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## 42 Introduction

43 With reference to Clause 5 of this European Standard, prepared in the field of application of Article 137  
44 of the EC Treaty, the user should be aware that standards have no formal legal relationship with  
45 Directives which may have been made under Article 137 of the Treaty. In addition, national legislation  
46 in the Member states may contain more stringent requirements than the minimum requirements of a  
47 Directive based on Article 137 of the Treaty. Information on the relationship between the national  
48 legislation implementing Directives based on Article 137 of the Treaty and this European Standard may  
49 be given in a national foreword of the national standard implementing this European Standard.

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## 50 1 Scope

51 1.1 This European Standard is applicable to the erection and operation of fixed and temporary  
52 electrical test installations.

53 1.2 Compliance with this European Standard is not necessary, if contact with live parts presents no  
54 danger. This is the case when one of the following conditions is satisfied at live exposed points:

55 a) the voltage at frequencies above 500 Hz does not exceed 25 V a.c. or 60 V d.c. and complies with  
56 the requirements for SELV or for PELV in accordance with HD 384.4.41;

57 b) in case of voltages at frequencies up to 500 Hz exceeding 25 V a.c. or 60 V d.c., the resultant  
58 current through a non-inductive resistance of 2 k $\Omega$  does not exceed 3 mA a.c. (r.m.s.) or  
59 12 mA d.c.;

60 c) at frequencies above 500 Hz the national determined current and voltage values shall be applied.  
61 If there are no national requirements determined reference values for permissible body currents  
62 and contact voltages can be taken from Table A.1;

63 d) the discharge energy does not exceed 350 mJ.

64 NOTE 1 Even though compliance with the requirements of this European Standard is not necessary, if one of the above-  
65 mentioned conditions is satisfied, other potential risks e. g. risk of fire and explosion shall be considered and appropriate  
66 measures be taken.

67 NOTE 2 Ref. 1.2 b) & 1.2 d): The values for the resultant current of 3 mA a.c. or 12 mA d.c. and the discharge energy of  
68 350 mJ comply with the values for live working specified in EN 50110-1. These values also comply with the values specified in  
69 IEC/TS 60479-1.

70 1.3 This European Standard does not apply to the power supply to the test installations. In this  
71 case, the standards of the HD 384 series (for nominal voltages up to 1 000 V) or HD 637 S1 (for  
72 nominal voltages exceeding 1 kV) are applicable to erection and EN 50110-1 is applicable to operation.

73 1.4 Where no requirements are given in this European Standard, the standards of the HD 384  
74 series (for nominal voltages up to 1 000 V) or HD 637 S1 (for nominal voltages exceeding 1 kV) apply  
75 to the erection of electrical test installations and EN 50110-1 applies to the operation of electrical test  
76 installations.

## 77 2 Normative references

78 The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated  
79 references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced  
80 document (including any amendments) applies.

81 EN 294:1992<sup>1)</sup>, *Safety of machinery – Safety distance to prevent danger zones being reached by the*  
82 *upper limbs*

83 EN 418:1992<sup>2)</sup>, *Safety of machinery – Emergency stop equipment, functional aspects – Principles for*  
84 *design*

85 EN 574:1996<sup>3)</sup>, *Safety of machinery – Two-hand control devices – Functional aspects – Principles for*  
86 *design*

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<sup>1)</sup> Superseded by EN ISO 13857:2008, *Safety of machinery – Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs* (ISO 13857:2008).

<sup>2)</sup> Superseded by EN ISO 13850:2008, *Safety of machinery – Emergency stop – Principles for design* (ISO 13850:2006).

<sup>3)</sup> Withdrawn on 2008-06-25.

