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# HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC HEATING PADS – METHODS FOR MEASURING PERFORMANCE

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

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- *test specifications: in italic type*
- notes: in small roman type
- other text: in roman type

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in clause 3.

# HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC HEATING PADS – METHODS FOR MEASURING PERFORMANCE

## 1 Scope

This standard applies to electric **heating pads** for household use.

This standard defines the main performance characteristics of electric **heating pads** and specifies methods for measuring these characteristics, for the information of users.

This standard does not specify values for performance characteristics.

NOTE - This standard does not deal with safety requirements (IEC 967*).

## 2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.



ISO 2439:1980, *Polymeric materials, cellular flexible – Determination of hardness (indentation technique).*

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1 **heating pad:** Appliance comprising a substantially flat **flexible part** having a **heated area**, measured on one face only, not exceeding 0,2 $m^2$ and which is designed for the local application of heat to the human body.

3.2 **flexible part:** All layers of material forming the permanent enclosure of the appliance together with the heating element, thermostats and all other current-carrying parts contained therein.

NOTE - The **flexible part** may be inside a detachable cover.

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* IEC 967: 1988, *Safety of electrically heated blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances for household use.*

3.3 **heated area**: That area of the **flexible part** enclosed within the outer perimeter of the heating element. It includes the **flexible part** outside the perimeter up to a width equal to 0,5 times the average distance between adjacent parallel runs of the heating element.

NOTES

1 The **heated area** includes the return length of the heating element if the average distance between this part and the adjacent heating element does not exceed the average distance between adjacent parallel runs of the heating element.

2 If the **heating pad** has two or more **heated areas,** the surface between the two areas is considered to be part of the **heated area**, if at any place the distance between the two heating elements does not exceed 1,5 times the average distance between adjacent parallel runs of the heating element.

## 4 Classification of heating pads

4.1 *According to means of temperature regulation:*

- **heating pad** without any control;
- **heating pad** with a control having continuously variable settings;
- **heating pad** with a control having step settings.

4.2 *According to the type of supply:*

- **heating pad** for direct connection to the supply mains;
- extra low voltage **heating pad.**

NOTE - An extra low voltage **heating pad** has a rated voltage not exceeding 24 V.



4.3 *According to their application:*

- **heating pad** for dry application;
- **heating pad** for wet application.

## 5 List of measurements

Performance is determined by means of the following measurements:

- dimensions and mass (clause 7);
- evenness of temperature (clause 8);
- heating-up time (clause 9);
- cyclic variation (clause 10).

## 6 General conditions for measurements

*Unless otherwise specified, measurements are made under the following conditions:*

*Test room:*

*The tests are carried out in a draught-free room in which the ambient temperature is maintained at 20 °C ± 5 °C.*