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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61058 applies to switches for appliances. The switches are intended to control electrical appliances and other equipment for household or similar purposes with a rated voltage not exceeding 480 V and a rated current not exceeding 63 A.

Switches for appliances are intended to be operated by

- a person via an actuating member,
- indirect actuation,
- an actuating sensing unit.

Transmission of a signal between the actuating member or sensing unit and the switch may be connected by optical, acoustic, thermal, electrical or other relevant connection and may include remote controlled units.

This part of IEC 61058 applies to switches for appliances provided with additional control functions governed by the switch provided with electronic circuits and devices that are necessary for the intended and/or correct operation of the switch.

This part of IEC 61058 applies to circuitry when evaluated with a switch and necessary for the switching function.

This part of IEC 61058 applies in general to switches for appliances in conjunction with the following parts:

- *Part 1-1: Requirements for mechanical switches, and/or*
- *Part 1-2: Requirements for electronic switches.*

This part of IEC 61058 does not apply to devices covered by:

- IEC 60669 (all parts), *Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations*, and
- IEC 60730 (all parts), *Automatic electrical controls*.

This part of IEC 61058 does not contain requirements for safety isolating switches (IEC 60050-811:1991, 811-29-17).

NOTE 1 For switches used in tropical climates, additional requirements may be necessary.

NOTE 2 Attention is drawn to the fact that the end product standards for appliances may contain additional or alternative requirements for switches.

NOTE 3 Throughout this part of IEC 61058, the word "appliance" means "appliance or equipment".

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 60038, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60065:2014, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60112:2003, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*
Amendment 1:2009

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60127-2, *Miniature fuses – Part 2: Cartridge fuse-links*

IEC 60269-3, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons (fuses mainly for household or similar applications) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to F*

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 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available at: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60529:1989, *Degree of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*
Amendment 1:1999
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IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams* (available at: <http://std.iec.ch/iec60617>)

IEC 60664-3:2003, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or molding for protection against pollution*
Amendment 1:2010

IEC 60691, *Thermal-links – Requirements and application guide*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-10-2, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test method*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60695-11-20, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-20: Test flames – 500 W flame test method*

IEC 60730 (all parts), *Automatic electrical controls*

IEC 60730-1:2013, *Automatic electrical controls – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60730-2-9:2015, *Automatic electrical controls – Part 2-9: Particular requirements for temperature sensing control*

IEC 60738-1, *Thermistors – Directly heated positive temperature coefficient – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61000-3-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3.2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current ≤ 16 A per phase)*

IEC 61000-3-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-3: Limits – Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current ≤ 16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection*

IEC TS 61000-3-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-5: Limits – Limitation of voltage fluctuations and flicker in low-voltage power supply systems for equipment with rated current greater than 75 A*

IEC 61000-4-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-8, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-8: Testing and measurement techniques – Power frequency magnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-11, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61058-1-1, *Switches for appliances – Part 1-1: Requirements for mechanical switches*

IEC 61058-1-2, *Switches for appliances – Part 1-2: Requirements for electronic switches.*

IEC 61210:2010, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

CISPR 14-1, *Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements for household appliances, electric tools and similar apparatus – Part 1: Emission*

CISPR 15:2013, *Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of electrical lighting and similar equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 General terms and definitions

3.1.1

mechanical switching device

switching device designed to close and open one or more electric circuits by means of separable contacts

Note 1 to entry: In the IEC 61058 series the terms “switching devices” and “switches” are used interchangeably.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-02]

3.1.2

conductive part

part which is capable of conducting current although it may not necessarily be used for carrying service current

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441: 1984, 441-11-09]

3.1.3

live part

conductor or conductive part intended to be energized in normal operation, including a neutral conductor, but by convention not a PEN/PEM/PEL conductor

Note 1 to entry: For appliance switches, “live part” implies a risk of electric shock.

Note 2 to entry: Unless otherwise specified, parts connected to a SELV supply or equal to or less than 24 V are not considered to be live parts.

