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HD 60364-4-41:2017**European foreword**

The text of document 64/2147/FDIS, future IEC 60364-4-41:2005/A1, prepared by IEC/TC 64, Electrical installations and protection against electric shock, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and approved by CENELEC as HD 60364-4-41:2017.

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This Harmonization Document supersedes HD 60364-4-41:2007.

HD 60364-4-41:2017 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to HD 60364-4-41:2007:

- The requirements of clause 411.3.1.2, relating to protective bonding, have been revised in a number of respects.
- Clause 411.3.2.1 now requires that the device providing automatic disconnection in the event of a fault shall be suitable for isolation of at least the line conductors.
- The disconnection times referred to in clause 411.3.2.2 now apply also to final circuits with a rated current not exceeding 63 A with one or more socket-outlets.
- Certain requirements of clause 411.3.2.5 relating to where it is not feasible for an overcurrent protective device to interrupt the supply or the use of a residual current protective device (RCD) for this purpose are not appropriate have been relocated to an annex (Annex D) and modified.
- The range of rated currents of socket-outlets that are required by clause 411.3.3 to be provided with additional protection by means of a residual current protective device (RCD) with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA has been extended up to 32 A.
- A new clause, 411.3.4, requires that lighting circuits of a TN or TT system in single household premises shall be provided with protection by a residual current protective device with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA.
- The note in clause 411.4.4 now gives product standard numbers and certain other particulars for residual current devices for use in connection with the requirements of

the clause.

- In clause 411.6.2, relating to earthing of exposed-conductive-parts in IT systems, the condition $R_A \times I_d \leq 120 \text{ V}$ for d.c. systems has been deleted.
- The requirements of clause 411.6.3.1 for fault protection in IT systems have been revised in a number of respects.
- The requirements of clause 412.2.4.1 for wiring systems providing basic protection and fault protection considered to meet the requirements for the protective measure of double or reinforced insulation have been revised in a number of respects.
- The former content of Annex D, relating to correspondence between IEC 60364-4-41:2001 and IEC 60364-4-41:2005, has been deleted and is replaced by content relating to provisions where automatic disconnection according to clause 411.3.2 is not feasible.

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410 Introduction

This Part 4-41 of HD 60364 deals with protection against electric shock as applied to electrical installations. It is based on EN 61140 which is a basic safety standard that applies to the protection of persons and livestock. EN 61140 is intended to give fundamental principles and requirements that are common to electrical installations and equipment or are necessary for their co-ordination.

The fundamental rule of protection against electric shock, according to EN 61140, is that hazardous-live-parts must not be accessible and accessible conductive parts must not be hazardous live, neither under normal conditions nor under single fault conditions.

According to 4.2 of EN 61140, protection under normal conditions is provided by basic protective provisions and protection under single fault conditions is provided by fault protective provisions. Alternatively, protection against electric shock is provided by an enhanced protective provision, which provides protection under normal conditions and under single fault conditions.

This standard in accordance with IEC Guide 104 has the status of a group safety publication (GSP) for protection against electric shock.

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HD 60364-4-41:2017**410.1 Scope**

Part 4-41 of HD 60364 specifies essential requirements regarding protection against electric shock, including basic protection (protection against direct contact) and fault protection (protection against indirect contact) of persons and livestock. It deals also with the application and co-ordination of these requirements in relation to external influences.

Requirements are also given for the application of additional protection in certain cases.

410.2 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 60364-5-52, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment - Wiring systems*

HD 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 60364-5-54, modified)

HD 60364-6, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 6: Verification* (IEC 60364-6, modified)

EN 60439-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies* (IEC 60439-1)

IEC 60449, *Voltage bands for electrical installations of buildings*

IEC 60614 (all parts), *Conduits for electrical installations - Specification*

IEC 61084 (all parts), *Cable trunking and ducting systems for electrical installations*

EN 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment* (IEC 61140) <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/01c8a672-68c7-403a-839d-4c40cd073600/sist-hd-60364-4-41-2017>

EN 61386 (all parts), *Conduit systems for cable management* (IEC 61386 – all parts)

EN 61558-2-6, *Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar – Part 2-6: Particular requirements for safety isolating transformers for general use* (IEC 61558-2-6)

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

410.3 General requirements

410.3.1 In this standard the following specification of voltages is intended unless otherwise stated:

- a.c. voltages are r.m.s.;
- d.c. voltages are ripple-free.

