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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.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annexes L, M, N and P form an integral part of this standard.

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In this standard, the following print types are used:

- Requirements proper and normative annexes: in roman type.
- *Compliance statements and test specifications: in italic type.*
- Notes and other informative matter: in smaller roman type.
- Normative conditions within tables: in smaller roman type.
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#### 1 Scope and specific applications

##### 1.1 Scope

This standard applies to electronic **uninterruptible power systems** with an electrical energy storage device in the d.c. link. It is to be used with IEC 60950-1 which is referred to in this standard as “RD”.

When any item is referred to by the phrase “The definitions or the provisions of item/RD apply”, this phrase is intended to mean that the definitions or provisions in that item of IEC 60950-1 apply, except any which are clearly inapplicable to **uninterruptible power systems**. National requirements additional to those in IEC 60950-1 apply and are found as notes under relevant clauses of the RD.

The primary function of the **UPS** covered by this standard is to ensure continuity of an alternating power source. The UPS may also serve to improve the quality of the power source by keeping it within specified characteristics.

This standard is applicable to **UPS** which are movable, stationary, fixed or for building-in, for use on low-voltage distribution systems and intended to be installed in **restricted access locations**. It specifies requirements to ensure safety for the **service person**.

This standard is intended to ensure the safety of installed **UPS**, both as a single **UPS** unit or as a system of interconnected **UPS** units, subject to installing, operating and maintaining the **UPS** in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

This standard does not cover d.c. supplied electronic ballasts (IEC 60924 and IEC 60925) and **UPS** based on rotating machines.

The relevant general and safety requirements for **UPS** intended to be installed in operator access areas are given in IEC 62040-1-1; electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements and definitions are given in IEC 62040-2.

##### 1.2 Specific applications

Even if this standard does not cover all types of **UPS**, it may be taken as a guide for such equipment. Requirements additional to those specified in this standard may be necessary for specific applications, for example:

- **UPS** intended for operation while exposed, for example, to extremes of temperature; to excessive dust, moisture, or vibration; to flammable gases; to corrosive or explosive atmospheres;
- electromedical applications with the **UPS** located within 1,5 m from the patient contact area;
- **UPS** subject to transient overvoltages exceeding those for Overvoltage Category II according to IEC 60664, additional protection might be necessary in the mains supply to the **UPS**.
- **UPS** intended for use where ingress of water and foreign objects are possible, additional requirements may be necessary; for guidance on such requirements and for relevant testing, see annex H.



- **UPS** with trapezoidal output waveforms and long run times (greater than 30 min) are subject to voltage distortion tests for the purpose of load compatibility.

NOTE For **UPS** intended to be used in vehicles, on board ships or aircraft, in tropical countries, or on elevations greater than 1 000 m, different requirements may be necessary.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60364 (all parts), *Electrical installations of buildings*

IEC 60364-4-41:2001, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-4-482:1982, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4: Protection for safety – Chapter 48: Choice of protective measures as a function of external influences – Section 482: Protection against fire*

IEC 60417 (all parts), *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60439-1:1999, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 1: Type-tested and partially type-tested assemblies*

IEC 60445:1999, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals and of terminations of certain designated conductors, including general rules for an alphanumeric system*

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

IEC 60950-1:2001, *Safety of information technology equipment*

IEC 61000-2-2:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-2: Environment – Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public low-voltage power supply systems*

IEC 61140:2001, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 62040-1-1: *Uninterruptible Power Systems (UPS) – Part 1-1: General and safety requirements for UPS used in operator access areas*<sup>1</sup>

IEC 62040-2:1999, *Uninterruptible Power Systems (UPS) – Part 2: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements*

IEC 62040-3: 1999, *Uninterruptible Power Systems (UPS) – Part 3: Method of specifying the performance and test requirements*

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### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 General

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions apply. Where the terms “voltage” and “current” are used, they imply the r.m.s. values, unless otherwise specified.

NOTE Care should be taken that measurement instruments give a true r.m.s. reading in the presence of non-sinusoidal signals. For other terms and definitions, see also IEC 62040-3.

