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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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INTRODUCTION

International Standard IEC 60309-5 has been written to address the needs in terms of plugs, socket-outlets and ship couplers (ship connectors and ship inlets), herein referred to as “accessories”, of IEC/IEEE 80005-3¹. The purpose of IEC/IEEE 80005-3 is to define requirements that allow compliant ships to connect to compliant low-voltage shore power supplies through standardized shore-to-ship connection accessories.

Ships that do not require connecting with standardized low-voltage shore power supplies as above may use accessories that are not covered by the standard sheets of IEC 60309-5 but they may find it impossible to connect to these shore supplies.

Other low-voltage plugs, socket-outlets, ship connectors and ship inlets used for the connection of certain ship types to low-voltage shore power supplies may be found in the IEC 60309 series.

International Standard IEC 60309 is divided into several parts: IEC 60309-1 is entitled *General requirements*, and comprises clauses of a general nature. The subsequent parts address requirements dealing with particular devices.

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1 Scope

This part of 60309 applies to a single type of plug, socket-outlet, ship connector and ship inlet, hereinafter referred to as accessories, intended to connect ships to dedicated shore supply systems described in IEC/IEEE 80005-3.

This part of IEC 60309 applies to three-phase accessories with an earth contact and with four pilot contacts.

NOTE 1 In the following countries the term “ground” is used instead of “earth”: US.

These accessories have a maximum rated current of 350 A and a maximum rated operating voltage not exceeding 690 V 50/60 Hz.

NOTE 2 The various operating currents, voltages and frequencies required for various types of ship are set by the shore supply system described in IEC/IEEE 80005-3.

These accessories are intended to be installed and operated by instructed persons (IEC 60050-195:1998, Amendment 1:2001, 195-04-02) or skilled persons (IEC 60050-195:1998, Amendment 1:2001, 195-04-01) only.

This standard applies to accessories for primary use outdoors in a seawater environment when the ambient temperature is normally within the range of –25 °C to +40 °C.

NOTE 3 In some countries, other ambient temperatures may prevail and may need to be taken into account.

These accessories are intended to be connected to cables of copper or copper alloy only.

Socket-outlets or ship inlets incorporated in or fixed to electrical equipment which is part of the shore connection system are within the scope of this standard.

In locations where special conditions prevail, for example where explosions are liable to occur, additional requirements may be necessary.

2 Normative references

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ISO 9227:2012, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres – Salt spray tests*

ISO 15510:2014 *Stainless steels – Chemical composition*

IEC/IEEE 80005-3:—, *Utility connections in port – Part 3: Low Voltage Shore Connections (LVSC) Systems – General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in Clause 2 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 and the following apply.

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3.501

accessory

plug, socket-outlet, ship connector or ship inlet

Note 1 to entry: The application of accessories is shown in Figure 501.

3.502

ship coupler

means enabling the connection at will of a flexible cable to the ship consisting of a ship connector and a ship inlet

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[SOURCE: IEC 62613-1:2011, 3.4]

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3.502.1

ship connector

part intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the supply and to be connected to the ship inlet

[SOURCE: IEC 62613-1:2011, 3.5 modified – The words “and to be connected to the ship inlet” have been added.]

3.502.2

ship inlet

part incorporated in, or fixed to, the ship

[SOURCE: IEC 62613-1:2011, 3.6]

3.503

shore connection system

system allowing the adequate supply of electricity from shore to ships during stays in port, allowing the shut-down of ship generators

Note 1 to entry: These systems are described in IEC/ISO/IEEE 80005 series: Utility connections in port.

