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**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS FOR  
LIGHTING AND BEACONING OF AERODROMES –  
SAFETY SECONDARY CIRCUITS IN SERIES CIRCUITS –**

**GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

**FOREWORD**

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## INTRODUCTION

100 With a few exceptions, aeronautical ground lighting is designed for series circuit technology operating  
101 with a constant current and a maximum input voltage of 5 000 V AC rms, including tolerances. The  
102 input voltage to the series circuit is constantly adjusted by the constant current regulator to maintain  
103 the series circuit current irrespective of the variations in the load. The properties and characteristics of  
104 the constant current regulators are provided in IEC 61822. Due to the structure of the series circuit,  
105 i.e., a series connection of all loads, the usual protective devices for personnel protection of an IT, TT  
106 or TN network cannot be applied.

107 Aeronautical ground lighting is defined as any light provided as an aid to air navigation and as such is  
108 subject to specific requirements with respect to its resilience, availability, and serviceability levels.  
109 Therefore, insulation faults in the series circuit are often tolerated, and do not lead to the automatic  
110 disconnection of the electrical supply to the series circuit.

111 In view of the above IEC 61821 states that no work of any kind is normally permitted on live series  
112 circuits without first conducting a suitable and sufficient Risk Assessment and using appropriate  
113 protective equipment according to IEC 61821.

114 The electrical characteristics of the constant current series circuits are often confused with those of IT,  
115 TT or TN networks, i.e., constant input voltage, equipment connected in parallel, and a load-  
116 dependent current. In practice, it is not always easy to assign rated voltages correctly to individual  
117 components of the series circuit or to determine possible touch voltages. In a constant current series  
118 circuit, the rated voltage of the equipment in the series circuit and the maximum touch voltage  
119 frequently exceed the normal mains input voltage.

120 In a series circuit installation, the series circuit input voltage is divided in proportion to the internal  
121 resistances of the various loads. The rated voltage, i.e., the voltage between the input lines of the  
122 equipment, is defined by the series circuit current that flows through the equipment and its input  
123 impedance. Since input impedance depends on the equipment design and the series circuit current is  
124 constant, the input voltage remains the same for each item of equipment. As a result of the provision  
125 of current control in the series circuit the series circuit input voltage is load-dependent and  
126 corresponds to the sum of all partial voltages in the series circuit.

127 This is different to determining the maximum possible touch voltage to earth in a series circuit. Since  
128 one or more earth faults of varying resistance to earth maybe present, the touch voltage to earth may  
129 assume any value up to the maximum series circuit input voltage depending on the location of the  
130 earth fault and the equipment installed in the series circuit. Therefore, when determining the dielectric  
131 strength against earth potential it is usual to take the maximum series circuit input voltage. Such  
132 peculiarities of the series circuit have been considered in the requirements for lamp systems in this  
133 standard.

134 Since there are only a few effective safety features available for personnel protection in series circuit  
135 technology the protective measure "Safety extra low voltage (SELV)" and "Protective extra low voltage  
136 (PELV)" is applied in this standard for the supply of lamp systems. This measure is common practice  
137 and can resort to the application of well-known and accepted methodology. The introduction of  
138 SELV/PELV in this type of application has been made possible by the introduction of new illuminant  
139 technology that has lower power requirements and hence requires a lower voltage supply.

140 NOTE This standard is based on SELV specification according to IEC 60364-4-41 and IEC 61558-1.

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150 **ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS FOR**  
151 **LIGHTING AND BEACONING OF AERODROMES –**  
152 **ELV SAFETY SECONDARY CIRCUITS IN SERIES CIRCUITS –**  
153 **GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**  
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157 **1 Scope**

158 This International Standard specifies protective provisions for the operation of lamp systems powered  
159 by series circuits in aeronautical ground lighting.

160 The protective provisions described here refer only to secondary supply systems for loads that are  
161 electrically separated from the series circuit.

162 This standard specifies the level of SELV, and alternatively PELV, under consideration of additional  
163 personnel protection during work on live secondary circuits by electrically skilled persons. This  
164 standard also covers the special operational features of aeronautical ground lighting and addresses  
165 the level of training and the requirements for maintenance procedures detailed in IEC 61821 and other  
166 national or regional regulation.

167 The requirements and tests are intended to set a specification framework for system designers,  
168 system installers, users, and maintenance personnel to ensure a safe and economic use of electrical  
169 systems in installations for the beaconing of aerodromes.

170 This standard complements existing IEC Aeronautical-Ground- Lighting (AGL) standards and can be  
171 used as a design specification.

