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This part of International Standard IEC 60335 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the fifth edition of IEC 60335-2-8 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- modified requirements for animal shearers (6.1, 11.8, 22.36);
- modified requirements for animal clippers (3.102, 11.8, 24.1.3);
- deleted reference to ISO 13732-1 from the Bibliography.

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

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 fifth edition (2010) 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 shavers, hair clippers and similar appliances.

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.

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NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
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The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 6.1: Class 0 appliances are allowed provided that their rated voltage does not exceed 150 V (Japan).
- 11.7: Appliances for household use are operated for 20 min. Other appliances are operated for 5 min with rest periods of 5 min (USA).
- 24.1.3: The test is carried out for 6 000 operations (USA).
- 25.7: Supply cords specially intended for use with electric shavers and hair clippers are allowed (USA).
- 25.14: The tests are not carried out (USA).

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## 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.

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 2-8: Particular requirements for shavers, hair clippers and similar appliances

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

**Battery-operated appliances** and other d.c. supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard. Dual supply appliances, either mains-supplied or battery-operated, are regarded as **battery-operated appliances** when operated in the battery mode.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric shavers, hair clippers and similar appliances intended for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V.

NOTE 101 Examples of similar appliances are **epilators** and those **appliances** used for manicure and pedicure.

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 and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

NOTE 102 Examples of such appliances are **animal clippers**, **animal shearers** and appliances for hairdressers.

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

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

NOTE 103 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances 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 national health authorities, national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- massage appliances (IEC 60335-2-32);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601).

#### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

### 3 Terms and 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 appliance is held by a clamp, with its major axis and the major axis of the cutting head or other accessory positioned in a horizontal plane, and operated without applying a load.

Appliances having adjustable shearing or clipping heads are operated with the blades adjusted so that the power input is 0,8 times **rated power input**, or 1,2 times the power input obtained after removing any **detachable parts** that could influence the load, whichever is the more unfavourable. No further adjustments are made.

NOTE 101 The clamp is selected so that there is negligible effect on the heat transfer from the appliance.

#### 3.101

##### **animal shearer**

appliance for commercial use for shearing the fleece of an animal such as a sheep

#### 3.102

##### **animal clipper**

appliance for commercial use in parlours or for household use for trimming the hair of an animal such as a dog

#### 3.103

##### **washable shaver**

shaver, the hand-held part of which can be cleaned under water

#### 3.104

##### **wet shaver**

shaver, the hand-held part of which may be used in a bath or shower

### 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.

#### 5.8.2 Addition:

*If an appliance is marked for use at two different **rated voltages**, and the instructions indicate that it is suitable for use at two different ranges of voltages, the appliance is assumed to have two **rated voltage ranges**.*

### 6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

#### 6.1 Modification:

**Animal shearers** shall be **class I**, **class II** or **class III**.

**Washable shavers** and **wet shavers** shall be **class II** or **class III**.

Other appliances having a **rated voltage** not exceeding 150 V shall be of **class 0**, **class I**, **class II** or **class III**.

Other appliances shall be **class II** or **class III**.

## 6.2 Addition:

**Washable shavers** and **wet shavers** shall be at least IPX7. However, parts that are intended to be fixed, and transformers with pins for insertion into socket-outlets, shall be at least IPX4. This classification does not apply to parts of **class III construction**.

## 7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 7.1 Addition:

Hand-held parts of **washable shavers** shall be marked with symbol IEC 60417-5574 (2002-10).

Hand-held parts of **wet shavers** shall be marked with symbol IEC 60417-5582 (2002-10).

### 7.6 Addition:



[symbol IEC 60417-5574 (2002-10)] suitable for cleaning under an open water tap



[symbol IEC 60417-5582 (2002-10)] suitable for use in a bath or shower

### 7.12 Addition:

The instructions for **animal clippers** shall state that the appliance is intended for trimming purposes only.

If animal clippers are intended for household use only, this shall be stated.

The instructions for **animal clippers** for commercial use and **animal shearers** shall include the substance of the following.

WARNING: Cutting blades may become hot after prolonged use.

If symbol IEC 60417-5574 (2002-10) or symbol IEC 60417-5582 (2002-10) is used, its meaning shall be explained.

The instructions for shavers, other than **washable shavers** or **wet shavers**, shall include the substance of the following.

WARNING: Keep the appliance dry.

The instructions for **washable shavers** with **detachable interconnection cords** shall include the substance of the following:

WARNING: Detach the hand-held part from the supply cord before cleaning it in water.

**7.12.1 Addition:**

The installation instructions for **washable shavers** and **wet shavers**, other than those classified IPX7, shall state that the parts that have to be fixed must be installed so they cannot fall into water.

**7.14 Addition:**

The height of symbol IEC 60417-5574 (2002-10) and symbol IEC 60417-5582 (2002-10) shall be at least 5 mm.

## 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.

## 11 Heating

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

**11.7 Replacement:**

*Appliances intended for household use only are operated continuously for 10 min.*

**Animal shearers** are operated until steady conditions are established.

**Animal clippers** and other appliances are operated for 10 min followed by a rest period of 10 min. This cycle of operation is repeated until steady conditions are established.

**11.8 Addition:**

*The temperature rise of parts that are in contact with skin or hair in normal use, or are held in the hand, shall not exceed the limits specified for handles which are continuously held in normal use. The temperature rise of cutting blades of **animal clippers** for commercial use and **animal shearers** that may come in contact with the animal skin or hair in normal use is 50 K.*