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NOTE: When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60050(441)	1984	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses	-	-
IEC 60083	1975	Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use - Standards	-	-
A1	1979		-	-
IEC 60112	1979	Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions	HD 214 S2	1980
IEC 60227 (mod) series		Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V	HD 21	series
IEC 60228 (mod)	1978	Conductors of insulated cables	HD 383 S2 ¹⁾	1986
IEC 60245-4 (mod)	1994	Rubber insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V Part 4: Cords and flexible cables	HD 22.4 S3	1995
IEC 60269-1	1986	Low-voltage fuses Part 1: General requirements	EN 60269-1	1989
IEC 60269-2	1986	Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application)	EN 60269-2	1995
IEC 60320 (mod)	series	Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes Part 1: General requirements	EN 60320	series
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529 + corr. May	1991 1993

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IEC 60947-3 (mod)	1990	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units	EN 60947-3 ²⁾ + corr. June 1997	1992 1997

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**PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS AND COUPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES –
Part 1: General requirements**

FOREWORD

- 1) The IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of the IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, the IEC publishes International Standards. Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. The IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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

Annexe A forms an integral part of this standard.

INTRODUCTION

This standard is divided into several parts:

Part 1: General requirements, comprising clauses of a general character.

Subsequent parts: Particular requirements dealing with particular types. The clauses of these particular requirements supplement or modify the corresponding clauses in Part 1. Where the text of subsequent parts indicates an "addition" to or a "replacement" of the relevant requirement, test specification or explanation of Part 1, these changes are made to the relevant text of Part 1, which then becomes part of the standard. Where no change is necessary, the words "This clause of Part 1 is applicable" are used.

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PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS AND COUPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES – Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers, with a rated operating voltage not exceeding 690 V d.c. or a.c. and 500 Hz a.c. and a rated current not exceeding 250 A, primarily intended for industrial use, either indoors or outdoors.

The list of preferred ratings is not intended to exclude other ratings, requirements for which are under consideration.

This standard applies to plugs and socket-outlets, cable couplers and appliance couplers, hereinafter referred to as accessories, for use when the ambient temperature is normally within the range of -25 °C to $+40\text{ °C}$. These accessories are intended to be connected to cables of copper or copper alloy only.

The use of these accessories on building sites and for agricultural, commercial and domestic applications is not precluded.

Socket-outlets or appliance inlets incorporated in or fixed to electrical equipment are within the scope of this standard. This standard also applies to accessories intended to be used in extra-low voltage installations.

This standard does not apply to accessories primarily intended for domestic and similar general purposes.

In locations where special conditions prevail, for example on board ship or where explosions are liable to occur, additional requirements may be necessary.

2 Definitions

Where the terms voltage and current are used, they imply the d.c. or the a.c. r.m.s. values.

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60309, the following definitions apply.

The application of accessories is shown in figure 1.

2.1 plug and socket-outlet: A means enabling the connection at will of a flexible cable to fixed wiring. It consists of two parts:

2.1.1 socket-outlet: The part intended to be installed with the fixed wiring or incorporated in equipment.

A socket-outlet may also be incorporated in the output circuit of an isolating transformer.

2.1.2 plug: The part integral with or intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the equipment or to a connector.

2.2 cable coupler: A means enabling the connection at will of two flexible cables. It consists of two parts:

2.2.1 connector: The part integral with or intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the supply.

NOTE – In general, a connector has the same contact arrangement as a socket-outlet.

2.2.2 plug: The part integral with or intended to be attached to one flexible cable connected to the equipment or to a connector.

NOTE – The plug of a cable coupler is identical to the plug of a "plug and socket-outlet".

2.3 appliance coupler: A means enabling the connection at will of a flexible cable to the equipment. It consists of two parts:

2.3.1 connector: The part integral with, or intended to be attached to, one flexible cable connected to the supply.

NOTE – In general, the connector of an appliance coupler is identical to the connector of a cable coupler.

2.3.2 appliance inlet: The part incorporated in, or fixed to, the equipment or intended to be fixed to it.

NOTE – In general, an appliance inlet has the same contact arrangement as a plug.

2.4 rewirable plug or connector: An accessory so constructed that the flexible cable can be replaced.

2.5 non-rewirable plug or connector: An accessory so constructed that the flexible cable cannot be separated from the accessory without making it permanently useless.

2.6 mechanical switching device: A switching device designed to close and open one or more electric circuits by means of separable contacts.

2.7 switched socket-outlet: A socket-outlet with an associated switching device to disconnect the supply from the socket-outlet contacts.

2.8 integral switching device: A mechanical switching device constructed as a part of an accessory covered by this standard.

2.9 interlock: A device, either electrical or mechanical, which prevents the contacts of a plug from becoming live before it is in proper engagement with a socket-outlet or connector, and which either prevents the plug from being withdrawn while its contacts are live or makes the contacts dead before separation.

2.10 retaining device: A mechanical arrangement which holds a plug or connector in position when it is in proper engagement, and prevents its unintentional withdrawal.

2.11 rated current: The current assigned to the accessory by the manufacturer.

2.12 insulation voltage: The voltage assigned to the accessory by the manufacturer and to which dielectric tests, clearances and creepage distances are referred.

2.13 rated operating voltage: The nominal voltage of the supply for which the accessory is intended to be used.

2.14 **basic insulation:** The insulation necessary for the proper functioning of the accessory and for basic protection against electric shock.

