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- Revision of the present edition with reference to the published IEC60669-1:2017 Edition 4 with its amendments and references to clauses and tables.
- Introducing the values for isolating switches with ratings from 6A to 13A.
- Introducing a circuit motor load with a rated current not exceeding 10A and a power factor not less than 0.6 in the scope.

- 55 – Introduction of a verification test in 16.102 for the effectiveness of an indication of the  
56 main contact position
- 57 – Modification of Tables 1 and 5

58 The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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

62 This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

63 This part of IEC 60669 shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60669-1:2017. It lists the changes  
64 necessary to convert that standard into a specific standard for isolating switches.

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66 far as reasonable.

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77 • withdrawn;  
78 • replaced by a revised edition, or  
79 • amended.

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# SWITCHES FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

## Part 2-4: Particular requirements – Isolating switches

### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

*Replacement of the first paragraph:*

This part of IEC 60669 applies to manually operated general purpose isolating switches with a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V and a rated current not exceeding 125 A, intended for household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.

*Replacement of the fifth dash of the fourth paragraph:*

- a monophasic circuit for motor load with a rated current up to 10 A and a power factor not less than 0,6;

NOTE Isolating switches are designed for overvoltage category III and used in environment of pollution degree 2 according to IEC 60664-1.

### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 60669-1:2017, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61180:2016, *High-voltage test techniques for low voltage equipment – Definitions, test and procedure requirements, test equipment*

### 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

*Additional definitions:*

#### 3.101 isolating switch

switch designed to provide isolation of the installation or part of the installation and equipment from the supply and to carry and to make and break the current in all line current carrying poles

#### 3.102 rated conditional short-circuit current

$I_{nc}$

value of the AC component of a prospective current assigned by the manufacturer, which a switch without integral short-circuit protection, but protected by a suitable short-circuit protective device (hereinafter referred to as SCPD) in series, can withstand under specified conditions of use and behaviour

122 **3.103**123 **joule integral**124  **$I^2t$** 125 integral of the square of the current over a given time interval ( $t_0$ ,  $t_1$ )

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$$I^2t = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} i^2 dt$$

127 **4 General requirements**

128 This clause of Part 1 applies.

129 **5 General remarks on tests**

130 This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

131 Replace Table 1 with the following

132 **Table 1 – Number of specimens needed for the tests**

Clauses and subclauses		Number of specimens	Number of additional specimens for dual current rating
6	Ratings	A	JKL
7	Classification	A	
8	Marking	A	
9	Checking of dimensions	ABC	
10	Protection against electric shock	ABC	
11	Provision for earthing	ABC	
12	Terminals <sup>a, f, l</sup>	ABC	
13	Constructional requirements <sup>b, m</sup>	ABC	
14	Mechanism	ABC	
15	Resistance to ageing, protection provided by enclosures of switches, and resistance to humidity	ABC	
16	Insulation resistance and electric strength <sup>c</sup>	ABC	
17	Temperature rise	ABC	
18	Making and breaking capacity	ABC <sup>i</sup>	
19	Normal operation	ABC <sup>i</sup>	
20	Mechanical strength <sup>d, g</sup>	ABC	JKL
21	Resistance to heat <sup>h</sup>	ABC	
22	Screws, current-carrying parts and connections	ABC	
23	Creepage distances, clearances and distances through sealing compound	ABC	
16.101	Impulse test <sup>l</sup>	XYZ	
18.101	Short circuit withstand capability <sup>m</sup>	XYZ + PQR	
19.2	Test for switches intended for externally ballasted lamp loads	DEF	MNO
19.3	Test for switches intended for self ballasted lamp loads	UVW	XYZ
24.1	Resistance to abnormal heat and to fire	GHI	
24.2	Resistance to tracking <sup>e</sup>	GHI	
25	Resistance to rusting	GHI	
TOTAL		18	9

