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APPLIANCE COUPLERS FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR GENERAL PURPOSES –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60320 sets the general requirements for appliance couplers for two poles and two poles with earth contact and for the connection of electrical devices for household and similar onto the mains supply.

This part of IEC 60320 is also valid for appliance inlets/appliance outlets integrated or incorporated in appliances.

The rated voltage does not exceed 250 V (a.c.) and the rated current does not exceed 16 A.

Appliance couplers complying with this part of IEC 60320 are suitable for normal use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but 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.

Appliance couplers are not suitable for

- use in place of plug and socket-outlet systems according to IEC 60884-1.
- use in place of devices for connecting luminaires (DCLs) according to IEC 61995 or luminaire supporting couplers (LSCs).

NOTE Requirements for d.c. are under consideration.

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

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

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IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available from: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-10:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

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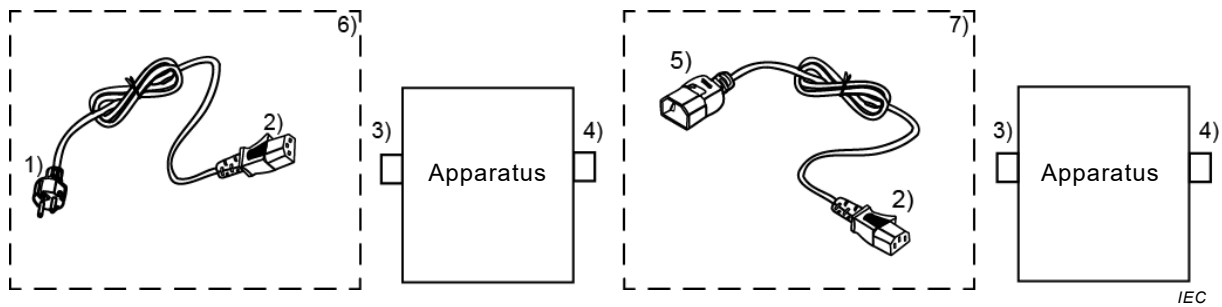
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3.1

appliance coupler

means enabling the connection and disconnection of an appliance or equipment to the supply

SEE: Figure 1.



- 1 Plug
- 2 Connector (see 3.1.1)
- 3 Appliance inlet (see 3.1.2)
- 4 Appliance outlet (see 3.2.2)

- 5 Plug connector (see 3.2.1)
- 6 Cord set (see 3.5)
- 7 Interconnection cord set (see 3.6)

Figure 1 – Intended use of appliance couplers

3.1.1 connector

part of the appliance coupler integral with, or intended to be attached to, one cord connected to the supply

SEE: Figure 1.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-442:1998, 442-07-02]

3.1.2 appliance inlet

part of the appliance coupler integrated as a part of an appliance or incorporated as a separate part in the appliance or equipment or intended to be fixed to it

SEE: Figure 1.

3.2 interconnection coupler

appliance coupler enabling the connection and disconnection of an appliance or equipment to a cord leading to another appliance or equipment

SEE: Figure 1.

Note 1 to entry: An interconnection coupler is a type of appliance coupler.

3.2.1 plug connector

part of the interconnection coupler integral with or intended to be attached to one cord

SEE: Figure 1.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-442:1998, 442-07-09]