- 87 EN 999, *Safety of machinery – The positioning of protective equipment in respect of approach speeds*  
88 *of parts of the human body*
- 89 EN 50110-1, *Operation of electrical installations*
- 90 EN 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)* (IEC 60529)
- 91 EN 61219, *Live working – Earthing or earthing and short-circuiting equipment using lances as short-*  
92 *circuiting device – Lance earthing* (IEC 61219)
- 93 EN 61310-1, *Safety of machinery – Indication, marking and actuation – Part 1: Requirements for*  
94 *visual, acoustic and tactile signals* (IEC 61310-1)
- 95 EN 61558 series, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products*  
96 (IEC 61558 series)
- 97 HD 366 S1:1977<sup>4)</sup>, *Classification of electrical and electronic equipment with regard to protection*  
98 *against electric shock* (IEC 60536:1976)
- 99 HD 384/60364 series, *Electrical installations of buildings/Low-voltage electrical installations*  
100 (IEC 60364 series, mod.)
- 101 HD 384.4.41:1996<sup>5)</sup>, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4: Protection for safety –*  
102 *Chapter 41: Protection against electric shock* (IEC 60364-4-41:1992, mod.)
- 103 HD 637 S1, *Power installations exceeding 1 kV a.c.*
- 104 IEC 60050-826, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 826: Electrical installations*

### 105 **3 Terms and definitions**

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

#### 107 **3.1**

#### 108 **electrical test installations**

109 (referred to in the following as **test installations**)

110 the entirety of all the test devices, test appliances and facilities combined for test purposes, by  
111 means of which electrical tests are performed on test objects.

112 Types of test installations:

- 113 - test station;
- 114 - test laboratory or experimental station;
- 115 - temporary test installation

#### 116 **3.2**

#### 117 **test station**

118 appropriately identified test installation within a defined area. In test stations a distinction is made  
119 between those with and those without automatic positive protection against direct contact

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4) Superseded by EN 61140:2002, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment* (IEC 61140:2001).

5) Superseded by HD 60364-4-41:2007, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock* (IEC 60364-4-41:2005, mod.).



- 120 **3.2.1**  
121 **test station with automatic protection against direct contact**  
122 test station in which the test object and all live parts of the test installation have automatically  
123 activated full protection against direct contact in an energized condition
- 124 NOTE 1 At a test station with automatic protection against direct contact, there is generally only one person employed, e. g. in  
125 the line of series production or in electric workshops, repair and service shops.
- 126 NOTE 2 Automatic protection means that voltages can only occur when the safety devices are effective, e.g. when the cover  
127 or door of the test station is closed.
- 128 **3.2.2**  
129 **test station without automatic protection against direct contact**  
130 test station in which parts of the test object or live parts of the test installation are not fully  
131 protected against direct contact during testing. This includes, for instance, test areas in electric  
132 workshops, laboratories, measurement and experimental areas
- 133 **3.3**  
134 **test laboratory**  
135 test installations with minimum one test station in a securely enclosed space or within an area  
136 separated from adjacent work areas, in which several persons are generally employed on test  
137 work on larger test objects remaining there for a longer period of time
- 138 **3.4**  
139 **experimental station**  
140 test installations with minimum one test station for performing experiments or tests within the  
141 scope of research and development work. In general, no routine tests are performed in  
142 experimental stations. A variety of test assemblies as well as different hazards shall therefore be  
143 anticipated
- 144 **3.5**  
145 **temporary test installation**  
146 test installation with minimum one test station erected for a short time in order to perform tests on  
147 individual test objects
- 148 **3.6**  
149 **prohibition zone**  
150 volume around live parts which should not be breached if full protection against direct contact  
151 with these parts is not provided
- 152 **3.7**  
153 **test area**  
154 area around the test assembly which is separated from the surrounding area
- 155 **3.8**  
156 **signal lights**  
157 lights which are clearly visible from outside the boundaries of the test area giving red or green  
158 signals to indicate the operational status inside the test area
- 159 **3.9**  
160 **indicator lights**  
161 serve to indicate the switching status on the control panels. They are not an alternative to  
162 required signal lights
- 163 **3.10**  
164 **risk**  
165 combination of the probability and the degree of the possible injury or damage to health of a  
166 person exposed to a hazard or to hazards
- 167 **3.11**  
168 **electrical hazard**  
169 source of possible injury or damage to health in presence of electrical energy from an electrical  
170 installation