Clauses and subclauses	Number of specimens	Number of additional specimens for dual current rating
<p>a Five extra screwless terminals are used for the test of 12.3.11 and one extra set of specimens is used for the test of 12.3.12.</p> <p>b An extra set of membranes are needed for each of the tests of 13.15.1 and 13.15.2.</p> <p>c One extra set of specimens of switches fitted with pilot light may be used for the tests of Clause 16.</p> <p>d One extra set of specimens of cord-operated isolating switches is needed for the test of 20.10.</p> <p>e One extra set of specimens may be used.</p> <p>f Two extra set of specimens of terminals suitable for rigid and flexible conductors are required for 12.2.5, 12.2.6 and 12.2.7.</p> <p>g One extra set of specimens is needed for the tests of 20.5.1 and 20.5.2.</p> <p>h One extra set of specimens may be used for the tests of 21.2 and 21.3. In this case the specimens shall be subjected first to the tests of 15.1.</p> <p>i Number of specimens required for insulation-piercing terminals (IPTs) are shown in Table D.1</p> <p>j For switches with pilot light units if the electronic circuitry is so enclosed that the short-circuiting or disconnecting of components is impossible or difficult, the manufacturer shall provide additional prepared test specimens.</p> <p>k For isolating switches of pattern number 2 one extra set of specimens is used.</p> <p>l Test to be carried out only if the clearance of item 6 of Clause 23 is lower than 4 mm.</p> <p>m For the test of 18.101 six additional specimens are used.</p>		

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134 **6 Ratings**

135 This clause of Part 1 applies (except as follows).

136 **6.2 Modification:**137 *In the first paragraph, add the values "80 A, 100 A and 125 A."*138 **6.3 Preferred combinations of number of poles and ratings**

139 *Replacement in Table 3, first column, last line, of the values "16, 20, 25, 32, 40, and 63" by*  
 140 *"equal to or greater than 16".*

141 *Additional subclause:*142 **6.101 Standard and preferred values of the rated conditional short-circuit current ( $I_{nc}$ )**

143 NOTE The associated power-factors are specified in Table 103.

144 **6.101.1 Values up to and including 10 000 A**145 The standard values of the rated conditional short-circuit current ( $I_{nc}$ ) are:

146 1 500 A, 3 000 A, 4 500 A, 6 000 A and 10 000 A.

147 **6.101.2 Values above 10 000 A**

148 The preferred values are:

149 15 000 A, 20 000 A and 25 000 A.

150 Values above 25 000 A are not considered by this standard.



## 7 Classification

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

### 7.1. Addition:

Isolating switches shall be only of pattern numbers 1, 2, 3 or 03.

7.2 This subclause of Part 1 is not applicable.

### 7.6 Addition:

– rail-type

## 8 Marking

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

### 8.1 General

Modify as follows:

f), g) and h) are not applicable

Addition:

n) symbols for open position (OFF) and closed position (ON),

o) symbol for isolating function,

p) rated conditional short-circuit current ( $I_{nc}$ ).

The manufacturer shall provide reference(s) of one or more short circuit protection devices (SCPDs) in his catalogue and/or in the instructions which are provided with the isolating switch.

### 8.2 Symbols

Modify as follows:

Symbols for mini-gap construction, micro-gap constructions and without contact gap are not applicable

Addition:

– isolating function ..... 

– rated conditional short-circuit current .....  $I_{nc}$

### 8.3 Visibility of markings

Addition

Isolating switches shall be marked with the symbols for isolating function and for the closed and open position. These markings shall be visible from the front after installation, even after removal of the front cover of the enclosure when the isolating switch is mounted and wired as in normal use. The isolating symbol may be included in a wiring diagram even combined with symbols of other functions, provided that it is visible from the front under the conditions specified.

184 The marking for the rated conditional short-circuit current ( $I_{nc}$ ) shall be on the isolating switch  
185 or in the manufacturer's documentation.

## 186 **8.6 Marking of the switch position**

187 *Replacement of the first sentence of the first paragraph*

188 Isolating switches shall be so marked that the actual contact position is clearly indicated.

189 *Deletion of Note 1 and Note 2.*

## 190 **9 Checking of dimensions**

191 This clause of Part 1 applies.

## 192 **10 Protection against electric shock**

193 This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

### 194 **10.3.1** *Replacement of the first two lines:*

195 Accessible parts of isolating switches shall be made of insulating material, with the exception  
196 of the following:

## 197 **11 Provision for earthing**

198 This clause of Part 1 applies.

## 199 **12 Terminals**

200 This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

### 201 **12.2.1** *Addition to Table 4:*

202 **Table 4 – Relationship between rated currents and connectable cross-sectional areas**  
203 **of copper conductors**

