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SAFETY –****Part 2-96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements
for room heating**

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

It bears the edition number 1.2.

A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendments 1 and 2.

The French version of amendment 1 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 electrical flexible sheet heating elements for room heating.

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 of 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 following additional differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- Clause 1: Flexible sheet heating elements that are cut on site are not allowed (France, Germany and Israel).
- 6.1: The installation is to be of class II construction (Germany).
- 6.1: Heating units are to be class II (Israel).
- 7.1: The intended installation is not to include walls (Canada and USA).
- 7.12.1 c): The instructions in timber floors shall state that the heating unit is to be covered with additional insulation, be supplied through an isolating transformer, or be class II (Sweden).
- 7.12.1 c): The instructions need not refer to residual current devices (USA).
- 7.12.101 a): The size of the terminals fitted to the grid may be smaller (Canada).
- Clause 18: The tests are different (USA).
- 22.102: The test is different (USA).
- 22.103: The test is different (USA).
- 25.3: Heating units are not allowed to incorporate supply cords (Canada and USA).

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of the amendment 2 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.

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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.

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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 which 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 2-96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of **flexible sheet heating elements** intended to be incorporated into the building to heat the room in which they are located, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase installations and 480 V for other installations.

Flexible sheet heating elements are converted into **heating units** that are incorporated in the building in accordance with the instructions after which the required level of protection against hazards is achieved.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- in many countries different wiring rules apply;
- for **heating units** 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 authorities for fire protection, the national authorities for building regulations, the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

- **heating units** intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- **heating units** intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances (IEC 60335-2-17);
- heated mats and foot warmers (IEC 60335-2-81);
- heating appliances intended to be used under a carpet;
- flexible heating elements incorporated in other appliances.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60364-7-701, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 7: Requirements for special installations or locations – Section 701: Electrical installations in bathrooms*

IEC 60884-1:1995, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirement*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas* | 2

3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1.9 Replacement:

normal operation

operation of the **heating unit** after incorporation into the building in accordance with the instructions.

Flexible sheet heating elements, the current of which can vary depending on the length of the heating element and those that can supply other **flexible sheet heating elements** are loaded so that the current marked on the heating element flows through the **heating unit**.

Heating units for **storage heating applications** are charged for 75 % of the **rated charging period**.

3.2.7 Replacement:

supply leads

set of wires intended for connecting the appliance to fixed wiring

3.5.4 Addition:

Heating units are considered to be **fixed appliances**

3.101

flexible sheet heating element

heating element consisting of sheets of electrical insulation laminated with electrical resistance material, or a base material on which electrically insulated heating wires are fixed

NOTE This definition does not preclude other methods of combining the insulation and resistance materials.

3.102

heating unit

flexible sheet heating element equipped with means of connection to the supply and with insulation surrounding **live parts**

NOTE The **heating unit** can be partly or completely prefabricated.

3.103

modular heating unit

prefabricated assembly consisting of a **heating unit** and other materials to form a rigid construction for mounting on a ceiling

3.104

storage heating application

use of **heating units** to heat thermal accumulating material

NOTE The heat is discharged naturally, the heat output being varied by adjusting the energy input.

3.105

rated charging period

longest uninterrupted charging period assigned to the **heating unit** by the manufacturer

3.106

electrode

conductive part incorporated in a **flexible sheet heating element** for supplying the heating 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.

5.2 Replacement:

In general, eight samples are required for the tests.

The tests of 13.3 and of Clauses 15 and 16 are carried out on one sample.

The tests of 18.101 and of Clause 30 are carried out on one sample.

The test of 21.102 is carried out on two samples. One of these samples is also used for the test of 22.101.

The test of 22.103 is carried out on one sample.

The remaining tests are carried out on the sixth sample. The other two samples are required for incorporating into the test arrangement to create the necessary thermal environment.

NOTE 101 Additional samples may be necessary if tests have to be repeated.

Nine samples of **modular heating units** are necessary for the tests of 11.2.102.

Additional samples are necessary if the tests of 18.102 are carried out.

Additional samples may be necessary for testing different sizes of **heating units**.

The test of 22.105 is carried out on the same sample as that used for the test of 13.2.

*Two samples of the additional layer of material, of sufficient size to cover the **heating unit**, are required if the test of 21.104 is carried out.*

5.3 Addition:

The test of 22.105 is carried out after the test of 13.2.

5.101 Heating units intended to be installed in walls above a height of 2,3 m are subjected to the tests for installation in ceilings.

5.6 Addition:

Thermostats sensitive to room air temperature or outdoor air temperature are short circuited. However, the **thermostat** is not short circuited if it can be set so that it does not cycle.

NOTE 101 For electronic controls, it may be necessary to render the sensing elements inoperative instead of short circuiting the **thermostat**.

5.10 Addition:

However, for **flexible sheet heating elements** that are cut on site, the tests are carried out after connecting the **supply leads** and protecting the edges in accordance with the instructions.

6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

6.1 Addition:

Heating units need not be classified. However, if a **heating unit** is classified, the relevant requirements apply.

6.2 Addition:

Heating units for installation in a floor of concrete or similar material shall be at least IPX7.

Other **heating units** shall be at least IPX1.

