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INTRODUCTION

This standard is divided into several parts:

Part 1: General requirements, comprising clauses of a general character.

Subsequent parts: Particular requirements dealing with particular types. The clauses of these particular requirements supplement or modify the corresponding clauses in Part 1. Where the text of subsequent parts indicates an "addition" to or a "replacement" of the relevant requirement, test specification or explanation of Part 1, these changes are made to the relevant text of Part 1, which then becomes part of the standard. Where no change is necessary, the words "This clause of Part 1 is applicable" are used.

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PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS AND COUPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES –

Part 2: Dimensional interchangeability requirements for pin and contact-tube accessories

1 Scope

Replacement:

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers with a rated operating voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, 500 Hz and a rated current not exceeding 125 A, primarily intended for industrial use, either indoors or outdoors.

NOTE All references for accessories with a rated current of more than 125 A in part 1 are not applicable to this part 2.

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers with pins and contact tubes of standardized configurations.

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers, hereinafter referred to as accessories, for use when the ambient temperature is normally within the range –25 °C to 40 °C.

The use of these accessories on building sites and for agricultural, commercial and domestic applications is not precluded.

This standard applies to accessories with screwless type terminals or insulation piercing terminals, with a rated current up to and including 32 A for series I and 30 A for series II.

Socket-outlets or appliance inlets incorporated in or fixed to electrical equipment are within the scope of this standard. This standard also applies to accessories intended to be used in extra-low voltage installations.

NOTE This standard does not apply to accessories primarily intended for domestic and similar general purposes. In locations where special conditions prevail, for example on board ship or where explosions are liable to occur, additional requirements may be necessary.

2 Definitions

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Additional subclause:

2.101

phase inverter

a plug or an appliance inlet with operating means to interchange the position of two phase pins without disconnecting them from the conductors

3 Normative references

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60617-2:1996, *Graphical symbols for diagrams – Part 2: Symbol elements, qualifying symbols and other symbols having general application*

4 General

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

4.1 The last paragraph of this subclause of Part 1 is not applicable.

See Amendment 1 of IEC 60309-1.

Additional subclause:

4.101 If gauges are used, they shall be of hardened steel, all corners shall be slightly rounded-off with a maximum radius of 0,1 mm, and the surface finish for all measurement surfaces shall be $\sqrt[0.8]{R_a}$ min, if not otherwise specified.

In this standard:

2P + $\frac{1}{2}$ covers both 2P + $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1P + N + $\frac{1}{2}$ and

3P + $\frac{1}{2}$ covers both 3P + $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2P + N + $\frac{1}{2}$

unless specifically excluded (see Table 104).

5 Standard ratings

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

5.2 Replacement:

Standard rated currents are given in Table 101.

Table 101

Series I	Series II
A	A
16	20
32	30
63	60
125	100

5.101 The standard IP ratings according to IEC 60529 are:

- IP44,
- IP67,
- IP66/IP67.

6 Classification

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

6.1.2 This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

7 Marking

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

7.1 Modification:

Delete the note

Addition:

The symbol indicating the position of the earthing contact or of the minor key or keyway shall be placed before or above the figure for the rated operating voltage, and separated from it by a line.

These markings shall be placed after that for rated current, separated from it by a dash if an oblique line separates the symbol indicating the position of the earthing contact or of the minor key or keyway from the figure for the rated operating voltage.

If a symbol for nature of supply is used, it shall be placed next to or below the marking for rated operating voltage.

For three-phase accessories it is not necessary to mark the voltage phase to neutral, if any.

The marking for rated current(s), position of the earthing contact or the minor key, keyway, rated operating voltage(s) and nature of supply accordingly may be as follows:

For series I:

16 A - 9 h/400 V~, or 16 - 9 h/400~, or 16 - $\frac{9 \text{ h}}{400 \sim}$, or

16 A - 9 h/380-415 V~, or 16 - 9 h/380-415~, or 16 - $\frac{9 \text{ h}}{380 - 415 \sim}$

32 A - 6 h/230/400 V~, or 32 - 6 h/230/400~, or 32 - $\frac{6 \text{ h}}{230 / 400 \sim}$, or

32 A - $\frac{6 \text{ h} / 220 / 380 \text{ V} \sim}{240 / 415 \text{ V} \sim}$, or 32 - $\frac{6 \text{ h} / 220 / 380 \sim}{240 / 415 \text{ V} \sim}$, or 32 - $\frac{6 \text{ h}}{220 / 380 \sim}$
 $\frac{240 / 415 \sim}$

For series II

20 A - 7 h/480 V a.c. or 20 A - 7 h/480~, or 20 A - $\frac{7 \text{ h}}{480 \sim}$

30 A - 7 h/480 V, 3 Phase, or 30 A - 7 h/480, 3Φ, or 30 A - $\frac{7 \text{ h}}{480 \text{ V, } 3\Phi}$

60 A - 7 h/277/480 V, 3 Phase Y, or 60 A - 7 h/277/480, 3ΦY, or 60 A - $\frac{7 \text{ h}}{277 / 480 \text{ V, } 3\Phi \text{ Y}}$

It is allowed to put the symbols for a.c. (~) and d.c. (== or —) after the values (IEC 60617-2).

The drawings of standard sheets 2-I, 2-II, 2-III and 2-IV show accessories with the symbol 6 h and those of standard sheets 2-VIII and 2-IX accessories with the symbol 12 h.

For accessories having rated operating voltages exceeding 50 V, the symbol indicating the position of the earthing contact shall be a numeral followed by the letter h.

The numeral is derived from the position of the earth contact tube, when compared with the face of a clock, the socket-outlet or connector being viewed from the front with the keyway at the sixth hour.

