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**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –
SAFETY –**

**Part 2-69: Particular requirements for wet and dry vacuum cleaners,
including power brush, for industrial and commercial use**

FOREWORD

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This part of International Standard IEC 60335 has been prepared by sub-committee 61J: Electrical motor-operated cleaning appliances for industrial use, of IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 1997 and its amendment 1 (2000). It constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
61J/131/FDIS	61J/136/RVD

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

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 wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush, for industrial and commercial use.

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.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2004. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 25.7: PVC-cords may not be suitable for operation outdoors at low temperatures (Finland, Sweden);
- 25.14: Flexing test is not conducted (U.S.A.)

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.

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 2-69: Particular requirements for wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush, for industrial and commercial use

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electrical motor-operated vacuum cleaners and includes appliances and stationary equipment specifically designed for wet suction, dry suction, or wet and dry suction for industrial and commercial use with or without attachments, for example for suction to withdraw dust or the like from work benches and production machines, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

NOTE 101 Commercial uses are for example for use in hotels, schools, hospitals, factories, shops and offices for other than normal housekeeping purposes.

This standard also applies to machines handling hazardous dust, such as asbestos or liquids for which additional national requirements might apply.

It is also applicable to appliances making use of other forms of energy for the motor; but it is necessary that their influence is taken into consideration.

For battery operated appliances reference shall be made to IEC 60335-2-72.

NOTE 102 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, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

NOTE 103 This standard does not apply to

- appliances for household use to which IEC 60335-2-2 applies;
- centrally sited stationary vacuum cleaning systems;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (vapour or gas);
- audio, video and similar electronic apparatus (IEC 60065);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601);
- hand-held motor-operated electric tools (IEC 60745);
- personal computers and similar equipment (IEC 60950);
- transportable motor-operated electric tools (IEC 61029).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60312, *Vacuum cleaners for household use – Methods of measuring the performance*

IEC 60335-2-72, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-72: Particular requirements for automatic machines for floor treatment for commercial and industrial use*

3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1.9 Replacement:

normal operation

the normal operation P_m of the vacuum motor is obtained at the following power input:

$$P_m = 0,5 (P_f + P_i)$$

where

P_f is the input, in watts, when the appliance has been operated for 3 min, fitted with the nozzle and hose supplied by the manufacturer giving the highest input;

P_i is the input, in watts, when the appliance has been operated for 20 s with the nozzle sealed, immediately following the 3-minute period with the nozzle open. Any valve or similar device used to ensure a flow of air to cool the motor in the event of a blockage of a main air inlet is rendered ineffective.

P_f and P_i are measured with the supply voltage adjusted to **rated voltage**, or to a voltage equal to the mean value of the **rated voltage range** if the difference between the limits of the **rated voltage range** does not exceed 10 % of the mean value of the range. If the difference between the limits of the **rated voltage range** exceeds 10 % of the mean value, the tests are carried out with the supply voltage set to the upper limit of the range.

The measurements are made with the appliance fitted with a clean dust bag and filter and with the water container, if any, empty. If the appliance is intended for use only with a hose, detachable nozzles are removed and the hose is laid out straight. If the appliance is provided with a hose as an optional accessory, it is operated without the hose.

Electrically driven devices, if any, are in operation but are not in contact with the floor or any other surface or with the means used to seal the air inlet.

The normal load is equal to the mean load P_r for the electrically driven agitating device such as a motor driven brush determined in accordance with the following:

- the agitating device operates on a carpet as specified in IEC 60312;
- the mean load P_r is determined when using the device in the following way:

After setting the device according to the manufacturer's instructions the device should be moved twice over a distance of 5 m in the direction giving the highest load;

- the motor responsible for the airflow operates under the same conditions as determining P_f , i.e. no airflow restrictions, and measurements are taken after 3 min;

- the device is adjusted to the carpet pile height in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer;
- it is necessary to move the agitating device slowly across the carpet in the usual manner to avoid carpet damage.

3.1.9.101 Soiled water discharge pumps are normally operated as follows.

The pump delivers a continuous flow of water without any soiled water discharge hose attached to the soiled water outlet of the machines unless the discharge hose is permanently attached to the machine. The vacuum motor shall work during the test, unless an interlock device is provided to prevent combined operation of both motors.

3.101

soiled water discharge pump

pump for discharging the soiled water from the machine.

4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows.

6.1 Replacement:

Vacuum cleaners and their attachments shall be of **class I, class II or class III** with respect to their protection against electric shock.

Appliances carried on the body during use shall be of **class II** or **class III**.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by the relevant tests.

6.2 Addition:

Water suction appliances shall be so constructed that neither water nor foam from detergents can penetrate into the motor or come in contact with **live parts**.

Water suction appliances shall be at least IPX4.

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows.

7.1 Addition:

The maximum rated input of the electrically energized nozzle shall be marked near the receptacle.

Electrically energized nozzles for vacuum cleaners for wet use shall be marked: "Do not immerse."

7.9 Addition:

The operation of the motor is deemed to be an adequate indication of the switch position.

7.12 Addition:

The substance of the following statement may be given in the instruction manual:

This machine is also suitable for commercial use, for example in hotels, schools, hospitals, factories, shops, offices, rental businesses and for other than normal house-keeping purposes.

The following warnings shall be included in the instructions if applicable:

- CAUTION: This machine is not suitable for picking up hazardous dust.
- CAUTION: This machine is for dry use only and shall not be used or stored outdoors in wet conditions.

Any limitation to the use of the socket outlet on the machine shall be clearly stated in the instructions.

For wet suction machines, the instructions shall clearly state the following:

CAUTION: If foam/liquid comes out, switch off immediately.

The instructions for the machine shall state that the water level limiting device is to be regularly cleaned and examined for signs of damage.

8 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

8.1 Addition:

NOTE 101 The soiled liquid picked up by the wet suction appliance is considered to be conductive.

8.1.4 Addition:

Isolated battery systems of 18 to 24 cells of either acid or alkaline electrochemistry, including gel batteries, shall be regarded as **Class III** provided that

- the maximum voltage per cell on charge does not exceed 2,7 V;
- there are no earthed parts (see Clause 27);
- conductive parts cannot fall on to and thereby bridge live parts of opposite polarity (see Clause 22).

9 Starting of motor-operated appliances

This clause of Part 1 is not applicable.