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## INTRODUCTION

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76 It is the intention of this standard to specify the minimum construction and performance  
77 requirements of the non-contact AC voltage indicator in normal use and in case of reasonably  
78 foreseeable misuse to reduce the risk of hazard during and after the voltage test.

79 The most reasonably foreseeable misuse of the non-contact AC voltage indicator is that the  
80 operator uses it to check the absence of hazardous voltages followed by an unsafe  
81 interpretation of the negative indication with respect to the current situation.

82 The assessment of the absence of hazardous live voltage shall be performed by using of a 2-  
83 pole low-voltage detector in compliance with IEC 61243-3.

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87 **UP TO 1 000 V AC AND 1 500 V DC –**  
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89 **OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES –**

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91 **Part 17: Non-contact AC voltage indicators**  
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95 **1 Scope**

96 This part of IEC 61557 defines minimum performance requirements for non-contact AC  
97 voltage indicators to reduce the risk of electric shock caused by the wrong interpretation of  
98 the indication for the testing person and bystanders.

99 Products designed and manufactured in accordance with this standard are for use by  
100 (electrically) skilled persons only. Non-contact AC voltage indicators are not designed for  
101 testing the absence of the operating voltage.

102 **2 Normative references**

103 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their  
104 content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition  
105 cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including  
106 any amendments) applies.

107 IEC 61010-1:2010, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control,*  
108 *and laboratory use - Part 1: General requirements*  
109 IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016

110 IEC 61010-031:2015, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control,*  
111 *and laboratory use - Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe*  
112 *assemblies for electrical test and measurement*  
113 IEC 61010-031:2015/AMD1:2018

114 IEC 61557-1:2019, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and*  
115 *1 500 V DC - Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures - Part 1:*  
116 *General requirements*

117 **3 Terms and definitions**

118 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61557-1 and the  
119 following apply.

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121 addresses:

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  - 124 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>



125 **3.1**  
126 **non-contact AC voltage indicator**  
127 hand-held and battery powered probe without direct contact with the live part, indicating the  
128 potential between the live part and the human body, which is usually close to the earth  
129 potential

130 **3.2**  
131 **protective fingerguard**  
132 part of the enclosure that indicated the limit of safe access and reduces the risk of the  
133 operator touching hazardous live parts

134 [SOURCE: IEC 61010-031:2015/AMD1:2018]

135 **3.3**  
136 **sensitivity range**  
137 range of voltage where the non-contact AC voltage indicator is triggering

## 138 **4 Requirements**

### 139 **4.1 General**

140 The requirements of IEC 61557-1:2019, Clause 4 and the following requirements apply.

141 **4.2 Influencing quantities – Operating uncertainty (*B*), percentage operating**  
142 **uncertainty (*B* [%])**

143 IEC 61557-1:2019, 4.2 does not apply.

144 **4.3 Rated operating conditions**

145 The following rated operating conditions shall apply:

- 146 a) ambient temperature range from: -10 °C to + 45 °C;
- 147 b) maximum relative humidity 95 % at temperatures up to 31 °C, decreasing linearly to 50 %  
148 relative humidity at 45 °C (IEC 61010-1 modified);
- 149 c) c) distance through air between live conductor and probe tip: ≤ 2 mm;
- 150 d) position within a solid angle of 30° around the vertical axis between probe tip and  
151 conductor;
- 152 e) capacitance greater than or equal to 100 pF between the hand-held part and reference  
153 earth, see Figure 2.

### 154 **4.4 Battery test facility**

155 In addition to IEC 61557-1:2019, 4.4 the following applies.

156 Non-contact AC voltage indicators shall have a self-test implemented. As a minimum, the self-  
157 test function shall confirm correct operation of the batteries and indication.

### 158 **4.5 Safety**

159 The requirements of IEC 61557-1, 4.5 do not apply. The following requirements shall apply  
160 instead.

161 All electrical safety aspects are covered by IEC 61010-031.

162 The hand-held parts of the non-contact AC voltage indicator and the probe tip shall be  
163 separated by a protective fingerguard, see Figure 1.

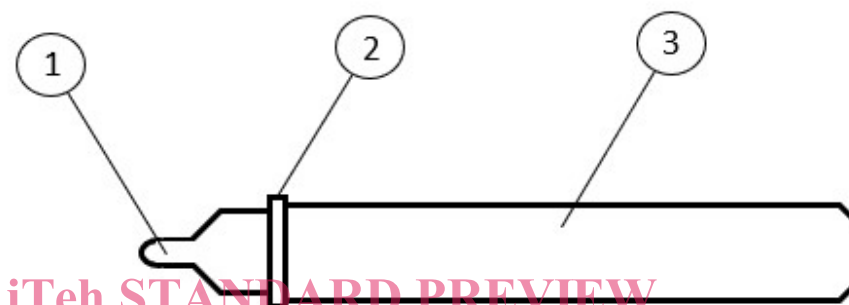
164 The clearance and creepage distance between the probe tip of the indicator and the  
 165 protective fingerguard of the hand-held part shall fulfil the requirements for double or  
 166 reinforced insulation according to IEC 61010-031.

167 Solid insulation between the probe tip and hand-held parts shall also fulfil the requirements  
 168 for double or reinforced insulation according to IEC 61010-031.

169 Non-contact AC voltage indicators shall be designed for measurement category III at a  
 170 minimum and for a minimum rated voltage to earth of 300 V.

171 The design of the protective fingerguard shall fulfil the requirements of IEC 61010-031.

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1 . . . . probe-tip

2 . . . . protective fingerguard

3 . . . . hand-held part

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**Figure 1 – Non-contact AC voltage indicator**

#### 175 **4.6 Electromagnetic compatibility**

176 The requirements of IEC 61557-1:2019, 4.6 apply, except for the reference to 6.5.

#### 177 **4.7 Indication**

178 The presence of voltage on a conductor within the specified sensitivity range of the non-  
 179 contact AC voltage indicator shall be indicated optically. Additional means of indication, for  
 180 example acoustic means or vibration, are permitted.

### 181 **5 Marking and operating instructions**

182 The requirements of IEC 61557-1:2019, Clause 5 do not apply. The following requirements  
 183 shall apply instead.

184 The non-contact AC voltage indicator shall be marked according to IEC 61010-031:2015/  
 185 AMD:2018, Table 1, with symbol 5 and symbol 7, the rated voltage to earth and measurement  
 186 category, the rated frequency and the specified range of sensitivity at a minimum.

187 The operating instructions shall comply with the requirements of IEC 61010-031 and, in  
 188 addition, shall include the following: