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**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –  
SAFETY –****Part 2-66: Particular requirements for water-bed heaters**

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The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment and has been prepared for user convenience.

It bears the edition number 2.1.

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

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 water-bed 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:

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- 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.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 6.1: Class I appliances are not allowed (China, Czech Republic, Norway, Slovakia and Yugoslavia).
- 7.12.1: Additional details of the water mattress are to be stated (USA).
- 11.8: The temperature rise limit is different (USA).
- 11.101: The test is not carried out (USA).
- 21.101: The test is different (USA).
- 24.101: Self-resetting thermal cut-outs are allowed (USA).

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication 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 2-66: Particular requirements for water-bed heaters

### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **water-bed heaters** and their associated control units, for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V.

Appliances not intended for normal household use, but that nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used in hotels, 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 in 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, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to appliances

- for medical purposes (IEC 60601);
- intended for immersion in water during use.

### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

ISO 2439, *Flexible cellular polymeric materials – Determination of hardness (indentation technique)*



### 3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

#### 3.1.9 Replacement:

##### normal operation

operation of the appliance after the heater has been installed under a water mattress, taking into account the installation instructions

The appliance is supported by a wooden base that is consistent with the size of the mattress. The top of the base consists of plywood approximately 13 mm thick and is supported 150 mm above the floor by pinewood boards approximately 20 mm thick. The boards are assembled to form a rectangular framework that includes a longitudinal and two transverse members to produce six approximately equal sections.

The wooden base is completely covered by a sheet of open-cell polyether approximately 25 mm thick. The polyether has the following composition:

- cell count:  $18 \begin{smallmatrix} +2 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}$  per cm;
- specific mass:  $30 \text{ kg/m}^3 \begin{smallmatrix} +10\% \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}$
- hardness: 120 N to 170 N at 40 % impression, measured according to ISO 2439.

NOTE 101 This polyether sheet is omitted if the instructions state that the heater is unsuitable for use on a soft support.

NOTE 102 Additional material is placed on the polyether sheet if this is stated in the instructions.

The heater, together with any control, is positioned on the polyether sheet. A piece of the bottom layer of water mattress material, having dimensions 100 mm x 200 mm, is folded to form a crease 50 mm x 200 mm. It is placed on the upper surface of the heater, parallel to the shortest side and approximately in the centre of the longest side.

The mattress is placed over the heater, filled with water and completely covered by a similar piece of polyether sheet approximately 36 mm thick.

#### 3.101

##### water-bed heater

appliance incorporating a heating element within an enclosure and intended for use under a water mattress

NOTE 1 The appliance may be contained in an envelope of the mattress.

NOTE 2 The appliance may incorporate a **thermostat** having a sensing element that has to be positioned during installation.

### 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.

### 5.3 Addition:

The test of 21.101 is carried out immediately after the test of Clause 11.

## 6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 6.1 Addition:

The **rated voltage of class III appliances** shall not exceed 24 V.

### 6.2 Addition:

Parts of the appliance, other than those of **class III**, that are intended to be placed under the water mattress shall be at least IPX7.

## 7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 7.1 Addition:

The appliance shall be marked with the substance of the following:

- read the instructions carefully;
- check that the heater, the mattress and any envelope are laid flat and without folds before filling the mattress with water;
- the support under the heater is to be flat, continuous and without sharp edges;
- use only to heat water-beds;
- this side up, if applicable;
- model or type reference of a detachable control unit, if applicable.

### 7.12 Addition:

The instructions shall include the substance of the following:

- the heater is only to be used with the type of detachable control unit that is marked on the appliance, if applicable;
- the appliance is not intended for use in hospitals;
- the appliance is intended only to heat water-beds;
- sharp objects such as needles and pins must not be inserted in the appliance;
- the orientation of the plug in the socket-outlet of class II appliances provided with a metal screen to minimize the capacitive leakage current and the electrostatic field. The means of checking the orientation shall be given;  
NOTE 101 This does not apply to appliances having a polarized plug.
- bedding is not to come into contact with the heater.

### 7.12.1 Addition:

The installation instructions shall include the substance of the following:

- the details of the installation of the heater and its control. In particular, details shall be given regarding the correct positioning and installation of any temperature sensing element of the control unit, to ensure that it does not easily slip out of position;
- the minimum dimensions of the water mattress and the minimum depth of water with which it is to be filled;
- details of any additional supporting material required if the heater is installed on a soft support, or a statement that the heater is unsuitable for such installation.

**7.101 Detachable control units** shall be marked with:

- **rated voltage** or **rated voltage range** in volts;
- symbol for nature of supply, unless the **rated frequency** is marked;
- name, trade mark or identification mark of the manufacturer or responsible vendor;
- model or type reference;
- identification of the relevant **water-bed heater**.

*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.

## 11 Heating

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 11.2 Replacement:

*The appliance is installed as specified for **normal operation**.*

### 11.3 Addition:

*The temperature rise of the surface of the **water-bed heater** and the surface temperature of the mattress are determined by means of fine-wire thermocouples attached to oxidized copper or brass plates measuring 65 mm x 65 mm x 0,5 mm.*