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.1 Modification:

Instead of the marking of **rated power input** or **rated current** the following applies:

- **heating units** shall be marked with their **rated power input**;
- **flexible sheet heating elements** without connection between adjacent elements shall be individually marked with their **rated power input**;
- other **flexible sheet heating elements** shall be marked with their **rated power input** per metre length.

Flexible sheet heating elements shall be marked with their maximum current if

- the current can vary depending on the length of the heating element;
- other **flexible sheet heating elements** can be supplied through them.

Addition:

Flexible sheet heating elements shall be marked with

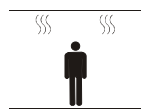
- the indication of orientation, unless **heating units** are symmetrical;
- the intended installation (ceilings, walls or floors);
- the heating mode (direct heating or storage heating), unless intended for both modes.

If the **heating unit** is only intended for application in floors of concrete or similar materials, it shall be marked accordingly.

The marking shall be repeated at least once every 0,5 m of the heating element or on every section that can be cut to form a **heating unit**.

Flexible sheet heating elements that can be cut on site and have to be cut at specified places shall be marked appropriately.

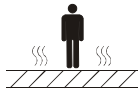
7.6 *Addition:*



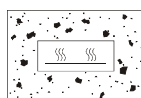
Direct ceiling heating



Direct floor heating



Floor storage heating



Installation in concrete

These symbols are information signs and, except for the colours, the rules of ISO 3864-1 apply.

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7.12.1 *Addition:*

Instructions shall be provided. They shall include

- a) explanation of the marking and symbols, if necessary;
- b) information for incorporating the **heating units** into the building, in particular the following:
 - precautions to be taken to avoid damage during installation, such as dropping sharp objects or stepping on the **heating unit**, or careless pouring of concrete;
 - dimensions and distances to be taken into account;
 - a statement that the **heating units** have to be separated from other heat sources such as luminaires and chimneys;
 - description of the fixing areas of the **heating unit**;
 - guidance on how to avoid air gaps between the heating element and the screed of concrete floors;
 - guidance on how to avoid damage to a heating element and its terminations in timber constructions due to relative movement after installation;
 - a warning against incorporating **heating units** below a height of 2,3 m into walls or into ceilings inclined at less than 45° to the vertical;
 - the lowest ambient temperature at which **heating units** may be installed;
 - the minimum radius for bending the heating element, if applicable.

Except for **modular heating units**, the instructions shall include the following:

- precautions to be taken to avoid creasing the heating element;
 - a statement that the **heating unit** is not to be installed on irregular surfaces;
 - a description of the intended orientation and a statement that the heating unit is to be installed in this way (for heating units having non-symmetric construction);
- c) a statement that the installation is to be in accordance with the national wiring rules. The substance of the following shall be included:

- the **heating units** are to be supplied through a residual current device (RCD) having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA. Alternatively, except for installations in floors surrounding swimming pools, they may be supplied through an isolating transformer. This statement is not required for **class III heating units** and for applications in
 - timber floors provided that the instructions for installation state that there is to be an air gap between the **heating unit** and the floor;
 - timber ceilings;
 - floors of concrete or similar material in dry locations (dry locations are areas outside zone 3 as defined in IEC 60364-7-701) as long as the **basic insulation** and additional electrical insulation each withstand the electric strength test of 16.3 for **reinforced insulation**;
- how to connect **heating units** to the supply, giving the cross-sectional area of the leads, if applicable;
- how to interconnect the **heating units**, giving the cross-sectional area of the leads, if applicable;
- d) the maximum current allowed to flow through one **heating unit** when other units are supplied through it or when the current can vary depending on its length;
- e) list of controls, unless they are incorporated into the **heating unit**;

NOTE 101 Only those controls that are necessary to ensure compliance with the standard need be listed.

- f) the maximum thermal resistance between the **heating unit** and the room;
- g) the type of covering materials that are allowed to be used in conjunction with the **heating units** with a statement that the advice of the manufacturer is to be requested before materials other than those recommended are used; the thickness of covering materials, which for floors shall be at least 5 mm;
- h) characteristics of the thermal insulation that is to be inserted between separate **heating units** installed to heat a floor and the ceiling below it;
- i) specification of any adhesive to be used;
- j) a statement that a label is to be fixed adjacent to the distribution board and that it has to contain the locations of the **heating units**;
- k) if the **heating units** are installed in a suspended ceiling, or are accessible from the roof space, a statement that a label giving this information is to be fixed to the access point of the ceiling.

NOTE 102 A summary of particular installation requirements for different applications is given in Annex AA.

- l) in applications in timber floors, a statement indicating that heating units having basic insulation only shall be covered by additional electrical insulation or supplied through an isolating transformer.

7.12.101 The instructions for applications in floors of concrete or similar material or under tiles shall state that

- a) a grid is to be installed above the **heating unit**. The grid is to
 - be protected against corrosion but not electrically insulated;
 - be electrically and mechanically equivalent to a steel grid having a mesh not more than 50 mm x 50 mm and a wire diameter of 1 mm, unless the grid covers
 - **class II heating units**;
 - **heating units** installed with additional electrical insulation;
 - fully cover the **heating unit** including the fixing areas. It may cover several **heating units**;