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Part 2-28: Particular requirements for sewing machines**

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Partie 2-28: Règles particulières pour les machines à coudre**

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**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –  
SAFETY –****Part 2-28: Particular requirements for sewing machines**

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**A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendment 1.**

This part of International Standard IEC 60335 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

The French version of this standard has not been voted upon.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fourth edition (2001) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When “Part 1” is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Safety requirements for electric sewing machines.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states “addition”, “modification” or “replacement”, the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

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- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- Clause 1: Electrical sets are not considered suitable for field installation on non-electrical household sewing machines (USA).
- 6.1: Motor controls shall not be class 0, class 0I or class I construction (Norway).
- 6.1: Appliances for household use shall be class II or class III (Netherlands).
- 11.7: The cycles of operation are different (USA).
- 19.7: The test is not carried out on household sewing machines (USA).
- 25.7: Lighter types of supply cords are allowed (USA).

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of the amendment 1 be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

## INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

# HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

## Part 2-28: Particular requirements for sewing machines

### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by:

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric sewing machines for household and similar use, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

**Overlock machines** and **electrical sets** are within the scope of the standard.

Appliances not intended for normal household use, but that nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as sewing machines intended to be used by laymen in shops and in light industry, are within the scope of this standard.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
  - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledgeprevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas).

### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 60320-2-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 2: Sewing machine couplers*



### 3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

#### 3.1.9 Replacement:

##### normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following conditions

The appliance is operated without thread and fabric, the presser foot being in its lifted position and the spool-winding device disengaged. The stitch length and zigzag stitch width are adjusted so that the highest load is obtained.

NOTE 101 The highest load is normally obtained with the stitch length and zigzag stitch width adjusted to their maximum values.

#### 3.101

##### electrical set

assembly comprising a motor and its control for mounting on a non-electric sewing machine

NOTE An **electrical set** may incorporate a lamp.

#### 3.102

##### overlock machine

sewing machine having more than one needle and incorporating a means for trimming the material

### 4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

### 5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

**5.101** *Electrical sets* are mounted on the sewing machine specified in the instructions that gives the most unfavourable results.

**5.102** Sewing machines used on a table are tested as **portable appliances**.

### 6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

### 7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

#### 7.1 Addition:

Appliances shall be marked on or near the lampholder with the maximum power input of replaceable lamps as follows:

lamp max....W

The word “lamp” may be replaced by symbol IEC 60417-5012 (2002-10).

The rated voltage of a lamp shall be marked if it is lower than the **rated voltage** of the appliance.

**7.10 Addition:**

The requirement does not apply to switches controlling lamps.

**7.11 Addition:**

The requirement does not apply to motor controls.

**7.12 Addition:**

The instructions shall state the maximum power input of any lamp and its rated voltage if it is lower than the **rated voltage** of the appliance.

The instructions shall state the substance of the following:

- switch off or unplug the appliance when leaving it unattended;
- unplug the appliance before carrying out maintenance or replacing lamps.

**7.12.1 Addition:**

The instructions for **electrical sets** shall indicate the sewing machines for which they are intended and shall state how they are to be installed.

**7.101 Electrical sets** shall be marked with

- **rated voltage** in volts;
- **rated current** in amperes;
- name, trade mark or identification mark of the manufacturer or responsible vendor;
- model or type reference.

*Compliance is checked by inspection.*

## **8 Protection against access to live parts**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

## **9 Starting of motor-operated appliances**

This clause of Part 1 is not applicable.

## **10 Power input and current**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.