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**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –
SAFETY –****Part 2-11: Particular requirements for tumble dryers**

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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It bears the edition number 6.1.

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

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fourth edition (2001) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Safety requirements for electric tumble dryers.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and associated noun are also in bold.

The committee has decided that the contents of the base publication and its amendments will remain unchanged until 2005. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 3.1.9: The textile material has different dimensions (USA)
- 6.2: Tumble dryers are not required to be IPX4 (USA).
- 7.1: An instruction concerning cleaning the lint trap is to be marked on the dryer in letters not less than 8 mm high and is to be conspicuous when the dryer door is open (Australia, New Zealand).
- 7.12: Actual articles of clothing can be specified instead and warnings are required to be marked on the appliance regarding the use of chemicals for cleaning (USA).
- 11.2: The test condition is different (USA)
- 11.7: This test is continued until steady conditions are established and different criteria are used to determine when steady conditions are reached (USA).
- 19.4: The test is different (USA).
- 19.9: A running overload test is carried out on automatically controlled tumble dryers (USA).
- 20.101: The requirement is applicable to door openings with a dimension exceeding 20 cm (Norway).
- 20.102: When considering accessibility to rotating drums, the maximum drum volume is 60 dm³ and the maximum door opening is 20 cm (USA).
- 20.103: This test is not carried out (USA).
- 22.104: The test is different (USA).
- 27.1: Earthing terminals and contacts are allowed to be electrically connected to the neutral conductor of a tumble dryer (USA)

INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features which impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

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Part 2-11: Particular requirements for tumble dryers

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **tumble dryers** intended for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

NOTE 101 This standard applies to the drying function of washing machines having a drying cycle.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms are within the scope of this standard.

NOTE 102 Examples of such appliances are **tumble dryers** for communal use in blocks of flats or in laundrettes.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account

- the use of appliances by young children or infirm persons without supervision;
- playing with the appliance by young children.

NOTE 103 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

3 Definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1.9 Replacement:

normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following conditions

The appliance is operated filled with textile material having a mass in the dry condition equal to the maximum load stated in the instructions.

The textile material consists of pre-washed double-hemmed cotton sheets having dimensions approximately 70 cm × 70 cm and a specific mass between 140 g/m² and 175 g/m² in the dry

condition. The textile material is soaked with water having a temperature of $25\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$ and a mass equal to that of the textile material.

If the drying function can automatically follow the washing function in a washing machine, the appliance is not separately loaded. The appliance is operated with the maximum quantity of textile material stated in the instructions for the combined washing-drying cycle.

NOTE 101 Cotton having a water content not exceeding 10 % is considered to be in the dry condition. Cotton conditioned for 24 h in still air, having a temperature of $20\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$, a relative humidity between 60 % and 70 % and a pressure between 860 mbar and 1 060 mbar, will contain approximately 7 % water.

3.101

tumble dryer

appliance in which textile material is dried by tumbling in a rotating drum through which heated air is blown

3.102

condensation-type tumble dryer

tumble dryer in which the air used for the drying process is dehumidified by cooling

4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

6.2 Addition:

Appliances shall be at least IPX4.

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.6 Addition:



[symbol 5036 of IEC 60417-1]

dangerous voltage



[symbol 5041 of IEC 60417-1]

caution, hot surface

7.10 Addition:

If the **off position** is only indicated by letters, the word "off" shall be used.

7.12 Addition:

The instructions for use shall state

- the maximum mass of dry textile material in kilograms to be used in the appliance;
- that the tumble dryer is not to be used if industrial chemicals have been used for cleaning;
- that the lint trap has to be cleaned frequently, if applicable;
- that lint must not be allowed to accumulate around the tumble dryer (not applicable for appliances intended to be vented to the exterior of the building);
- that adequate ventilation has to be provided to avoid the back flow of gases into the room from appliances burning other fuels, including open fires.

NOTE 101 This instruction is not required if the **tumble dryer** discharges the air into the room.

If symbols 5036 or 5041 of IEC 60417-1 are used, their meaning shall be explained.

7.12.1 Addition:

The installation instructions shall state

- for **condensation-type tumble dryers** intended to be connected to the water mains
 - that the appliance is to be connected to the water mains using a new hose-set and old hose-sets should not be reused;

NOTE 101 This instruction is not required if the hose is permanently attached to the appliance.

- the maximum permissible inlet water pressure, in megapascals;
- the minimum permissible inlet water pressure, in megapascals, if this is necessary for correct operation of the appliance.
- for appliances with ventilation openings in the base, that a carpet must not obstruct the openings;
- that exhaust air must not be discharged into a flue which is used for exhausting fumes from appliances burning gas or other fuels.

NOTE 102 This instruction is not required if the **tumble dryer** discharges the air into the room.

- that the appliance must not be installed behind a lockable door, a sliding door or a door with a hinge on the opposite side to that of the tumble dryer.

If the installation instructions state that the **tumble dryer** can be placed on top of a washing machine, they shall state which washing machines are suitable. Instructions shall be given for the assembly of the **tumble dryer** and washing machine. The instructions shall state how to obtain any fixing attachments required, unless they are supplied with the appliance.

7.14 Addition:

The height of symbol 5036 of IEC 60417-1 shall be at least 5 mm and the height of symbol 5041 shall be at least 15 mm.

Compliance is checked by measurement.

7.101 The enclosure of magnetic valves, and similar components incorporated in external hoses for direct connection to the water mains, shall be marked with symbol 5036 of IEC 60417-1 if their **working voltage** exceeds **extra-low voltage**.

NOTE This symbol is a warning sign and the rules of ISO 3864 apply.

Compliance is checked by inspection.