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International Standard IEC 62040-1 has been prepared by subcommittee 22H: Uninterruptible power systems (UPS), of IEC technical committee 22: Power electronic systems and equipment.

This second edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical change with respect to the previous edition: the reference document has been changed from IEC 60950-1:2005 (safety for IT equipment) to IEC 62477-1 (group safety standard for power electronic converters).

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

This International Standard is to be read in conjunction with IEC 62477-1:2012.

The provisions of the general rules dealt within IEC 62477-1:2012 are only applicable to this document insofar as they are specifically cited. Clauses and subclauses of IEC 62477-1:2012 that are applicable in this document are identified by reference to IEC 62477-1:2012, for example, "Clause 4 of IEC 62477-1:2012 applies, except as follows".

The exceptions are then listed. The exceptions can take the form of a deletion, a replacement or an addition of subclauses, tables, figures or annexes.

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INTRODUCTION

IEC technical sub-committee 22H: Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) carefully considered the relevance of each paragraph of IEC 62477-1:2012 in UPS applications. This part of IEC 62040 utilizes IEC 62477-1:2012 as a reference document and references, adds, replaces or modifies requirements as relevant. This is because product-specific topics not covered by the reference document are the responsibility of the technical committee using the reference document.

IEC 62477-1:2012 relates to products that include power electronic converters, with a rated system voltage not exceeding 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC. It specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, except functional safety as defined in IEC 61508 (all parts). The objectives of this document are to establish a common terminology and basis for the safety requirements of products that contain power electronic converters across several IEC technical committees.

IEC 62477-1:2012 was developed with the intention:

- to be used as a reference document for product committees inside IEC technical committee 22: Power electronic systems and equipment in the development of product standards for power electronic converter systems and equipment;
- to replace IEC 62103 as a product family standard providing minimum requirements for safety aspects of power electronic converter systems and equipment in apparatus for which no product standard exists; and

NOTE The scope of IEC 62103 contains reliability aspects, which are not covered by this document.

- to be used as a reference document for product committees outside TC 22 in the development of product standards of power electronic converter systems and equipment intended for renewable energy sources. TC 82, TC 88, TC 105 and TC 114, in particular, have been identified as relevant technical committees at the time of publication.

The reference document, being a group safety standard, will not take precedence over this product-specific standard according to IEC Guide 104. IEC Guide 104 provides information about the responsibility of product committees to use group safety standards for the development of their own product standards.

UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SYSTEMS (UPS) –

Part 1: Safety requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62040 applies to movable, stationary, fixed or built-in **UPS** for use in low-voltage distribution systems and that are intended to be installed in an area accessible by an **ordinary person** or in a restricted access area as applicable, that deliver fixed frequency AC output voltage with port voltages not exceeding 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC and that include an energy storage device. It applies to pluggable and to permanently connected **UPS**, whether consisting of a system of interconnected units or of independent units, subject to installing, operating and maintaining the **UPS** in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

NOTE 1 Typical **UPS** configurations, including voltage and/or frequency converters and other topologies, are described in IEC 62040-3, the test and performance product standard for **UPS**.

NOTE 2 **UPS** generally connect to their energy storage device through a DC link. A chemical battery is used throughout the standard as an example of an energy storage device. Alternative devices exist, and as such, where "battery" appears in the text of this document, this is to be understood as "energy storage device".

This document specifies requirements to ensure safety for the **ordinary person** who comes into contact with the **UPS** and, where specifically stated, for the **skilled person**. The objective is to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards during use and operation and, where specifically stated, during service and maintenance.

This product standard is harmonized with the applicable parts of group safety publication IEC 62477-1:2012 for power electronic converter systems and contains additional requirements relevant to **UPS**.

This document does not cover:

- UPS that have a DC output;
- systems for operation on moving platforms including, but not limited to, aircrafts, ships and motor vehicles;
- external AC or DC input and output distribution boards covered by their specific product standard;
- stand-alone static transfer systems (STS) covered by IEC 62310-1;
- systems wherein the output voltage is directly derived from a rotating machine;
- telecommunications apparatus other than **UPS** for such apparatus;
- functional safety aspects covered by IEC 61508 (all parts).

NOTE 3 Even if this document does not cover the applications listed above, it is commonly taken as a guide for such applications.

NOTE 4 Specialized **UPS** applications are generally governed by additional requirements covered elsewhere, for example **UPS** for medical applications.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Clause 2 of IEC 62477-1:2012 applies, except as follows:

Add the following normative references:

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

IEC 60384-14, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification – Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

IEC TR 60755, *General requirements for residual current operated protective devices*

IEC 60947-2:2006, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 2: Circuit-breakers*¹

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61000-2-2:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-2: Environment – Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signaling in public low-voltage power supply systems*

IEC 61008-1, *Residual current operated circuit-breakers without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCCBs) – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 61009-1, *Residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCBOs) – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 62040-2:2005, *Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements*²

IEC 62477-1:2012, *Safety requirements for power electronic converter systems and equipment – Part 1: General*

3 Terms and definitions

Clause 3 of IEC 62477-1:2012 applies, except as follows:

Add the following new terms and definitions, and new notes:

¹ 4th edition (2006). This 4th edition has been replaced in 2016 by a 5th edition IEC 60947-2:2016, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 2: Circuit-breakers*.