##### 3.1.1

#### **uninterruptible power system (UPS)**

combination of convertors, switches and energy storage devices (for example, batteries), constituting a power system for maintaining continuity of load power in case of input **power failure**

##### 3.1.2

#### **continuity of load power**

load power with voltage and frequency within rated steady-state and transient tolerance bands and with distortion and interruptions within the limits specified for the load

##### 3.1.3

#### **bypass**

power path alternative to the indirect a.c. converter

##### 3.1.4

#### **power failure**

any variation in power supply which can cause unacceptable performance of the load equipment

##### 3.1.5

#### **primary power**

power supplied by an electrical utility company or by a **user's** generator

##### 3.1.6

#### **active power**

sum of the electrical power at the fundamental frequency and the powers of each harmonic component from the output terminals, in W or kW

##### 3.1.7

#### **apparent power**

product of the r.m.s. output voltage and r.m.s. current

##### 3.1.8

#### **rated voltage**

input or output supply voltage (for three-phase supply, the phase-to-phase voltage) as declared by the manufacturer

##### 3.1.9

#### **rated voltage range**

input or output supply voltage range as declared by the manufacturer, expressed by its lower and upper **rated voltages**

##### 3.1.10

#### **rated current**

maximum input or output current of the **UPS** as declared by the manufacturer

### 3.1.11

#### **backfeed**

condition in which a voltage or energy available within the **UPS** is fed back to any of the input terminals, either directly or by a leakage path while operating in the **stored energy mode** and with **primary power** not available

## 3.2 Operating conditions

### 3.2.1

#### **reference load**

mode of operation which approximates as closely as possible to the most severe conditions of normal use in accordance with the manufacturer's operating instructions; however, when the conditions of actual use can obviously be more severe than the maximum load conditions recommended by the manufacturer, a load shall be used that is representative of the maximum that can be applied

NOTE For examples of **reference load** conditions for **UPS**, see annex M.

### 3.2.2

#### **linear load**

load where the current drawn from the supply is defined by the relationship:

$$I = U/Z$$

where

$I$  is the load current;

$U$  is the supply voltage;

$Z$  is the load impedance.

### 3.2.3

#### **non-linear load**

load where the parameter  $Z$  (load impedance) is no longer a constant but is a variable dependent on other parameters, such as voltage or time (see annex M)

### 3.2.4

#### **stored energy mode**

operation of the **UPS** when supplied by the following conditions:

- **primary power** is disconnected or is out of a given tolerance;
- battery is being discharged;
- load is within the given range;
- output voltage is within the given tolerance

## 3.3 Equipment mobility

The definitions of 1.2.3/RD apply.

## 3.4 Insulation classes of UPS

The definitions of 1.2.4/RD apply.

## 3.5 Connection to the supply

The definitions of 1.2.5/RD apply.

## 3.6 Enclosures

The definitions of 1.2.6/RD apply.

### 3.7 Accessibility

The definitions of 1.2.7/RD apply.

### 3.8 Circuits and circuit characteristics

The definitions of 1.2.8/RD apply.

#### 3.8.1 hazardous voltage

The definitions in 1.2.8.5/RD apply.

### 3.9 Insulation

The definitions of 1.2.9/RD apply.

### 3.10 Creepage distances and clearances

The definitions of 1.2.10/RD apply.

### 3.11 Components

The definitions of 1.2.11/RD apply.

### 3.12 Power distribution

The definitions of 1.2.8/RD apply.

### 3.13 Flammability

The definitions of 1.2.12/RD apply.

### 3.14 Miscellaneous

The definitions of 1.2.13.2/RD, 1.2.13.3/RD, 1.2.13.4/RD, 1.2.13.7/RD and 1.2.13.8/RD apply together with the following.

#### 3.14.1 type test

The definition of 1.4.2/RD apply together with the following addition.

Where in this standard compliance of materials, components or subassemblies is checked by inspection or by testing of properties, it is permitted to confirm compliance by reviewing any relevant data or previous test results that are available instead of carrying out the specified **type tests**.

NOTE For physically large units and/or power ratings, adequate test facilities to demonstrate some of the **type tests** may not exist.

This situation also applies to some electrical tests for which no commercial test simulation equipment is available or requires specialized test facilities beyond the scope of the manufacturer's premises.

