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- a) The standard now clarifies its application for electrical installations in those recreational craft which require to conform to the Recreational Craft Directive.
- b) The standard specifies requirements for methods of galvanic isolation for small vessels and recreational craft connecting to a low voltage AC shore supply.
- c) The standard includes design guidance for electric propulsion systems suitable for small vessels and associated installation requirements.

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1 Scope

1.1 General

This part of IEC 60092 specifies requirements for the design, construction and installation of electrical systems in small vessels, which have a length of up to 50 m, or which have a gross tonnage not exceeding 500 Gross Tonnes (GT), designed for use on inland waters or at sea. It is not intended to apply to:

- a) small craft equipped only with a battery supplying circuits for engine starting and navigation lighting recharged from an inboard or outboard engine driven alternator.
- b) recreational craft of less than 24 m hull length requiring to conform to the Recreational Craft Directive 94/25/EC Annex 1 Essential Requirements Part 5.3 Electrical systems, except for three-phase alternating current installations in such recreational craft which operate at a nominal voltage not exceeding AC 500 V.

1.2 Electrical systems

This standard applies to the types of DC and AC electrical systems described below, individually or in combination.

- a) Direct current system which operates at a nominal voltage not exceeding DC 50 V. For many small vessels, this will be the main electrical system supported by batteries for engine starting, navigation lights, navigational aids and communications equipment, lighting and other DC power consumer or converter equipment.
- b) Single-phase alternating current system which operates at a nominal voltage not exceeding AC 250 V. Such a system may be the principal electrical power system of a vessel or a system which may only be energized when connected to a shore supply. AC extra-low voltage, safety extra-low voltage, and other circuits may also comprise part of a single-phase AC system. A vessel may also be equipped with DC system(s) for equipment supplied from batteries as in 1.2 a) above.
- c) Three-phase alternating current system which operates at a nominal voltage not exceeding AC 500 V. The three-phase system is likely to be the principal electrical power system of a vessel's electrical installation. Such a vessel may also be equipped with single-phase AC circuits(s) similar to 1.2 b) above and DC system(s) for equipment supplied from batteries as in 1.2 a) above.

NOTE 1 Concerning recreational craft of less than 24 m hull length referenced in 1.1 b) above, the following standards apply:

- for direct current installations which operate at a nominal voltage not exceeding DC 50 V: ISO 10133;
- for single-phase alternating current installations which operate at a nominal voltage not exceeding AC 250 V single phase: ISO 13297.

NOTE 2 For alternating current systems having voltages exceeding AC 250 V single-phase or AC 500 V three-phase, for direct current systems exceeding DC 50 V, and for vessels larger than 500 GT or with a length greater than 50 m, other standards within the IEC 60092 series apply.

NOTE 3 Attention is drawn to regulations which govern specific requirements for navigation lights for small vessels.

NOTE 4 Attention is drawn to the fact that, in some countries the EC Directives covering EMC (89/336/EEC), low voltage (73/23/EEC) and general product safety (92/59/EEC) may be applied. In addition, Council Directive 97/70 applies to fishing vessels of 24 m in length and over, and Council Directive 98/18/EC applies to passenger ships. For high speed crafts, attention is drawn to the International code of safety for high-speed craft (HSC Code).

2 Normative references

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IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given IEC 60092-101 (some of which are repeated here for convenience), as well as the following, apply.

3.1 General terms

3.1.1 safety voltage

<AC> a voltage which does not exceed AC 50 V r.m.s. between conductors, or between any conductor and earth, in a circuit isolated from the supply by means such as a safety isolating transformer, or converter with separate winding

Note 1 to entry: Consideration should be given to the reduction of the limit of 50 V under certain conditions, such as wet surroundings or exposure to heavy seas or where direct contact with live parts is involved.

Note 2 to entry: The voltage limit should not be exceeded either at full load or no load, but it is assumed, for the purpose of this definition, that any transformer or converter is operated at its rated supply voltage.

[SOURCE: IEC 60092-101:1994, 1.3.19]

3.1.2 safety voltage

<DC> a voltage which does not exceed DC 50 V between conductors, or between any conductor and earth, in a circuit which is isolated from higher voltage circuits

Note 1 to entry: Consideration should be given to the reduction of the limit of 50 V under certain conditions, such as wet surroundings or exposure to heavy seas or where direct contact with live parts is involved.

Note 2 to entry: The voltage limit should not be exceeded either at full load or no load, but it is assumed, for the purpose of this definition, that any transformer or converter is operated at its rated supply voltage.

[SOURCE: IEC 60092-101:1994, 1.3.19]

3.1.3 nominal voltage

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AC r.m.s. voltage between lines or DC voltage between poles

3.1.4 rated voltage

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<TN systems> nominal AC r.m.s. line voltage to earth

<IT systems> nominal AC r.m.s. voltage between line conductor and neutral conductor or mid-point conductor, as appropriate

<DC systems> nominal DC voltage to earth

3.1.5 live part

conductor or conductive part intended to be energised in normal operation including a neutral conductor, but by convention not a PEN conductor (a conductor combining the functions of both a protective conductor and a neutral conductor)

Note 1 to entry: This term does not necessarily imply risk of electric shock.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-02-19, modified as follows: The text “or a PEM conductor or PEL conductor” has been deleted. The text in brackets has been added]