² 2nd edition (2005). This 2nd edition has been replaced in 2016 by a 3rd edition IEC 62040-2:2016, *Uninterruptible power systems (UPS) – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements*.

Table 1 – Alphabetical list of terms

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	62040-1	62477-1		62040-1	62477-1
adjacent circuit		3.1	power semiconductor device		3.34
active power	3.111		primary power	3.108	
apparent power	3.112		prospective short-circuit current	3.122	
backfeed	3.127		protective equipotential bonding		3.36
backfeed protection	3.128		protective class I		3.37
basic insulation		3.2	protective class II		3.38
basic protection		3.3	protective class III		3.39
bypass	3.110		protective earthing (PE)		3.40
commissioning test		3.4	PE conductor		3.41
cord	3.109		protective impedance		3.42
decisive voltage class (DVC)		3.5	(electrically) protective screening		3.43
double insulation		3.6	protective separation		3.44
DVC As		3.7	PEC		3.45
DVC Ax		3.8	PECS		3.46
earth fault	3.131		rated conditional short-circuit current	3.120	
electrical breakdown		3.9	rated current	3.117	
(electrical) insulation		3.10	rated load	3.115	
(electronic) (power) conversion		3.11	rated peak withstand current	3.118	
enclosure		3.12	rated short-time withstand current	3.119	
enhanced protection		3.13	rating	3.113	
expected lifetime		3.14	rated value	3.114	
Extra Low Voltage (ELV)		3.15	rated voltage	3.116	
fault protection		3.16	reference non-linear load	3.126	
field wiring terminal		3.17	reference test load	3.125	
fire enclosure		3.18	reinforced insulation		3.47
functional insulation		3.19	restricted access area		3.48
hazardous energy	3.107		routine test		3.49
hazardous live part		3.20	sample test		3.50
hazardous voltage	3.106		SELV (systems)		3.51
installation		3.21	short-circuit backup protection		3.52
instructed person	3.103		service access area	3.105	
linear load	3.123		short-circuit protective device (SCPD)	3.130	
live part		3.22	simple separation		3.53
low impedance path	3.121		single fault condition		3.54
low voltage		3.23	skilled person	3.102	
mains supply		3.24	startle reaction		3.55
muscular reaction (inability to let go)		3.25	supplementary insulation		3.56

Terms	Term number		Terms	Term number	
	62040-1	62477-1		62040-1	62477-1
non-linear load	3.124		surge protective device (SPD)		3.57
non-mains supply		3.26	system		3.58
open type		3.27	system voltage		3.59
ordinary person	3.104		stored energy mode	3.129	
output short-circuit current		3.28	temporary overvoltage		3.60
PELV (systems)		3.29	touch current		3.61
Permanently connected		3.30	type test		3.62
pluggable equipment type A		3.31	ventricular fibrillation		3.63
pluggable equipment type B		3.32	working voltage		3.64
port		3.33	uninterruptible power system (UPS)	3.101	
			zone of equipotential bonding		3.65

Note 1 to entry: Where the terms "voltage" and "current" are used, RMS values are implied unless otherwise specified.

Note 2 to entry: Non-sinusoidal signals are measured with appropriate true RMS measuring instruments.

3.101 uninterruptible power system UPS

combination of convertors, switches and energy storage devices (such as batteries), constituting a power system for maintaining continuity of load power in case of input power failure

Note 1 to entry: Continuity of load power occurs when voltage and frequency are within rated steady-state and transient tolerance bands, and with distortion and interruptions within the limits specified for the output port. Input power failure occurs when voltage and frequency are outside rated steady-state and transient tolerance bands, or with distortion or interruptions outside the limits specified for the **UPS**.

3.102 skilled person

person with relevant education and experience to enable him or her to perceive risks and to avoid hazards which the equipment can create

Note 1 to entry: Such person has access to restricted access areas.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-01, modified – The word "(electrically)" has been deleted from the term, and "electricity" has been replaced by "the equipment" in the definition. The note has been added.]

3.103 instructed person

person adequately advised or supervised by **skilled persons** to enable him or her to perceive risks and to avoid hazards which the equipment can create

Note 1 to entry: Such person has access to restricted access areas.

Note 2 to entry: Examples of activities performed by an **instructed person** can be found in IEC 61140:2001, Clause 8.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-02, modified – The word "(electrically)" has been deleted from the term, and the notes have been added.]