2.15 **supplementary insulation (protective insulation):** An independent insulation provided in addition to the basic insulation, in order to ensure protection against electric shock in the event of a failure of the basic insulation.

2.16 **double insulation:** Insulation comprising both basic insulation and supplementary insulation.

2.17 **reinforced insulation:** An improved basic insulation with such mechanical and electrical qualities that it provides the same degree of protection against electric shock as double insulation.

2.18 **terminal:** A conductive part provided for the connection of a conductor to an accessory.

2.18.1 **pillar terminal:** A terminal in which the conductor is inserted into a hole or cavity, where it is clamped under the shank of the screw or screws. The clamping pressure may be applied directly by the shank of the screw or through an intermediate clamping member to which pressure is applied by the shank of the screw (see figure 14a).

2.18.2 **screw terminal:** A terminal in which the conductor is clamped under the head of the screw. The clamping pressure may be applied directly by the head of the screw or through an intermediate part, such as a washer, clamping plate or anti-spread device (see figures 14b and 14c).

2.18.3 **stud terminal:** A terminal in which the conductor is clamped under a nut. The clamping pressure may be applied directly by a suitably shaped nut or through an intermediate part, such as a washer, clamping plate or anti-spread device (see figure 14d).

2.18.4 **saddle terminal:** A terminal in which the conductor is clamped under a saddle by means of two or more screws or nuts (see figure 14e).

2.18.5 **lug terminal:** A screw terminal or a stud terminal, designed for clamping a cable lug or bar by means of a screw or nut (see figure 14f).

2.18.6 **mantle terminal:** A terminal in which the conductor is clamped against the base of a slot in a threaded stud by means of a nut. The conductor is clamped against the base of the slot by a suitably shaped washer under the nut, by a central peg if the nut is a cap nut, or by equally effective means for transmitting the pressure from the nut to the conductor within the slot (see figure 14g).

2.19 **clamping unit:** The part of a terminal necessary for the clamping and the electrical connection of the conductor.

2.20 **conditional short-circuit current:** The prospective current that an accessory, protected by a specified short-circuit protective device, can satisfactorily withstand for the total operating time of that device under specified conditions of use and behaviour.

NOTE – This definition differs from IEC 441-17-20 by broadening the concept of current-limiting device into a short-circuit protective device, the function of which is not only to limit the current.

2.21 **cap**: A part separated or attached, which may be used to provide the degree of protection of a plug or appliance inlet when it is not engaged with a socket-outlet or connector.

2.22 **lid**: A means to ensure the degree of protection on a socket-outlet or a connector.

3 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60309. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreement based on this part of IEC 60309 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60050(441): 1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*.

IEC 60083: 1975, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use – Standards Amendment 1 (1979)*

IEC 60112: 1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions*

IEC 60227: Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V

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IEC 60228: 1978, *Conductors of insulated cables*

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IEC 60245-4: 1994, *Rubber insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Cords and flexible cables*

IEC 60269-1: 1986, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60269-2: 1986, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application) – Sections I to III*

IEC 60320: *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

IEC 60529: 1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)*

IEC 60664-1: 1992, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-1: 1994, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2: Test methods*

IEC 60947-3: 1990, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

4 General

4.1 General requirements

Accessories shall be so designed and constructed that in normal use their performance is reliable and without danger to the user or surroundings.

Unless otherwise stated, the normal use environment in which the devices complying with this standard are normally used is pollution degree 3 according to IEC 60664-1.

If other pollution degrees are needed, creepage and clearance distances have to be in accordance with IEC 60664-1. The comparative tracking index (CTI) value shall be evaluated in accordance with IEC 60112.

In general, compliance is checked by carrying out all the tests specified.

4.2 General notes on tests

4.2.1 Tests according to this standard are type tests. If a part of an accessory has previously passed tests for a given degree of severity, the relevant type tests shall not be repeated if the severity is not greater.

4.2.2 Unless otherwise specified, the samples are tested as delivered and under normal conditions of use, at an ambient temperature of (20 ± 5) °C; the tests are made at rated frequency.

4.2.3 Unless otherwise specified, the tests are carried out in the order of the clauses of this standard.

4.2.4 Three samples are subjected to all the tests, except if necessary for the test of clause 29 where one new additional sample is tested. If, however, the tests of clauses 20, 21 and 22 have to be made with both d.c. and a.c., the test with a.c. is made on three additional samples.

4.2.5 Accessories are deemed to comply with this standard if no sample fails in the complete series of appropriate tests. If one sample fails in a test, that test and those preceding which may have influenced the test result are repeated on another set of three samples, all of which shall then pass the repeated tests.

NOTE – In general, it will only be necessary to repeat the test which caused the failure, unless the sample fails in one of the tests of clauses 21 and 22, in which case the tests are repeated from that of clause 20 onwards.

The applicant may submit, together with the first set of samples, the additional set which may be wanted should one sample fail. The testing station will then, without further request, test the additional samples and will reject only if a further failure occurs. If the additional set of samples is not submitted at the same time, the failure of one sample will entail a rejection.

4.2.6 When the tests are carried out with conductors, they shall be copper and comply with IEC 60227, IEC 60228 [clause 2, solid (class 1), stranded (class 2), flexible (class 5)], and IEC 60245-4 as accessories according to this standard are intended to be connected to cables with copper or copper-alloy conductors only.