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

**Part 2-81: Particular requirements for foot warmers  
and heating mats**

FOREWORD

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

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1997. It constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this part of IEC 60335 is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
61/2178/FDIS	61/2259/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 foot warmers and heating mats.

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- withdrawn;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.

- 3.1.9: Normal operation is different (USA).
- 6.1: Class 0 appliances are allowed if their rated voltage does not exceed 150 V (Japan).
- 6.1: Class 0 and class I appliances are allowed (USA).
- 19.2: The test is different (USA).
- 21.101: The test is different (USA).
- 22.101: The tests are different (USA).

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 2-81: Particular requirements for foot warmers and heating mats

### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **foot warmers** and **heating mats** for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V.

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 without supervision;
- playing with the appliance by young children.

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 specifically intended for use under medical supervision;
- electric blankets and pads (IEC 60335-2-17);
- electrically heated carpets;
- electrical heating appliances for breeding and rearing animals (IEC 60335-2-71).

### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

ISO 2439, *Polymeric materials, cellular flexible. 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 under the following conditions

**Foot warmers** are unfilled and placed on a horizontal surface.

**Heating mats** are placed on a horizontal surface and covered by a piece of expanded polystyrene having dimensions approximately 300 mm × 150 mm × 50 mm.

NOTE 101 The density of the polystyrene is approximately  $20 \text{ kg/m}^3 \pm 5 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

### 3.101 foot warmer

appliance into which the user's feet are inserted in order to warm them

### 3.102 heating mat

appliance having an area not exceeding 0,5 m<sup>2</sup>, on which the user's feet are placed in order to warm them

## 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.

### 5.2 Addition:

*A 15 m length of heating element or internal wiring is required for the tests of 21.102.*

*Twelve samples of the enclosure material of **foot warmers**, each having dimensions 200 mm × 100 mm, are required for the test of 30.101.*

### 5.3 Addition:

*Before testing is started, the appliance is laundered or cleaned twice in accordance with the instructions.*

### 5.5 Addition:

*If the appliance is provided with a **detachable cover**, the tests are carried out with or without this cover, whichever is more unfavourable.*

## 6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

### 6.1 Modification:

Appliances shall be **class II** or **class III**.

### 6.2 Addition:

Appliances shall be at least IPX1.