172 **2 Normative references**

173 The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are  
174 indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated  
175 references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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179 *<http://www.graphicalsymbols.info/equipment>)*

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188 *of aeronautical ground lighting constant current series circuits*

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 207 *aspects*

208 IEC 63067 (2020-06) *Electrical installations for lighting and beaconing of aerodromes - Connecting*  
 209 *devices – General requirements and tests*

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 211 *characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

212 CISPR 22 (2008-09), *Information technology equipment – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits*  
 213 *and methods of measurement*

## 214 **3 Terms and definitions**

215 For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 216 **3.1**

#### 217 **assembly**

218 self-contained, closed functional unit forming a light system together with other assemblies

### 219 **3.2**

#### 220 **basic insulation**

221 insulation of hazardous live parts providing basic protection

222 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-581:2008, 581-21-24]

223 Note 1 to entry: This concept does not apply insulation used exclusively for functional purposes.

### 224 **3.3**

#### 225 **electrically skilled person**

226 person with relevant education and experience to enable that person to perceive risks and to avoid  
 227 hazards which electricity can create

228 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-01]

### 229 **3.4**

#### 230 **extra-low voltage**

231 **ELV**

232 voltage not exceeding the relevant voltage limit specified in 4.7.3

233 **3.5**

234 **safety extra-low voltage**

235 **SELV**

236 voltage values of which does not exceed values in 4.7.3, between conductors, or between any  
237 conductor and reference earth, in an electric circuit which has galvanic separation from the supplying  
238 electric power system by such means as a separate-winding transformer

239 **3.6**

240 **SELV system**

241 electrical system in which the voltage cannot exceed the value of extra-low voltage:

242 – under normal conditions, and

243 – under single-fault conditions, including earth faults in other electric circuits

244 Note 1 to entry: SELV is the abbreviation for safety extra low voltage.

245 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-826:2004, 826-12-31]

246 **3.7**

247 **PELV system**

248 Electric system in which the voltage cannot exceed the value of extra low voltage

249 - under normal conditions and

250 - under single fault conditions, including earth faults in other electric circuits

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252 Note 1 to entry: PELV is the abbreviation for protective extra low voltage

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254 **3.8**

255 **SELV/PELV power supply**

256 single physical unit or an assembly of physical units performing as the power supply according to  
257 SELV/PELV definitions

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258 **3.9**

259 **protective separation**

260 **separation of one electric circuit from another by means of:**

261 – double insulation or

262 – basic insulation and electrically protective screening or

263 – reinforced insulation

264 **3.10**

265 **power supply unit**

266 all components for the supply and transfer of energy used to operate a lighting unit in a series circuit

267 **3.11**

268 **electric shock**

269 physiological effect resulting from an electric current passing through a human or animal body

270 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-01-04]

271 **3.12**

272 **hazardous live part**

273 live part which, under certain conditions, can give a harmful electric shock

274 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-06-05]

275 **3.13**

276 **touch voltage**

277 voltage between conductive parts when touched simultaneously by a person or an animal

278 Note 1 to entry: The value of the effective touch voltage may be appreciably influenced by the impedance of the person or the  
279 animal in electric contact with these conductive parts.

280 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-05-11, modified by suppression of “effective touch voltage”]

### 281 3.14

#### 282 **single fault condition**

283 condition in which there is a fault of a single protection (but not a reinforced protection) or of a single  
284 component or a device

285 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-903:2013, 903-01-15]

### 286 3.15

287 **light fixture** (US)

288 **light fitting** (UK)

289 **luminaire**

290 electrical device used to create artificial light by use of an electric lamp/LED/light source above ground  
291 or within the pavement

292 Note 1 to entry: The luminaire is an apparatus which distributes, filters or transforms the light transmitted from one or more  
293 lamps and which includes all the parts necessary for supporting, aiming, fixing and protecting the lamps, but not the lamps  
294 themselves and, where necessary, circuit auxiliaries together with the means for connecting them to supply.

### 295 3.16

296 **limiter**

297 device which limits the safety transformer output voltage to a defined maximum value

298 Note 1 to entry: The probability of electric shock increases with voltage level, surface area of the accessible conductive part or  
299 circuit in contact with the skin and the humidity condition of skin.

