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Heating cables and embedded heating systems**

FOREWORD

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2005 and constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) The title has been changed from "Floor and ceiling heating systems" to "Heating cables and embedded heating systems" to align with the revised scope.
- b) The scope has been extended and now covers embedded electric heating systems for surface heating, also electric heating systems for de-icing or frost prevention or similar applications, and covers both indoor and outdoor systems. This includes heating systems

for: walls, ceiling, floors, roofs, drainpipes, gutters, pipes, stairs, roadways, non-hardened compacted areas (e.g. football fields, lawns).

- c) For wall heating systems, this standard contains additional requirements (e.g. metal sheath/enclosure/grid) to protect against the effects of overheating caused by a short-circuit between live conductors due to penetration of an embedded heating unit.
- d) From heating units delivered from the manufacturer without exposed-conductive-parts, this standard requires a metallic mesh grid covering. This has been reduced to 3 mm for wall heating systems.
- e) This standard now requires that electric heating systems shall be selected and erected so as to avoid any harmful influence between the heating system and any electrical or non-electrical installations envisaged.
- f) This standard covers surface temperatures and now refers the reader to the appropriate IEC guide.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
64/1916FDIS	64/1954/RVD

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INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of this part (IEC 60364-7-753) the requirements of the general parts 1 to 6 of IEC 60364 apply.

The IEC 60364-7-7XX parts of IEC 60364 contain particular requirements for special installations or locations which are based on the requirements of the general parts of IEC 60364 (IEC 60364-1 to IEC 60364-6). These IEC 60364-7-7XX parts are considered in conjunction with the requirements of the general parts.

The particular requirements of this part of IEC 60364 supplement, modify or replace certain of the requirements of the general parts of IEC 60364 being valid at the time of publication of this part. The absence of reference to the exclusion of a part or a clause of a general part means that the corresponding clauses of the general part are applicable (undated reference).

Requirements of other 7XX parts being relevant for installations covered by this part also apply. This part may therefore also supplement, modify or replace certain of these requirements valid at the time of publication of this part.

The clause numbering of this part follows the pattern and corresponding references of IEC 60364. The numbers following the particular number of this part are those of the corresponding parts, or clauses of the other parts of the IEC 60364 series, valid at the time of publication of this part, as indicated in the normative references of this document (dated reference).

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NOTE In the case where new or amended general parts with modified numbering were published after this part was issued, the clause numbers referring to a general part in this 753 part may no longer align with the latest edition of the general part. Dated references should be observed.

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753 Heating cables and embedded heating systems

753.1 Scope

This part of IEC 60364 applies to embedded electric heating systems for surface heating. It also applies to electric heating systems for de-icing or frost prevention or similar applications. Both indoor and outdoor systems are covered.

Heating systems for industrial and commercial applications complying with relevant parts of IEC 60519, IEC 62395 and IEC 60079 are not covered.

NOTE Examples of heating systems covered by this standard are heating systems for walls, ceilings, floors, roofs, drainpipes, gutters, pipes, stairs, roadways, non-hardened compacted areas (e.g. football fields, lawns).

753.2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[IEC 60364-7-753:2014](#)

IEC 60079-7, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety “e”*

IEC 60335-2-96, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating*

IEC 60364 (all parts), *Low-voltage electrical installations*

IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-4-42, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-42: Protection for safety – Protection against thermal effects*

IEC 60800, *Heating cables with a rated voltage of 300/500 V for comfort heating and prevention of ice formation*

753.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

753.3.1

thermal storage floor heating system

heating system in which, due to a limited charging period, a restricted availability of electrical energy is converted into heat and dissipated mainly through the surface of the floor to the room to be heated with an intended time delay

753.3.2**direct heating system**

heating system which generates heat from electrical energy and dissipates it to the room to be heated with a response time being as low as possible

753.3.3**complementary floor heating**

direct heating system integrated into the floor construction, for example, in the border zones close to outer walls, which complements the heat dissipation of a thermal storage floor heating system

753.3.4**heating-free area**

area of a surface that is deliberately left free of all parts of the heating system

753.3.5**heating cable**

cable with or without a shield or a metallic sheath, intended to give off heat for heating purposes

753.3.6**flexible sheet heating element**

heating element consisting of sheets of electrical insulation laminated with electrical resistance material, or a base material on which electrically insulated heating wires are fixed

753.3.7**heating unit**

heating cable or flexible sheet heating element with rigidly fixed cold leads or terminal fittings which are connected to the terminals of the electrical installation

753.3.8**cold lead**

insulated cable or cord intended to connect the heating unit with the electrical installation

753.3.9**self-limiting heating cable**

cable that cannot exceed 70 °C when tested according to IEC 60079-7 and which does not require cold leads for connection to the electrical installation

753.4 Protection for safety**753.41 Protection against electric shock****753.410.3.5 Protection by obstacles and placing out of reach**

Replace the requirements with the following:

The protective measures "obstacles" and "placing out of reach" as specified in Annex 41B of IEC 60364-4-41: 2005, shall not be used.

