloads;
- component failure;
- insulation breakdown;
- bad connections;
- conductor breakage.

Requirements are included that are intended to prevent fire originating within the apparatus from spreading beyond the immediate vicinity of the source of the fire or from causing damage to the surroundings of the apparatus.

The following preventive measures are recommended:

- the use of suitable components and subassemblies;
- the prevention of excessive temperature rise that might cause ignition under normal or fault conditions;
- the use of measures to eliminate POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCES such as inadequate contacts, bad connections, interruptions;
- the limitation of the quantity of combustible material used;
- the control of the position of combustible materials in relation to POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCES;
- the use of materials with high resistance to fire in the vicinity of POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCES;
- the use of encapsulation or barriers to limit the spread of fire within the apparatus;
- the use of suitable fire retardant materials for the enclosure.

AUDIO, VIDEO AND SIMILAR ELECTRONIC APPARATUS – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1 General

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 This International Safety Standard applies to electronic apparatus designed to be fed from the MAINS, from a SUPPLY APPARATUS, from batteries or from REMOTE POWER FEEDING and intended for reception, generation, recording or reproduction of audio, video and associated signals. It also applies to apparatus designed to be used exclusively in combination with the above-mentioned apparatus.

This standard primarily concerns apparatus intended for household and similar general use but which may also be used in places of public assembly such as schools, theatres, places of worship and the workplace. PROFESSIONAL APPARATUS intended for use as described above is also covered unless falling specifically within the scope of other standards.

This standard concerns only safety aspects of the above apparatus; it does not concern other matters, such as style or performance.

This standard applies to the above-mentioned apparatus, if designed to be connected to the TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK or similar network, for example by means of an integrated modem.

Some examples of apparatus within the scope of this standard are:

- receiving apparatus and amplifiers for sound and/or vision;
- independent LOAD TRANSDUCERS and SOURCE TRANSDUCERS;
- SUPPLY APPARATUS intended to supply other apparatus covered by the scope of this standard;
- ELECTRONIC MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, and electronic accessories such as rhythm generators, tone generators, music tuners and the like for use with electronic or non-electronic musical instruments;
- audio and/or video educational apparatus;
- video projectors;

NOTE 1 Film projectors, slide projectors and overhead projectors are covered by IEC 60335-2-56.

- video cameras and video monitors;
- video games and flipper games;
- juke boxes;
- electronic gaming and scoring machines;

NOTE 2 Video games, flipper games and gaming machines and other amusement games for commercial use are covered by IEC 60335-2-82.

- teletext equipment;
- record and optical disc players;
- tape and optical disc recorders;
- antenna signal converters and amplifiers;
- antenna positioners;
- Citizen's Band apparatus;

- apparatus for IMAGERY;
- electronic light effect apparatus;
- apparatus for use in alarm systems;
- intercommunication apparatus, using low voltage MAINS as the transmission medium;
- cable head-end receivers;
- professional general use amplifiers, record or disc players, tape players, recorders, and public address systems;
- professional sound/video systems;
- electronic flash apparatus for photographic purposes (see Annex L); and
- multimedia apparatus.

The requirements of IEC 60950-1 may also be used to meet the requirements for safety of multimedia apparatus (see also IEC Guide 112).

1.1.2 This standard applies to apparatus with a RATED SUPPLY VOLTAGE not exceeding

- 250 V a.c. single phase or d.c. supply;
- 433 V a.c. in the case of apparatus for connection to a supply other than single-phase.

1.1.3 This standard applies to apparatus for use at altitudes not exceeding 2 000 m above sea level, primarily in dry locations and in regions with moderate or tropical climates.

For apparatus with protection against splashing water, additional requirements are given in Annex A.

For apparatus to be connected to TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS, additional requirements are given in Annex B.

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For apparatus intended to be used in vehicles, ships or aircraft, or at altitudes exceeding 2 000 m above sea level, additional requirements may be necessary.

NOTE 1 See Table A.2 of IEC 60664-1:2007.

NOTE 2 China has special requirement in choosing multiplication factors at altitude above 2 000 m.

Requirements, additional to those specified in this standard, may be necessary for apparatus intended for special conditions of use.

1.1.4 For apparatus designed to be fed from the MAINS, this standard applies to apparatus intended to be connected to a MAINS supply with transient overvoltages not exceeding overvoltage category II according to IEC 60664-1.

For apparatus subject to transient overvoltages exceeding those for overvoltage category II, additional protection may be necessary in the MAINS supply of the apparatus.

1.2 Normative references

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