- 171 **3.12**  
172 **skilled person (electrically)**  
173 person with relevant education and experience to enable him or her to avoid dangers which  
174 electricity can create  
175 (IEV 826-18-01, mod.)
- 176 **3.13**  
177 **instructed person (electrically)**  
178 a person adequately advised by skilled persons to enable him or her to avoid dangers which  
179 electricity can create  
180 (IEV 826-18-02, mod.)
- 181 **3.14**  
182 **nominated person in control of a work activity**  
183 that person who has been nominated to be the person with direct management responsibility for  
184 the work activity. parts of this responsibility may be delegated to others as required
- 185 **3.15 Operational status**
- 186 **3.15.1**  
187 **out of operation**  
188 status when
- 189 a) all power supplies, signalling and control circuits are switched off and secured against  
190 unauthorized switching-on,
- 191 b) all safety precautions necessary before entering the test area (for voltages exceeding 1 kV,  
192 e.g. earthing, short-circuiting) have been taken
- 193 **3.15.2**  
194 **ready for operation**  
195 status when
- 196 a) the power supplies for the switchgear signalling and control circuits of the test installations  
197 are switched on,  
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- 198 b) the green signal lights, where these are required in accordance with the provisions in  
199 Clause 4, are on,
- 200 c) all power supplies for the test voltage are switched off and secured against unintentional  
201 switching,
- 202 d) the safety precautions specified in 3.15.1 b) ("out of operation") are in force
- 203 **3.15.3**  
204 **ready to switch on**  
205 status when
- 206 a) all power supplies for the test voltage are switched off,  
207 b) all entries to the test area are closed,  
208 c) the red signal lights are switched on,  
209 d) the safety precautions specified in 3.15.1 b) ("out of operation") are no longer in force.
- 210 **3.15.4**  
211 **in operation**  
212 status when
- 213 a) all entries to the test area are closed,  
214 b) the red signal lights are switched on,  
215 c) one or more power supplies for the test voltage are switched on
- 216 NOTE In Clauses 4 and 5, the technical devices for setting up the operational status "ready for operation" and "ready to  
217 switch on" are only required for certain test installations with voltages exceeding 1 kV.

## 218 **4 Erection of test installations**

### 219 **4.1 General**

220 Test installations shall be performed and erected as a

- 221 - test station,
- 222 - test laboratory or experimental station,
- 223 - temporary test installation.

#### 224 **4.1.1 Protection against electric shock**

##### 225 **4.1.1.1 Test assembly**

226 The test assembly shall be so arranged and designed that the protection against direct contact is  
227 secured by insulation of live parts, covers, enclosures, obstacles or safe distances. A safe distance is  
228 ensured, when the person carrying out the tests cannot reach the prohibition zone with parts of his /  
229 her body or tools. Safety can also be satisfied by means of a two-hand control device or the use of two  
230 safety test probes to apply the test voltage. Test leads with full protection against direct contact shall be  
231 used. Two-hand control devices shall comply with EN 574:1996, Type II or IIIB. Where several persons  
232 are involved in a test, a two-hand control device shall be provided for each person of the test personnel  
233 and which are so connected that all the two hand controls are required to be operated before the test  
234 supplies can be energised.

235 Safety test probes shall have the adequate insulation level for the applied test voltage. No clamping  
236 devices shall be permitted for this purpose.

237 In case of measuring instruments and auxiliary appliances of protection Class I (HD 366, e.g. cathode  
238 ray oscilloscope, sine wave generator), where the protective conductor is interrupted to facilitate  
239 testing, e.g. because the enclosure has to be isolated from earth potential, the appliance shall be  
240 supplied from an isolating transformer in accordance with EN 61558 series.

241 If a circuit and/or the enclosure of a measuring instrument or an auxiliary appliance designed for mains  
242 connection is connected to live parts of the test assembly which can carry voltage to earth, then the  
243 internal insulation of the supplying isolating transformer shall be rated at least for this voltage.

244 An effective protective measure for fault protection (protection against indirect contact) shall be  
245 provided.

246 The test object shall be isolated from earth. If this is technically not possible e. g. due to the weight of  
247 the test object, than the test assembly shall be so designed and arranged in order to prevent the  
248 transfer of voltage to extraneous conductive parts.

249 Test table boards shall be made of insulating materials.

##### 250 **4.1.1.2 Prohibition zone**

251 The boundary of the prohibition zone shall be determined in accordance with Table A.2 and is  
252 dependent on the test voltage.

253 In case of voltages up to 1 000 V, the surface of the live part is considered to be the boundary of the  
254 prohibition zone. In case of voltages exceeding 1 kV, reaching the prohibition zone is considered equal  
255 to touching live parts.