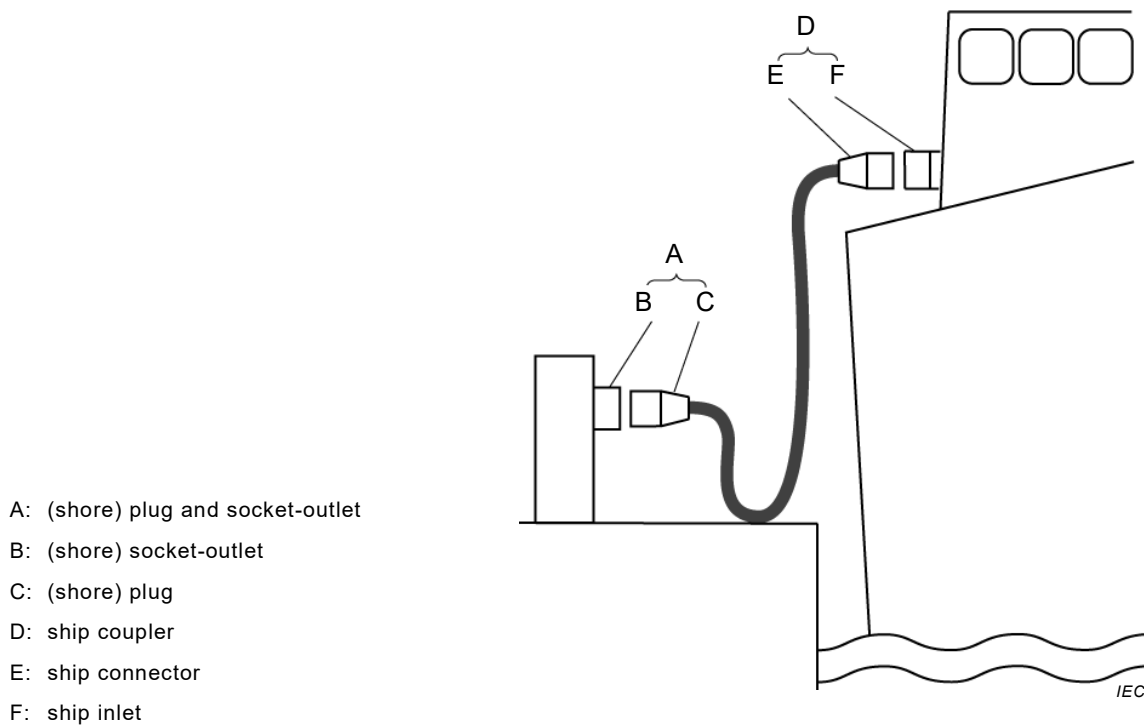


Figure 501 – Diagram showing the use of accessories

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4 General

Clause 4 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies except as follows:

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4.1 General requirements

Replacement of the fourth paragraph:

Accessories shall have a degree of protection IP66/IP67 according to IEC 60529.

Replacement of the fifth paragraph:

One type of plug, socket-outlet, ship inlet and ship connector shall be used for all types of ship.

Additional sixth paragraph:

Low-voltage shore connection system (LVSC-system) does not allow in-line connections unless a specific piece of equipment made for that purpose is used. It shall not be possible to connect the plug into the ship connector (see 8.501).

5 Standard ratings

Replacement:

5.1 The maximum AC operating voltage is 690 V 50/60 Hz

5.2 The maximum rated current is 350 A

New subclause:

5.501 The plug, socket-outlet, ship inlet and ship connector shall be rated with a minimum prospective short-circuit current withstand of 16 kA root mean square (RMS) for 1 s, and with a maximum rated peak withstand current of 40 kA (see 29.1).

6 Classification

Replacement:

6.1 Accessories are classified:

6.1.1 according to purpose: plug, socket-outlet, ship connector, ship inlet;

6.1.2 to **6.1.8**: these subclauses of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 do not apply.

7 Marking

Clause 7 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies except as follows:

7.1 *Replacement:*

Accessories shall be marked with:


- rated current in amperes;
- rated operating voltage in volts;
- symbol for nature of supply;
- either the name or trade mark of the manufacturer or of the responsible vendor;
- type reference, which may be a catalogue number;
- degree of protection;

Additionally, the insulation voltage may be marked.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.5 *Replacement:*

The contacts shall be indicated by the symbols:

- L1, L2, L3, or 1, 2, 3 for the phases,
- the symbol  for protective earth IEC 60417-5019 (2006-08),
- P1, P2, P3 and P4 for the pilot contacts.

These symbols shall be placed close to the relevant terminals; they shall not be placed on screws, removable washers or other removable parts.

The figures used with the letters may be written as an index.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

7.8 to **7.10**: these subclauses of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 do not apply.

8 Dimensions

Clause 8 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies except as follows:

8.1 Replacement:

Accessories shall comply with the appropriate standard sheet 5-I, 5-II, 5-III or 5-IV at the end of this document.

New subclause:

8.501 It shall not be possible to engage plugs into ship connectors, as in-line cable connections (cable couplers) are not allowed by the application.

Compliance is checked by inspection and test.

9 Protection against electric shock

Clause 9 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.

10 Provision for earthing

Clause 10 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.

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11 Terminals and terminations

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12 Interlocks

Clause 12 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.

13 Resistance to ageing of rubber and thermoplastic material

Clause 13 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.

14 General construction

Clause 14 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.

15 Construction of socket-outlets

Clause 15 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.

16 Construction of plugs and connectors

Clause 16 of IEC 60309-1:1999 + A1:2005 + A2:2012 applies.