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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 3.2.

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

IEC 61058 consists of the following parts:

Part 1: General requirements;

Part 2-1: Particular requirements for cord switches;

Part 2-4: Particular requirements for independently mounted switches;

Part 2-5: Particular requirements for change-over selectors.

In this part, the following print types are used:

– requirements proper: roman type;

– *test specifications: italic type;*

– notes: smaller roman type.

Annexes A, C, D, E, K, L, M, N, P, Q and R form an integral part of this standard.

Annexes B, F, G, H, J, S and T are for information only.

The following differences exist in some countries:

– 7.1.2.9 The locked rotor power factor is 0,4 to 0,5 to reflect application conditions (USA).

– 15.3 The duration of the application of the test voltage is 1 min to assure the detection of defects in the insulation (USA).

– 17.2.4.7 The minimum number of operating cycles is 6 000 (USA).

– 17.2.5 The temperature rise at the terminals shall not exceed 30 °C (USA).

– Table 17 The make current for the inductive circuit is I-I to reflect actual application conditions (USA).

– Table 17 The horsepower ratings are used when controlling a motor rated in horsepower (USA).

– 25 EMC is not considered to be a safety-related matter (USA).

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- reconfirmed,
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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigendum of January 2009 have been included in this copy.

SWITCHES FOR APPLIANCES –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard applies to switches (mechanical or electronic) for appliances actuated by hand, by foot or by other human activity, to operate or control electrical appliances and other equipment for household or similar purposes with a rated voltage not exceeding 480 V and a rated current not exceeding 63 A.

These switches are intended to be operated by a person, via an actuating member or by actuating a sensing unit. The actuating member or sensing unit can be integral with or arranged separately, either physically or electrically, from the switch and may involve transmission of a signal, for example electrical, optical, acoustic or thermal, between the actuating member or sensing unit and the switch.

Switches which incorporate additional control functions governed by the switch function are within the scope of this standard.

This standard also covers the indirect actuation of the switch when the operation of the actuating member or sensing unit is provided by a remote control or a part of an appliance or equipment such as a door.

NOTE 1 Electronic switches may be combined with mechanical switches giving full disconnection or micro-disconnection.

NOTE 2 Electronic switches without a mechanical switch in the supply circuit provide only electronic disconnection. Therefore, the circuit on the load side is always considered to be live.

NOTE 3 For switches used in tropical climates, additional requirements may be necessary.

NOTE 4 Attention is drawn to the fact that the standards for appliances may contain additional or alternative requirements for switches.

NOTE 5 Throughout this standard, the word "appliance" means "appliance or equipment".

NOTE 6 This part of IEC 61058 is applicable when testing incorporated switches. When other types of switches for appliances are tested, this part is applicable together with the relevant Part 2 of IEC 61058.

This part of IEC 61058 may, however, be applied for other types of switches which are not mentioned in a relevant Part 2 of IEC 61058, provided that the electrical safety is not disregarded.

1.2 This standard applies to switches intended to be incorporated in, on or with an appliance.

1.3 This standard also applies to switches incorporating electronic devices.

1.4 This standard also applies to switches for appliances such as

– switches intended to be connected to a flexible cable (cord switches) for which, however, particular requirements are given in IEC 61058-2-1;

  NOTE In this document, the word "cable" means "cable or cord".

– switches integrated in an appliance (integrated switches);

– switches intended to be mounted separately from the appliance (independently mounted switches) other than those within the scope of IEC 60669-1, for which, however, particular requirements are given in IEC 61058-2-4;

– change-over selectors for which, however, particular requirements are given in IEC 61058-2-5.

1.5 This standard does not contain requirements for isolating switches.

1.6 This standard does not apply to devices which control appliances and equipment not actuated intentionally by a person. These are covered by IEC 60730.

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.

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Amendment 1 (1997)
Amendment 2 (1999)

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IEC 60695-2-10:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

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