### 3.15 Telecommunication networks

The following definitions apply:

1.2.8.9/RD, 1.2.8.10/RD, 1.2.8.11/RD, 1.2.8.12/RD, 1.2.8.13/RD

## 4 General requirements

### 4.1 UPS design and construction

A **UPS** shall be so designed and constructed that, under conditions of normal use and likely fault conditions, it protects against risks of personal injury from electric shock and other hazards, and against serious fire originating in the **UPS** or connected loads, within the meaning of this standard.

Where the **UPS** involves safety situations not specifically covered, the design should provide a level of safety not less than that generally afforded by this standard.

*Unless otherwise specified, compliance is checked by inspection and by carrying out all the relevant tests.*

NOTE The need for additional detailed requirements to cope with a new situation should be brought promptly to the attention of the appropriate committee.

### 4.2 User information

Sufficient information shall be provided to the **user** concerning any condition necessary to ensure that the **UPS** will not present a hazard within the meaning of this standard when used as prescribed by the manufacturer (see 4.8).

*Compliance is checked by inspection.*

### 4.3 Classification of UPS

A **UPS** covered by this standard is classified according to its protection from electric shock as Class I.

### 4.4 General conditions for tests

The provisions of 1.4.1/RD, 1.4.2/RD, 1.4.3/RD, 1.4.6/RD, 1.4.7/RD, 1.4.8/RD, 1.4.10/RD, 1.4.11/RD, 1.4.12/RD, 1.4.13/RD, 1.4.14/RD apply together with the following.

Only the leakage current and heating tests shall be performed at input voltage tolerances. All other tests shall be run at nominal input voltages.

### 4.5 Operating parameters for tests

Except where specific test conditions are stated elsewhere in the standard, and where it is clear that there is a significant impact on the results of the test, the tests shall be carried out under the most unfavourable combination of the following parameters, within the manufacturer's operating specifications:

- supply voltage;
- absence of supply voltage;
- supply frequency;
- charge condition of the battery;
- physical location of **UPS** and position of movable parts;
- operating mode.

#### 4.6 Loads for tests

In determination of input current, and where other test results could be affected, the following variables shall be considered and adjusted to give the most unfavourable results:

- loads due to recharging of batteries;
- loads due to optional features, offered or provided for by the manufacturer for inclusion in or with the equipment under test;
- loads due to other units of equipment intended by the manufacturer to draw power from the equipment under test.

Artificial loads may be used to simulate such loads during testing.

#### 4.7 Components

The provisions of 1.5.1/RD, 1.5.2/RD, 1.5.4/RD, 1.5.5/RD, 1.5.6/RD, 1.5.7/RD, 1.5.8/RD apply.

#### 4.8 Power interfaces

The provisions of 1.6.1/RD, 1.6.2/RD, 1.6.4/RD apply together with the following.

The neutral conductors, if any, shall be insulated from earth and the body throughout the equipment, as if they were a phase conductor. Components connected between neutral and earth shall be rated for a **working voltage** equal to the phase-to-neutral voltage. In the case of the output neutral conductor being isolated from the input neutral conductor, the **service person** responsible for the installation shall connect this output neutral conductor as required by local wiring rules and as detailed in the installation instructions.

*Compliance is checked by inspection.*

#### 4.9 Marking and instructions

##### 4.9.1 General

The **UPS** shall be provided with a marking where it is required as detailed below. Provision shall be allowed for equivalent wording. The marking shall be readily visible or shall be located on an outside surface of the equipment. If located on an outside surface of fixed equipment, the marking shall be visible after the equipment has been installed as in normal use.

Markings that are not visible from the outside of the equipment are considered to be in compliance if they are directly visible when opening a door or cover.

##### 4.9.2 Power rating

Equipment shall be provided with adequate markings in order to specify

- input supply requirements;
- output supply ratings.

For equipment with multiple **rated voltages**, the corresponding **rated currents** shall be marked in such a way that the different current ratings are separated by a solidus (/) and the relation between **rated voltage** and associated **rated current** appears distinctly.

Equipment with a **rated voltage range** shall be marked with either the maximum **rated current** or with the current range.