### 300 3.17

301 **Safety transformer**

302 Isolating transformer with protective separation between the input winding(s) and output winding(s)

303 [SOURCE: IEC 61558-1]

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### 305 3.18

306 **dry condition**

307 skin condition of a surface area of contact with regards to humidity of a living person being at rest  
308 under normal indoor condition

### 309 3.19 – Abbreviations

310 AGL = Aeronautical Ground Lighting

311 IP = code to define the degree of protection of an enclosure

312 ELV = Extra Low Voltage

313 EMC = Electromagnetic Compatibility

314 CISPR = International Special Committee on Radio Interference

315 AC = Alternating Current

316 DC = Direct Current

317 CCR = Constant Current Regulator

318 DUT = Device Under Test

319 ISO = International Standard Organization

320 IEC = International Electrotechnical Commission

321 ILCMS = Integrated Lamp Control and Monitoring System

## 322 **4 Requirements for the SELV/PELV supply**

### 323 **4.1 General**

324 Light fittings/light fixtures/luminaires for use in aeronautical ground lighting shall be designed for use in  
325 a series circuit. The maximum power ratings of the series circuit supply are given by the constant  
326 current regulators according to IEC 61822. If the light systems are designed for other current ranges,  
327 such information shall be provided by the manufacturer.

328 The series circuit shall be designed for a nominal system voltage of:

329 **Class V2: nominal system voltage up to and including 1000 V AC** according to IEC 61820-1-1;  
330 subclause 6.3 and IEC61820-1-2; subclause 6.3.2

331 The design of the safety secondary circuit shall support safe working conditions for electrically skilled  
332 persons.

333 The maintenance practices shall follow IEC 61821 and applicable national or regional regulations.  
334 When considering live work on the secondary circuit the risk assessment should consider the nature of  
335 the work (fault finding, testing, and repair), the nature of the hazards present, and the provision of  
336 SELV/PELV designs.

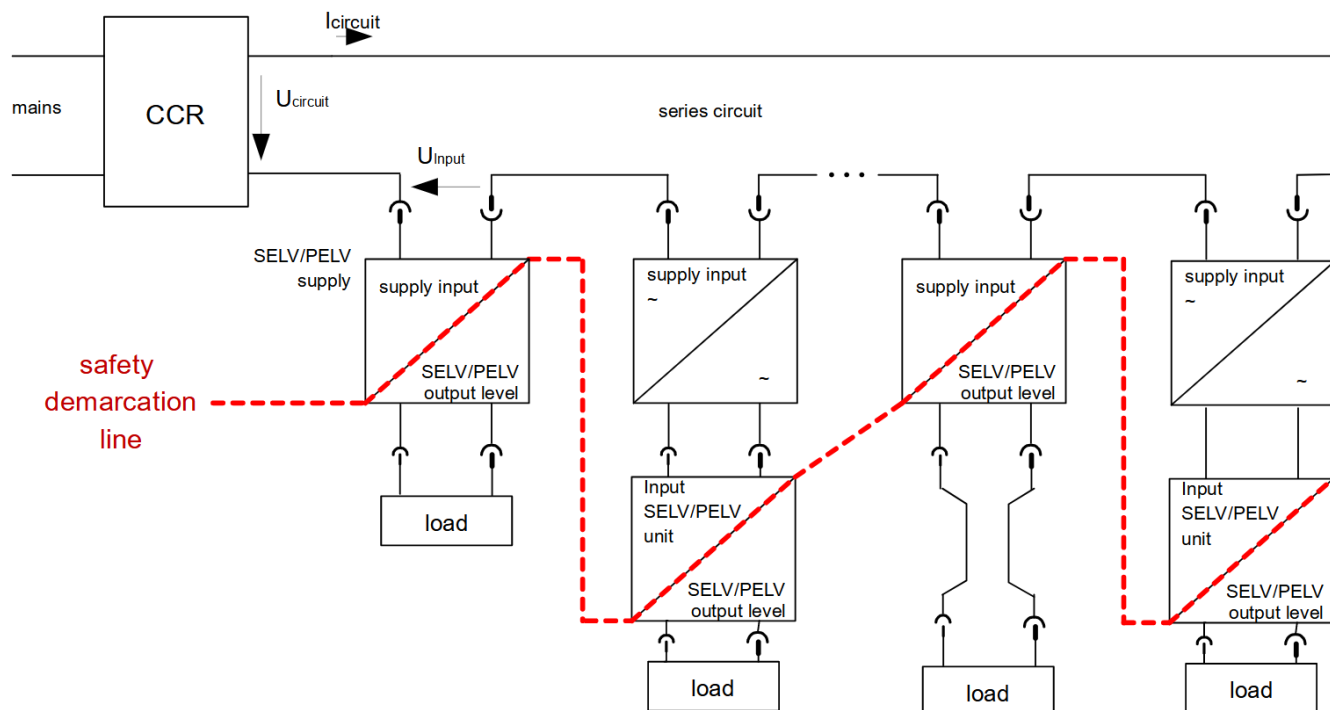
337 The recommendation is to implement a PELV design because it is considered the more practical  
338 solution over complete lifetime of the installation but with the same safety level as a SELV design. If  
339 this requirement cannot be fulfilled, then it shall be considered that you need to enforce maintenance  
340 effort to achieve a suitable insulation level to implement the SELV design.