3.1.4

pole of a switch

portion of a switching device associated exclusively with one electrically separated conducting path of its main circuit and excluding those portions which provide a means for mounting and operating all poles together

Note 1 to entry: A switch is called “single pole” if it has only one pole. If it has more than one pole, it may be called “multipole” (two-pole, three-pole, etc.) provided that the poles are coupled in such a manner as to operate together.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-15-01, modified — Pole of a switching device replaced by pole of a switch]

3.1.5

detachable part

part which is removable without the use of a tool when the switch is mounted as in normal use

3.1.6

tool

screwdriver, coin, or any other object which may be used to operate a nut, a screw or a similar part

3.1.7

normal use

use of the switch for the purpose for which it was made and declared

3.1.8
unique type reference
UT

identification marking on a switch such that by quoting it in full to the switch manufacturer a unique switch model can be identified

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.1.9
common type reference
CT

identification marking on a switch which does not require any further specific information additional to that provided by the marking requirements of this part of IEC 61058 for selection, installation and use in accordance with this part of IEC 61058

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.

3.1.10
cover
cover plate
protective cover

cover made of insulating material, used to cover live parts in order to avoid accidental electric contact and which is accessible when the switch is mounted as in normal use but which can be removed with the aid of a tool

3.1.11
signal indicator

device associated with a switch to indicate the circuit state visually

Note 1 to entry: The device may or may not be controlled by the switch.

3.1.12
unprepared conductor

a conductor which has been cut and the insulation of which has been removed for insertion into a terminal.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-442:1998, 442-01-26]

3.1.13
prepared conductor

a conductor the end of which is fitted with an attachment such as eyelet, sleeve or cable lug

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-442:1998, 442-01-27]

3.1.14
polarity reversal

change of the polarity on the terminals connected to the load by a switching action

3.1.15
semiconductor device
SD

device whose essential characteristics are due to the flow of charge carriers within a semiconductor

Note 1 to entry: Previous editions of IEC 61058-1 refer to a semiconductor device as a "semiconductor switching device or solid state device (SD)".

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-521:2002, 521-04-01]

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3.1.16**semiconductor circuit**

circuit containing multiple components, where at least one is a semiconductor device

3.1.17**electronic switch**

switch for appliances provided with a semiconductor device or a semiconductor circuit in its intended load path

Note 1 to entry: The electronic switch may be provided with series and/or parallel mechanical contacts. See examples in Table 15 in IEC 61058-1-2:2016.

3.1.18**duty**

statement of the load to which the switch is subjected, including, if applicable, making, controlling and breaking and including their durations and sequence in time

3.1.19**duty-type**

continuous, short-time or periodic duty comprising one or more loads remaining constant for the duration specified, or a non-periodic duty in which generally the load varies within the permissible operating range

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-411:1996, 411-51-13, modified – "speed" is deleted]

3.1.20**protective impedance**

component or assembly of components whose impedance and construction are intended to limit steady-state touch current and electric charge to non-hazardous levels

3.2 Terms and definitions relating to voltage and current**3.2.1****rated voltage**

voltage assigned by the manufacturer for a specified operating condition

Note 1 to entry: It is measured in r.m.s. unless specifically indicated otherwise.

Note 2 to entry: This value is the maximum value and covers all lower values.

3.2.2**safety extra-low voltage****SELV**

voltage which does not exceed 50 V AC r.m.s. or 120 V DC between conductors or between any conductor and earth in a circuit which is insulated from the supply mains

Note 1 to entry: SELV is an unearthed extra low voltage (see IEC 61140).

3.2.3**rated current**

current assigned by the manufacturer for a specified operating condition

Note 1 to entry: It is measured in r.m.s. unless specifically indicated otherwise.

Note 2 to entry: This value is the maximum value and covers all lower values.

3.2.4**rated load**

type of load assigned by the manufacturer, according to classifications