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#### Part 2-21: Particular requirements for storage water heaters

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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.

This sixth edition constitutes a technical revision.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the fifth edition of IEC 60335-2-21 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- added requirements for immersion heater units (fixed immersion heaters);
- removed reference to ISO 13732-1 from 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 storage water heaters.

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The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 6.1: Class 0I appliances are allowed (Japan).
- 6.2: IPX0 water heaters are allowed (France, United Kingdom and USA).
- 7.1: Additional markings are required (Australia, New Zealand and South Africa).
- 7.1: The rated pressure is to be marked in pounds per square inch (USA).
- 7.1: Open outlet water heaters are not required to be marked with rated pressure (USA).
- 7.12.1: Additional instructions are required (South Africa).
- 11.7: The test is different (USA).
- 13.2: An additional leakage current test is required (China).
- 19.1: Appliances incorporating sheathed heating elements are not required to have an outer enclosure of metal but their rated power input is limited to 12 kW (USA).
- 19.101: The test is different (USA).
- 22.47: The minimum pressure is 2,1 MPa. The test is not carried out on water heaters having a capacity less than 2 l or on appliances having containers open to the atmosphere (USA).
- 22.101: Pressure reducing valves have to be designed for an inlet pressure of 2 MPa (South Africa).
- 22.102: The temperature limit is 95 °C (South Africa).
- 22.102: The temperature limit is 85 °C (USA).
- 22.101: The minimum rated pressure is 1,0 MPa (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden).
- 22.103: Closed water heaters having a capacity exceeding 50 l or a rated power input exceeding 2 kW have to incorporate a pressure-relief device sensitive to both pressure and temperature that operates before the water temperature reaches 99 °C (South Africa).
- 22.103: Closed water heaters have to incorporate a temperature relief valve or a combined temperature and pressure-relief valve that operates before the water temperature reaches 100 °C (United Kingdom).
- 22.106: The thermal cut-out of single-phase closed water heaters need only provide single-pole disconnection (Japan).
- 22.106: For all closed water heaters, the thermal cut-out is to provide all-pole disconnection (France, Netherlands,).
- 22.109: A tool is not required for draining the appliance (USA).
- 22.110: Additional requirements apply to plastic or resin-based containers for open outlet, cistern type and low pressure type (South Africa).
- 24.1.4 Additional requirements apply to Thermal cut-outs (South Africa)
- 24.101: Thermal cut-outs are required to have a trip-free switching mechanism (USA).
- 24.102: The maximum water temperature is 99 °C (Japan, Norway, Portugal, United Kingdom and USA).
- 24.102: The temperature limit of 130 °C is only allowed for closed water heaters having a rated pressure of at least 0,4 MPa (South Africa).

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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 2-21: Particular requirements for storage water heaters

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **storage water heaters** for household and similar purposes and intended for heating water below boiling temperature, 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.

This standard is also applicable to **immersion heater units** intended to be retrofitted in a **heat exchange closed water heater** having provision for retrofitting. Such a unit shall comply with the requirements in Annex AA.

NOTE Australia, Netherlands and New Zealand do not allow **immersion heater units** intended to be retrofitted in a **heat exchange closed water heater** unless:

- the **immersion heater unit** has been tested with the tank models and brands listed in the instructions of the **immersion heater unit**;
- the tank models and brands list the models of the **immersion heater units** that can be retrofitted.

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 101 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 the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities;
- in many countries regulations exist for the installation of equipment connected to the water mains.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

- appliances for boiling water (IEC 60335-2-15);
- instantaneous water heaters (IEC 60335-2-35);
- commercial dispensing appliances and vending machines (IEC 60335-2-75);
- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- 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).

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 60584-1:2013, *Thermocouples – Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

## 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 3.1.9 Replacement:

#### normal operation

operation of the appliance after installation in accordance with the instructions and filled with cold water

### 3.101

#### storage water heater

**stationary appliance** for heating and storing water in a container and incorporating devices to control the water temperature

### 3.102

#### closed water heater

unvented **storage water heater** intended to operate at the pressure of the water system, the flow of water being controlled by one or more valves in the outlet system

Note 1 to entry: A **closed water heater** is shown in Figure 101a.

Note 2 to entry: The operating pressure may be the output pressure of a reducing or boosting device.

### 3.103

#### cistern-fed water heater

**storage water heater** that is vented to atmosphere and intended to be supplied by water under gravity from a separate cistern, the flow of water being controlled by one or more valves in the outlet system

Note 1 to entry: A **cistern-fed water heater** is shown in Figure 101d.

Note 2 to entry: The water heater may be installed so that the expanded water returns to the cistern.

Note 3 to entry: In a **cistern-fed water heater**, the pressure in the container results from the column of water in the cistern.

### 3.104

#### cistern-type water heater

**storage water heater** having a container supplied by water under gravity from a cistern incorporated in the appliance.

Note 1 to entry: The expanded water can return to the cistern, the flow of water being controlled by one or more valves in the outlet system

Note 2 to entry: A **cistern-type water heater** is shown in Figure 101c.

Note 3 to entry: In a **cistern-type water heater**, the surface of the water is always at atmospheric pressure.

### 3.105

#### open-outlet water heater

**storage water heater** in which the flow of water is only controlled by a valve in the inlet pipe and in which the expanded or displaced water flows through the outlet

Note 1 to entry: An **open-outlet water heater** is shown in Figure 101b.

Note 2 to entry: In an **open-outlet water heater**, the static pressure at the outlet is always at atmospheric pressure.

### 3.106

#### **low-pressure water heater**

**storage water heater** that is vented to atmosphere and intended to be connected to the water mains through a pressure reducing valve, the flow of water being controlled by one or more valves in the outlet system

Note 1 to entry: A **low-pressure water heater** is shown in Figure 101e.

### 3.107

#### **rated pressure**

water pressure assigned to the appliance by the manufacturer

### 3.108

#### **heat exchange water heater**

**storage water heater** in which heated water is fed into a heat exchanger, such as a coiled tube or similar device, which is itself immersed in a container with the water to be heated.

Note 1 to entry: The heated water fed into the heat exchanger is heated from a primary heat source such as a solar panel or heat pump.

Note 2 to entry: A **heat exchange water heater** is shown in Figure 101f.

## 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.

### 5.2 Addition:

NOTE 101 Additional appliances can be required if damage occurs during the tests of 19.2 or 19.3.

### 5.3 Addition:

*When the tests are carried out on a single appliance, the tests of 22.47, 22.102, 22.103, and 24.102 are carried out before the tests of Clause 19.*

## 6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 6.1 Modification:

Water heaters shall be **class I**, **class II** or **class III**.

### 6.2 Addition:

Water heaters for installation outdoors shall be at least IPX4. Other water heaters shall be at least IPX1.