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The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- Extension of the requirements of zone 3 for the whole area of the room containing a bath tub or a shower basin and consequently deletion of any reference to zone 3.
- Applicability of the requirements of this part when fixed prefabricated bath or shower units are installed.
- Clarification of requirements concerning the local equipotential bonding.
- Introduction of particular requirements for specific switchgear, accessories and current-using-equipment installed in zone 1 and 2.

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

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700.1 Introduction

The requirements of this part of IEC 60364 supplement, modify or replace certain of the general requirements of the other parts of IEC 60364.

The clause numbering of Part 7-701 follows the pattern and corresponding references of IEC 60364. The numbers following the particular number of Part 7-701 are those of the corresponding parts, or clauses of IEC 60364.

The absence of reference to a part, a clause or a subclause means that the corresponding general requirements are applicable.

LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

Part 7-701: Requirements for special installations or locations – Locations containing a bath or shower

701 Locations containing a bath or shower

701.1 Scope

The particular requirements of this part of IEC 60364 apply to the electrical installations in locations containing a fixed bath (bath tub) or shower and to the surrounding zones as described in this standard.

This standard does not apply to emergency facilities, e.g. emergency showers used in industrial areas or laboratories.

NOTE 1 For locations containing a bath or shower for medical treatment, special requirements may be necessary.

NOTE 2 For prefabricated bath and/or shower units, see also IEC 60335-2-105.

NOTE 3 In Germany, the term locations may be interpreted as rooms of buildings.

701.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-5-54, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements, protective conductors and protective bonding conductors*

IEC 61558-2-5, *Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar – Part 2-5: Particular requirements for shaver transformers and shaver supply units*

701.30 Assessment of general characteristics

701.30.1 General

When applying this standard, the zones specified in 701.30.2 to 701.30.4 shall be taken into account. For fixed prefabricated bath or shower units, the zones are applied to the situation when the bath or shower basin is in its usable configuration(s).

Horizontal or inclined ceilings, walls with or without windows, doors, floors and fixed partitions may limit the extent of locations containing a bath or shower as well as their zones. Where the dimensions of fixed partitions are smaller than the dimensions of the relevant zones, e.g. partitions having a height lower than 225 cm, the minimum distance in horizontal and vertical direction shall be taken into account (see Figures 701.1 and 701.2).

For electrical equipment in parts of walls or ceilings limiting the zones specified in 701.30.2 to 701.30.4, but being part of the surface of that wall or ceiling, the requirements for the respective zone apply.

NOTE In Ireland, a zone 3 exists within 2400 mm horizontally from zone 2, and 750 mm above zones 1 and 2.

701.30.2 Description of zone 0

Zone 0 is the interior of the bath tub or shower basin, see Figure 701.1.

For showers without basin, the height of zone 0 is 10 cm and its surface extent has the same horizontal extent as zone 1, see Figure 701.2.

NOTE 1 In Spain, for showers without basin, the height of zone 0 is 5 cm.

NOTE 2 In Germany this requirement is not relevant.

701.30.3 Description of zone 1

Zone 1 is limited

- a) by the finished floor level and the horizontal plane corresponding to the highest fixed shower head or water outlet or the horizontal plane lying 225 cm above the finished floor level, whichever is higher,

NOTE 1 In Belgium, Denmark, Hungary and Italy, if the bottom of the bath tub or shower basin is located higher than 15 cm from the floor level, the horizontal plane is located 225 cm above the bottom of bath tub or shower basin.

NOTE 2 In the Netherlands 225 cm is replaced by 260 cm.

NOTE 3 In the Czech Republic and in Spain the zone 2 is considered above the zone 1 as far as the ceiling or the horizontal plane lying 300 cm above the finished floor level, whichever is higher.

- b) by the vertical surface:

- circumscribing the bath tub or shower basin (see Figure 701.1),
- at a distance of 120 cm from the centre point of the fixed water outlet on the wall or ceiling for showers without basin (see Figure 701.2).

Zone 1 does not include zone 0.

The space under the bath tub or shower is considered to be zone 1.

NOTE 4 In Spain, and for showers without basin, where the water outlet is fixed the vertical limit is fixed at 60 cm around the water outlet.

NOTE 5 In Spain, the space under the bath tub or shower basin accessible without the use of a tool is considered to be zone 1. If it is accessible only with the use of a tool, it is considered to be neither zone 0, nor 1 nor 2.

701.30.4 Description of zone 2

Zone 2 is limited

- a) by the finished floor level and the horizontal plane corresponding to the highest fixed shower head or water outlet or the horizontal plane lying 225 cm above the finished floor level, whichever is higher,

NOTE 1 In the Netherlands, 225 cm is replaced by 260 cm.

- b) by the vertical surface at the boundary of zone 1 and the parallel vertical surface at a distance of 60 cm from the zone 1 border (see Figure 701.1).

For showers without basin, there is no zone 2 but an increased zone 1 is provided by the horizontal dimension of 120 cm mentioned in the second dash of 701.30.3 b) (see Figure 701.2).

NOTE 2 In Spain, zone 2 exists in any case.