Ripple-free is conventionally defined as an r.m.s. ripple voltage of not more than 10 % of the d.c. component.

410.3.2 A protective measure shall consist of

- an appropriate combination of a provision for basic protection and an independent provision for fault protection, or
- an enhanced protective provision which provides both basic protection and fault protection.

Additional protection is specified as part of a protective measure under certain conditions of external influences and in certain special locations (see the corresponding Part 7 of HD 60364 or HD 384).

NOTE 1 For special applications, protective measures which do not follow this concept are permitted (see 410.3.5 and 410.3.6).

NOTE 2 An example of an enhanced protective measure is reinforced insulation.

410.3.3 In each part of an installation one or more protective measures shall be applied, taking account of the conditions of external influence.

The following protective measures generally are permitted:

- automatic disconnection of supply (Clause 411),
- double or reinforced insulation (Clause 412),
- electrical separation for the supply of one item of current-using equipment (Clause 413),
- extra-low-voltage (SELV and PELV) (Clause 414).

The protective measures applied in the installation shall be considered in the selection and erection of equipment.

For particular installations see 410.3.4 to 410.3.9.

NOTE In electrical installations the most commonly used protective measure is automatic disconnection of supply.

410.3.4 For special installations or locations, the particular protective measures in the corresponding Part 7 of HD 60364 or HD 384 shall be applied.

410.3.5 The protective measures, specified in Annex B, i.e. the use of obstacles and placing out of reach, shall only be used in installations accessible to:

- skilled or instructed persons or
- persons under the supervision of skilled or instructed persons.

410.3.6 The protective measures, specified in Annex C, i.e.

- non-conducting location,
 - earth-free local equipotential bonding,
 - electrical separation for the supply of more than one item of current-using equipment,
- may be applied only when the installation is under the supervision of skilled or instructed persons so that unauthorized changes cannot be made.

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410.3.7 If certain conditions of a protective measure cannot be met, supplementary provisions shall be applied so that the protective provisions together achieve the same degree of safety.

NOTE An example of the application of this rule is given in 411.7.

410.3.8 Different protective measures applied to the same installation or part of an installation or within equipment shall have no influence on each other such that failure of one protective measure could impair the other protective measures.

410.3.9 The provision for fault protection (protection against indirect contact) may be omitted for the following equipment:

- metal supports of overhead line insulators which are attached to the building and are placed out of arm's reach;
- steel reinforced concrete poles of overhead lines in which the steel reinforcement is not accessible;
- exposed-conductive-parts which, owing to their reduced dimensions (approximately 50 mm x 50 mm) or their disposition cannot be gripped or come into significant contact with a part of the human body and provided that connection with a protective conductor could only be made with difficulty or would be unreliable.

NOTE This exemption applies, for example, to bolts, rivets, nameplates and cable clips.

- metal tubes or other metal enclosures protecting equipment in accordance with Clause 412.

411 Protective measure: automatic disconnection of supply

411.1 General

Automatic disconnection of supply is a protective measure in which

- basic protection is provided by basic insulation of live parts or by barriers or enclosures, in accordance with Annex A, and
- fault protection is provided by protective equipotential bonding and automatic disconnection in case of a fault in accordance with 411.3 to 411.6.

NOTE 1 Where this protective measure is applied, Class II equipment may also be used.

Where specified, additional protection is provided by a residual current protective device (RCD) with rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA in accordance with 415.1.

NOTE 2 Residual current monitors (RCMs) are not protective devices but they may be used to monitor residual currents in electrical installations. RCMs produce an audible or audible and visual signal when a preselected value of residual current is exceeded

411.2 Requirements for basic protection

All electrical equipment shall comply with one of the provisions for basic protection described in Annex A or, where appropriate, Annex B.

411.3 Requirements for fault protection

411.3.1 Protective earthing and protective equipotential bonding

411.3.1.1 Protective earthing

Exposed-conductive-parts shall be connected to a protective conductor under the specific conditions for each type of system earthing as specified in 411.4 to 411.6.