Ranges of rated currents A	Rigid conductors (solid or stranded) <sup>a</sup>	
	Nominal cross-sectional areas mm <sup>2</sup>	Diameter of largest conductor mm
Above 50 up to and including 80	From 10 up to 25 inclusive	6,85
Above 80 up to and including 100	From 16 up to 35 inclusive	7,90
Above 100 up to and including 125	From 25 up to 50 inclusive	9,10

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## 12.2.5 Replacement of Table 5:

**Table 5– Tightening torque for verification of the mechanical strength of screw-type terminals**

Nominal diameter of thread mm	Torque Nm				
	1	2	3	4	5
Up to and including 2,8	0,2	–	0,4	0,4	–
Above 2,8 up to and including 3,0	0,25	–	0,5	0,5	–
Above 3,0 up to and including 3,2	0,3	–	0,6	0,6	–
Above 3,2 up to and including 3,6	0,4	–	0,8	0,8	–
Above 3,6 up to and including 4,1	0,7	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2
Above 4,1 up to and including 4,7	0,8	1,2	1,8	1,8	1,8
Above 4,7 up to and including 5,3	0,8	1,4	2,0	2,0	2,0
Above 5,3 up to and including 6,0	1,2	1,8	2,5	3,0	3,0
Above 6,0 up to and including 8,0	2,5	2,5	3,5	6,0	4,0
Above 8,0 up to and including 10,0	–	3,5	4,0	10,0	6,0
Above 10,0 up to and including 12,0	–	4,0	–	–	8,0
Above 12,0 up to and including 15,0	–	5,0	–	–	10,0

NOTE 1 Column 1 applies to screws without heads if the screw when tightened does not protrude from the hole, and to other screws which cannot be tightened by means of a screwdriver with a blade wider than the diameter of the screw.

Column 2 applies to nuts of mantle terminals which are tightened by means of a screwdriver.

Column 3 applies to other screws which are tightened by means of a screwdriver.

Column 4 applies to nuts of mantle terminals in which the nut is tightened by means other than a screwdriver.

Column 5 applies to screws or nuts, other than nuts of mantle terminals, which are tightened by means other than a screwdriver.

Where a screw has a hexagonal head with a slot for tightening with a screwdriver and the values of columns 3 and 5 are different, the test is made twice, first applying to the hexagonal head the torque specified in column 5 and then applying the torque specified in column 3 by means of a screwdriver. If the values of columns 3 and 5 are the same, only the test with the screwdriver is made.

NOTE 2 For mantle terminals the specified nominal diameter is that of the slotted stud.

NOTE 3 The shape of the blade of the test screwdriver should suit the head of the screw to be tested.

NOTE 4 The screws and nuts should not be tightened in jerks.

## 12.2.5 Addition to Table 6:

**Table 6 – Test values for flexion and pull-out for copper conductors**

Conductor cross-sectional area <sup>a</sup> mm <sup>2</sup>	Diameter of bushing hole <sup>b</sup> mm	Height $H$ <sup>c</sup> mm	Mass for conductor kg
35	14,5	320	6,8
50	16	340	9,5

**12.2.6 Addition to Table 7:****Table 7 – Test values for pulling out test**

Cross-sectional area of conductors connected to the terminal mm <sup>2</sup>	35	50
Pull N	190	235

**13 Constructional requirements**

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

**13.12 Addition to Table 13:****Table 13 – External cable diameter limits for surface type switches**

Rated current A	Cross-sectional areas mm <sup>2</sup>	Number of conductors	Limits of external diameter of cables	
			Minimum mm	Maximum mm
80 100	16 up to and including 35	2	15,5	—
		3		37,1
		4		41,1
		5		—
125	25 up to and including 50	2	18,5	—
		3		42,9
		4		47,5
		5		—

**13.101 Indication of the contact position**

Isolating switches when in the open position shall provide an isolation distance in accordance with the requirements necessary to satisfy the isolating function.

Indication of the contact position shall be provided by the position of the actuating member and/or by suitable means.

NOTE A pilot light alone is not considered as suitable means.

The actuating member shall be connected to the moving contacts in a reliable way. The actuating member shall not indicate the open position unless all the moving contacts are in the open position.

Isolating switches shall be so designed that the actuating member can only be fitted in a manner which ensures correct contact position and correct locking if the isolating switch is provided with means for locking. When means are provided or specified by the manufacturer to lock the isolating switch in the open position, locking in that position shall only be possible when the contacts are in the open position.