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SAFETY –****Part 2-61: Particular requirements for thermal-storage room heaters**

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It bears the edition number 2.1.

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

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 thermal-storage room heaters.

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.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- 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.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 7.1: All thermal-storage room heaters have to be marked with a warning against covering (Sweden).

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

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.

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.

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.

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HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-61: Particular requirements for thermal-storage room heaters

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **thermal-storage room heaters** for household and similar purposes that are intended to heat the room in which they are located, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, 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:

- the use of appliances by young children or infirm persons without supervision;
- playing with the appliance by young children.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- this standard only applies to self-contained **thermal-storage room heaters**. However, it may be used as a guide, in so far as it reasonably applies, to determine the requirements and test specifications for other **thermal-storage room heaters**;
- for heaters incorporating direct-acting heating elements, IEC 60335-2-30 is also applicable;
- for heaters 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;
- heaters incorporated in the building structure;
- central heating systems;
- heaters for saunas (IEC 60335-2-53);
- flexible sheet heating elements for room heating (IEC 60335-2-96);
- heaters 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 60335-2-30, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-30: Particular requirements for room heaters*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*

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 heater is operated in cycles, each cycle having a duration of 24 h and consisting of a charging period and a discharging period. The charging period is terminated when all heating elements are disconnected for the first time by the devices controlling the temperature of the core (charge controls).

3.101

thermal-storage room heater

heater constructed to store heat obtained from electrical energy in a heat-accumulating core and to discharge it at any time

3.102

controlled-output heater

thermal-storage room heater, the heat output of which can be controlled by means such as fans, shutters or flaps

3.103

free-output heater

thermal-storage room heater, the heat output of which is discharged by natural convection and radiation and can only be varied by adjusting the charge

3.104

rated charging period

longest uninterrupted charging period assigned to the heater by the manufacturer

3.105

rated charge

energy consumption assigned to the heater by the manufacturer for a **rated charging period**

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.

5.5 Addition:

*For **controlled-output heaters** having auxiliary air-outlets, air is discharged only through the main outlet into the room where the heater is situated.*

NOTE 101 Movable parts include accessories supplied with the heater, such as shelves and humidifiers.

5.6 Addition:

***Thermostats** sensitive to the room air temperature, such as those having a sensing element located in the air-inlet, are short-circuited.*

5.9 Addition:

When it is specified that direct-acting heating elements are operated together with the storage heating elements, this only applies if allowed by the construction.

6 Classification

The clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

6.1 Modification:

Thermal-storage room heaters shall be **class I**, **class II** or **class III**.

7 Marking and instructions

The clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.1 Modification:

Appliances shall be marked with **rated power input**.

Addition:

Appliances shall be marked with

- the **rated charging period**, in hours;
- the mass of the assembled appliance, in kilograms.

For appliances provided with more than one means of connection to the supply, each supply circuit shall be marked with **rated voltage**, **rated power input** and the symbol for nature of supply.