Simultaneously accessible exposed-conductive-parts shall be connected to the same earthing system individually, in groups or collectively.

Conductors for protective earthing shall comply with HD 60364-5-54.

Each circuit shall have available a protective conductor connected to the relevant earthing terminal.

411.3.1.2 Protective equipotential bonding

In each building, incoming metallic parts which are liable to introduce a dangerous potential difference and do not form part of the electrical installation shall be connected to the main earthing terminal by protective bonding conductors; examples of such metallic parts may include:

- pipes supplying services into the building, for example gas, water, district heating systems;
- structural extraneous-conductive-parts;
- accessible reinforcement of constructional reinforced concrete.

Where such conductive parts originate outside the building, they shall be bonded as close as practicable to their point of entry within the building.

Metallic pipes entering the building having an insulating section installed at their entrance need not be connected to the protective equipotential bonding.

NOTE: Clause 542.4.1 of HD 60364-5-54:2011 lists other connections which are to be made to the main earthing terminal.

411.3.2 Automatic disconnection in case of a fault

411.3.2.1 A protective device shall automatically switch off the supply to the line conductor of a circuit or equipment in the event of a fault of negligible impedance between the line conductor and an exposed-conductive-part or a protective conductor in the circuit or equipment within the disconnection time required in 411.3.2.2, 411.3.2.3 or 411.3.2.4.

The device shall be suitable for isolation of at least the line conductor(s).

NOTE For IT systems, automatic disconnection is not necessarily required on the occurrence of a first fault (see 411.6.1). For the requirements for disconnection in the event of a second fault, occurring on a different live conductor, see 411.6.4 following the rules of this clause.

411.3.2.2 The maximum disconnection times stated in Table 41.1 shall be applied to final circuits with a rated current not exceeding

- 63 A with one or more socket-outlets, and
- 32 A supplying only fixed connected current-using equipment.

Table 41.1 – Maximum disconnection times

System	$50\text{ V} < U_0 \leq 120\text{ V}$ s		$120\text{ V} < U_0 \leq 230\text{ V}$ s		$230\text{ V} < U_0 \leq 400\text{ V}$ s		$U_0 > 400\text{ V}$ s	
	a.c.	d.c.	a.c.	d.c.	a.c.	d.c.	a.c.	d.c.
TN	0,8	a	0,4	1	0,2	0,4	0,1	0,1
TT	0,3	a	0,2	0,4	0,07	0,2	0,04	0,1

Where in TT systems the disconnection is achieved by an overcurrent protective device and the protective equipotential bonding is connected with all extraneous-conductive-parts within the installation, the maximum disconnection times applicable to TN systems may be used.

U_0 is the nominal a.c. or d.c. line to earth voltage.

NOTE Where disconnection is provided by a residual current protective device (RCD) see Note to 411.4.4, Note 4 to 411.5.3 and Note to 411.6.4 b).

^a Disconnection may be required for reasons other than protection against electric shock.

411.3.2.3 In TN systems a disconnection time not exceeding 5 s is permitted for distribution circuits, and for circuits not covered by 411.3.2.2.

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411.3.2.4 In TT systems a disconnection time not exceeding 1 s is permitted for distribution circuits and for circuits not covered by 411.3.2.2.

411.3.2.5 Where it is not feasible for an overcurrent protective device to interrupt the supply in accordance with 411.3.2 or the use of a residual current protective device (RCD) for this purpose is not appropriate, see Annex D.

However, disconnection may be required for reasons other than protection against electric shock.

411.3.2.6 If automatic disconnection according to 411.3.2.1 cannot be achieved in the time required by 411.3.2.2, 411.3.2.3, or 411.3.2.4 as appropriate, supplementary protective equipotential bonding shall be provided in accordance with 415.2.

411.3.3 Further requirements for socket-outlets and for the supply of mobile equipment for use outdoors

Additional protection by means of a residual current protective device (RCD) with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA shall be provided for:

- a.c. socket-outlets with a rated current not exceeding 32A that are liable to be used by ordinary persons and are intended for general use, and
- a.c. mobile equipment for use outdoors with a rated current not exceeding 32A

This subclause does not apply for IT systems in which the fault current, in the event of a first fault, does not exceed 15 mA. (standards.itech.ai)

NOTE Additional protection in d.c. systems is under consideration.

