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IEC 61318	-	Live working - Conformity assessment applicable to tools, devices and equipment	EN 61318	-
IEC 61477	-	Live working - Minimum requirements for the utilization of tools, devices and equipment	EN 61477	-
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- b) introduction of a new informative Annex A on examples of *insulated*, *insulating* and *hybrid hand tools*.

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## INTRODUCTION

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## LIVE WORKING – HAND TOOLS FOR USE UP TO 1 000 V AC AND 1 500 V DC

### 1 Scope

This document is applicable to *insulated, insulating and hybrid hand tools* used for working live or close to live parts at nominal voltages up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC.

The products designed and manufactured according to this document contribute to the safety of the users provided they are used by skilled persons, in accordance with safe methods of work and the instructions for use (where appropriate).

### 2 Normative references

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**IEC 60212, Standard conditions for use prior to and during the testing of solid electrical insulating materials**

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**ISO 9654, Pliers and nippers for electronics – Single-purpose nippers – Cutting nippers**

**ISO 9655, Pliers and nippers for electronics – Single-purpose pliers – Pliers for gripping and manipulating**

**ISO 9656, Pliers and nippers for electronics – Test methods**

**ISO 9657, Pliers and nippers for electronics – General technical requirements**

### 3 Terms and definitions

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### 3.1

#### **hand tool**

*hand held tool*

Note 1 to entry: *Hand tools* may be *insulated hand tools*, *insulating hand tools* or *hybrid hand tools* (see Annex A).

Note 2 to entry: *Hand tools* are normally tools such as screwdrivers, pliers, spanners or knives.

Note 3 to entry: *Hand tools* are designed to provide protection to the worker against electric shock.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-651:2014, 651-21-19, modified – Note 1 to entry has been modified to refer to Annex A.]

#### 3.1.1

##### **hybrid hand tool**

*hand tool* made from insulating material(s) with exposed conductive parts at the *working head*

Note 1 to entry: *Hybrid hand tools* may have some non-exposed conductive parts used for reinforcement.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-651:2014, 651-21-22] **iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW**

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#### 3.1.2

##### **insulated hand tool**

*hand tool* made of conductive material(s), fully or partially covered by insulating material(s)

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[SOURCE: IEC 60050-651:2014, 651-21-20] <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/33af64fd-6d8c-4cad-9109-4d656401431d/sist-en-iec-60900-2018>

#### 3.1.3

##### **insulating hand tool**

*hand tool* made totally or essentially from insulating material(s) except for inserts made from conductive material(s) used for reinforcement, but with no exposed conductive parts

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-651: 2014, 651-21-21,]

### 3.2

#### **working head**

part of the tool head that is limited to the working surface and the contact area

Note 1 to entry: See Figures 5 and 7.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 General requirements

#### 4.1.1 Safety

*Insulated, insulating and hybrid hand tools* shall be manufactured and dimensioned in such a way that they protect the user from electric shock.

NOTE 1 *Insulating hand tools* minimize the risk of short-circuits between two parts at different potentials.

NOTE 2 *Hybrid hand tools* reduce the risk of short-circuits between two parts at different potentials.