For accessories having rated operating voltages not exceeding 50 V, the symbol indicating the position of the minor key shall be a numeral followed by the letter h.

The numeral is derived from the position of the minor key, when compared with the face of a clock, the socket-outlet or connector being viewed from the front with the major key at the sixth hour.

For plugs and appliance inlets, the symbol indicating the position of the earthing contact or the minor key shall be the same as that for the corresponding socket-outlet or connector.

Contact tubes of socket-outlets and connectors shall be positioned in the clockwise order when viewed from the front as shown in the standard sheets (see also 7.5).

Pins of plugs and appliance inlets shall be positioned in the opposite order viewed from the front.

7.2 This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

7.4 Replacement

For plugs and connectors, the marking specified in 7.1 shall be easily discernible when the accessory is wired ready for use.

The marking for insulation voltage shall be on the main part; it shall not be visible when the accessory is mounted and wired as in normal use.

NOTE 1 The term "ready for use" does not imply that the plug or connector is engaged with its complementary accessory.

NOTE 2 The term "main part" of a plug or a connector means the part carrying the contacts.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.5 Replacement

For rewirable accessories, the contacts shall be indicated by the following symbols.

- for accessories with three contacts (phase + neutral + earth, or, phase + phase + earth):
L / +, unmarked, $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp
except for Series II clock position 4 h and 5 h which are marked:
N, unmarked, $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp
- for accessories with four contacts (three phase + earth):
L1, L2, L3, $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp or alternatively 1, 2, 3, $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp
except for Series II clock position 12 h (phase + centre tap + phase + earth) which is marked:
L1, N, L2, $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp
- for accessories with five contacts (three phase + neutral + earth):
L1, L2, L3, N, $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp or alternatively 1, 2, 3, N $\textcircled{\perp}$ or \perp
- for a period of time the marking R1, S2, T3 may be used instead of L1, L2, L3.
- for accessories having a rated operating voltage not exceeding 50 V, 8 h clock position for portable electric incubator : +12, +24.

These symbols shall be placed close to the relevant terminals; they shall not be placed on screws, removable washers or other removable parts.

For phase inverters these symbols shall conform in one position with the requirements of 7.1. In the other position of the inverting means, the phase marking need not conform.

NOTE The terminals for pilot conductors are not required to be indicated.

The figures used with the letters may be written as an index. It is recommended that where practicable the symbol $\textcircled{\perp}$ be used.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.7 Modification:

This subclause of part 1 is applicable except for the following addition:

Add:

The 2P + N + earth, 12 h, Series II accessories shall use the indicating colour orange.

8 Dimensions

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows:

8.1 Replacement:

Accessories shall comply with the relevant standard sheets as specified below:

- accessories having rated operating voltages exceeding 50 V:
 - 16/20 A and 32/30 A: Sheets 2-I and 2-II;
 - 63/60 A and 125/100 A, without pilot contact:..... Sheets 2-III and 2-IV;
 - 63/60 A and 125/100 A, with pilot contact: Sheets 2-IIIa and 2-IVa;
 - mechanical interlock for 16 A to 125 A accessories Sheet 2-V
- accessories having rated operating voltage not exceeding 50 V:
 - 16/20 A and 32/30 A: Sheets 2-VIII and 2-IX.

Deviations from the dimensions specified in the standard sheets may be made, but only if they provide a technical advantage and do not adversely affect the purpose and safety of the accessories complying with the standard sheets, especially with regard to interchangeability and non-interchangeability.

Compliance is checked by means of gauges or by measurement for those dimensions not covered by gauges,

- for accessories having rated operating voltages exceeding 50 V according to:
 - Figures 101 and 102 for socket-outlets and connectors;
 - Figures 107 and 108 for plugs and appliance inlets;
- for accessories having rated operating voltages not exceeding 50 V according to:
 - Figures 110 and 112 for 16/20 A and 32/30 A accessories.

The gauges shall be moved axially to the centre line of the accessory with a force as shown in the Table 102, applied for 1 min.

Table 102

Rated operating voltage V	Rated current A		Force (max.) for "GO" gauge N	Force (max.) for "NOT GO" gauge N (⁰ ₋₁)
	Series I	Series II		
Not exceeding 50 V	16	20	150	30
	32	30	150	30
Exceeding 50 V	16	20	60	20
	32	30	90	30
	63	60	165	55
	125	100	240	80

Before the test, the test specimen of insulating material shall be stored at a temperature of (20 ± 5) °C and a relative humidity between 45 % and 75 % for four weeks.

For accessories having rated operating voltages not exceeding 50 V, the position of the minor key or keyway shall be as shown in Tables 103-1 or 103-2

For accessories having rated operating voltages exceeding 50 V, the position of the earthing contact shall be as shown in Table 104.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

Table 103-1 – General purpose accessories with rated voltage not exceeding 50 V

Rated operating voltage V	Frequency Hz	Minor key or keyway position*
20 to 25	50 and 60	No minor key or keyway
40 to 50	50 and 60	12
20 to 25 and 40 to 50	100 up to and including 200	4
	300	2
	400	3
	Over 400 up to and including 500	11
	Direct current	10

* The minor key or keyway position is indicated by the relevant number (see 7.1).

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Table 103-2 – Special application accessories with rated voltage not exceeding 50 V

Rated operating voltage	Rated current	Numbers of poles	Other characteristics and application	Minor key or keyway position *
25 V	32 A	3	Portable electric incubators – use at 12 V d.c. or 24 V d.c. on ambulances or helicopters	8

* The minor key or keyway is indicated by the relevant number.

Positions 1 and 9 are reserved for future standardisation. For constructional reasons, positions 5, 6 and 7 cannot be used.