411.3.4 Additional requirements for circuits with luminaires in TN- and TT-systems

In premises designed to accommodate a single household, additional protection by a residual current protective device (RCD) with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA shall be provided for a.c. final circuits supplying luminaires.

411.4 TN system

411.4.1 In TN systems the integrity of the earthing of the installation depends on the reliable and effective connection of the PEN or PE conductors to earth. Where the earthing is provided from a public or other supply system, compliance with the necessary conditions external to the installation is the responsibility of the supply network operator.

NOTE Examples of conditions include:

- the PEN is connected to earth at a number of points and is installed in such a way as to minimize the risk arising from a break in the PEN conductor;
- $R_B/R_E \leq 50/(U_0 - 50)$

where

R_B is the earth electrode resistance, in ohms, of all earth electrodes in parallel;

R_E is the minimum contact resistance with earth, in ohms, of extraneous-conductive-parts not connected to a protective conductor, through which a fault between line and earth may occur;

U_0 is the nominal a.c. r.m.s. voltage to earth, in volts.

411.4.2 The neutral point or the midpoint of the power supply system shall be earthed. If a neutral point or midpoint is not available or not accessible, a line conductor shall be earthed.

Exposed-conductive-parts of the installation shall be connected by a protective conductor to the main earthing terminal of the installation which shall be connected to the earthed point of the power supply system.

If other effective earth connections exist, it is recommended that the protective conductors also be connected to such points wherever possible. Earthing at additional points, distributed as evenly as possible, may be necessary to ensure that the potentials of protective conductors remain, in case of a fault, as near as possible to that of earth.

It is recommended that protective conductors (PE and PEN) should be earthed where they enter any buildings or premises taking account of any diverted neutral currents of multiple earthed PEN conductors. **411.4.3** In fixed installations, a single conductor may serve both as a protective conductor and as a neutral conductor (PEN conductor) provided that the requirements of 543.4 of HD 60364-5-54 are satisfied. No switching or isolating device shall be inserted in the PEN conductor.

411.4.4 The characteristics of the protective devices (see 411.4.5) and the circuit impedances shall fulfil the following requirement:

$$Z_s \times I_a \leq U_0$$

where

Z_s is the impedance in ohms (Ω) of the fault loop comprising

- the source,
- the line conductor up to the point of the fault, and
- the protective conductor between the point of the fault and the source;

I_a is the current in amperes (A) causing the automatic operation of the disconnecting device within the time specified in 411.3.2.2 or 411.3.2.3. When a residual current protective device (RCD) is used this current is the residual operating current providing disconnection in the time specified in 411.3.2.2 or 411.3.2.3.

U_0 is the nominal a.c. or d.c. line to earth voltage in volts (V).

NOTE In TN systems the residual fault currents are significantly higher than $5 I_{\Delta n}$. Therefore, the disconnection times in accordance with Table 41.1 are fulfilled where residual current protective devices (RCDs) according to EN 61008-1, EN 61009-1 or EN 62423, including selective and time delayed types, are installed. Circuit-breakers providing residual current protection (CBR) and MRCDs according to EN 60947-2 can be used, provided the time delay is adjusted to afford compliance with Table 41.1.

411.4.5 In TN systems, the following protective devices may be used for fault protection (protection against indirect contact):

- overcurrent protective devices;
- residual current protective devices (RCDs).

NOTE 1 Where a residual current protective device (RCD) is used for fault protection; the circuit should also be protected by an overcurrent protective device in accordance with HD 60364-4-43.

A residual current protective device (RCD) shall not be used in TN-C systems.

NOTE 2 Where discrimination between residual current protective devices (RCDs) is necessary, see 536.4.1.4 of HD 60364-5-53:2015-11.

411.5 TT system

411.5.1 All exposed-conductive-parts collectively protected by the same protective device shall be connected by the protective conductors to an earth electrode common to all those parts. Where several protective devices are utilized in series, this requirement applies separately to all the exposed-conductive-parts protected by each device.

The neutral point or the mid-point of the power supply system shall be earthed. If a neutral point or mid-point is not available or not accessible, a line conductor shall be earthed.