753.410.3.6

Replace the requirements with the following:

The protective measures "protection by non-conducting location", "protection by earth-free local equipotential bonding" and "protection by electrical separation for the supply of more than one item of current-using equipment" as specified in Annex 41C of IEC 60364-4-41:2005, shall not be used.

753.411 Automatic disconnection of supply

753.411.1 General

Add the following paragraph:

In the case of heating units which are delivered from the manufacturer without an earthed conductive shield a suitable conductive covering, for example, a mesh metallic grid, with a mesh size of not more than 30 mm for ceilings and floor installations and 3 mm for wall installations, shall be provided on site and connected to the protective conductor of the electrical installation.

Residual current protective devices shall be so selected, and the electrical circuits so subdivided, that any earth-leakage current which may be expected to occur during normal operation of the connected load(s) will be unlikely to cause unnecessary tripping of the device.

753.413 Protective measure: electrical separation

Add the following:

Electrical separation is not permitted for wall heating systems.

753.415.1 Additional protection: residual current protective devices (RCDs)

753.415.1.1

Add, at the end of 415.1.1 of IEC 60364-4-41 the following new paragraph:

Circuits supplying heating units shall have additional protection by the use of RCDs with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA. Time delayed type RCDs are not permitted.

753.42 Protection against thermal effects

753.423 Protection against burns

Add the following:

Where contact with the skin or footwear is possible, the surface temperature shall be limited.

NOTE Guidance on limitation of temperature is given in IEC Guide 117.

753.424 Protection against overheating

Add the following:

753.424.101 Wall heating systems

For wall heating systems the heating units shall be provided with a metal sheath or metal enclosure or fine mesh metallic grid. The metal sheath or metal enclosure or fine mesh metallic grid shall be connected to the protective conductor of the supply circuit.

NOTE This requirement is intended to protect against the effects of overheating caused by a short-circuit between live conductors due to penetration of an embedded heating unit.

753.424.102 To meet the requirements of IEC 60364-4-42, special care shall be taken to prevent the heating elements creating high temperatures to adjacent material. This may be achieved by using heating units with temperature self-limiting functions or by separation with heat-resistant materials. The latter may be accomplished by placing on a metal sheet, in metal conduit or at a distance of at least 10 mm in air from the ignitable structure.

753.5 Selection and erection of electrical equipment

753.51 Common rules

753.511 Compliance with standards

Add the following:

Flexible sheet heating elements shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60335-2-96.

Heating cables shall comply with IEC 60800.

753.514 Identification

753.514.1 General

Replace the existing text by the following new text:

Documentation for each heating system shall be provided, containing the following information where relevant:

- manufacturer and type of heating units;
- number of heating units installed;
- length/area of heating units;
- rated power;
- surface power density;
- layout of the heating units in the form of a sketch, drawing or picture;
- position/depth of heating units;
- position of junction boxes;
- conductors, shields and the like;
- heated area;
- rated voltage;
- rated resistance (cold) of heating units;
- rated current of overcurrent protective device;
- rated residual operating current of RCD;
- the insulation resistance of the heating installation and the test voltage used;
- the leakage capacitance;
- product information containing provisions about approved substances in the surroundings of the heating units, with necessary instructions for installation. If materials other than those recommended are used, the manufacturer shall be consulted.

This plan shall be fixed to, or adjacent to, the distribution board of the heating system.

Furthermore, the requirements of Annex A apply.

753.515 Prevention of mutual detrimental influences

753.515.1

Replace the existing text by the following new text:

Electric heating systems shall be selected and erected so as to avoid any harmful influence between the heating system and any electrical or non-electrical installations envisaged.

NOTE For example, an electric heating system can affect other parts of the electrical installation such as reducing the current-carrying capacity of cables of other circuits due to high local ambient temperature caused by the heating system.

Add the following new subclause:

753.515.101 Heating units shall not cross expansion joints of the building or structure.

753.52 Wiring systems

753.520 Introduction

753.520.4 General

Add the following new subclause:

753.520.4.101 Heating-free areas

For the necessary attachment of room fittings, heating-free areas shall be provided in such a way that the heat emission is not prevented by such fittings.

753.522 Selection and erection of wiring systems in relation to external influences

753.522.1 Ambient temperature (AA)

Add the following:

753.522.1.3 For cold leads (circuit wiring and control leads) installed in the zone of heated surfaces, the increase of ambient temperature shall be taken into account.

753.522.4 Presence of solid foreign bodies (AE)

Add the following:

753.522.4.3 Where heating units are installed there shall be heating-free areas where drilling and fixing by screws and the like may be carried out without risk of damage to the unit(s).