341 NOTE 1: The present standard does not consider any specific requirements regarding to the lightning over voltages. The  
342 SELV/PELV voltage is no more guaranteed in case of lightning that can happen on or at proximity of any of the component of  
343 the system.

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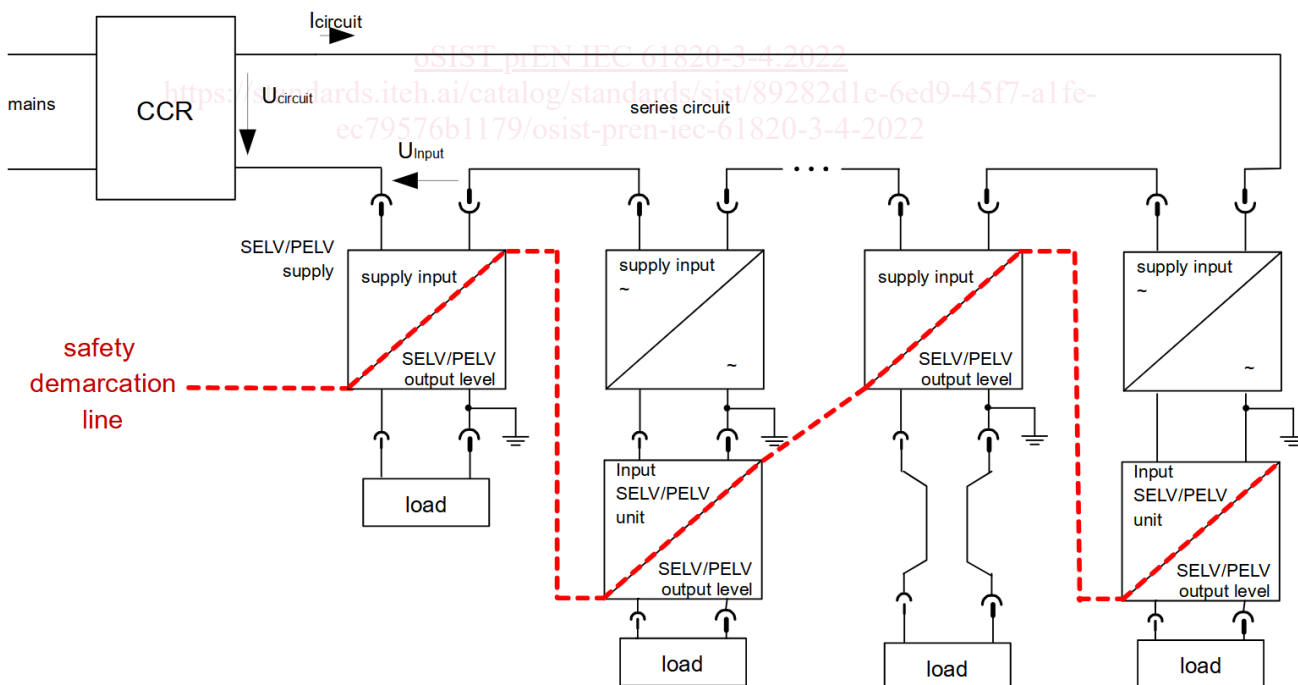
345 **4.2 SELV/PELV-safety demarcation line in an AGL series circuit**

346 Figure 1 and Figure 2 below show the extent of the safety secondary system. The safety secondary  
 347 system (limit defined in 4.7.3) is all circuitry below the dashed red safety demarcation line.



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 349 **Figure 1 – Safety demarcation line in a safety extra low voltage system (SELV system)**

350  $U_{input}$  shall not exceed 1kV AC rms



351  
 352 **Figure 2 – Safety demarcation line in a protective extra low voltage system (PELV system)**

353  $U_{input}$  shall not exceed 1kV AC rms

354 NOTE 1 The given earthing in this figure is an example. The earthing connection can be performed anywhere in the secondary  
 355 circuit.