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similar appliances 1**

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A vertical bar appears in the margin wherever a change has been made. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. Experts' comments are identified by a blue-background number. Mouse over a number to display a pop-up note with the comment.

This publication contains the CMV and the official standard. The full list of comments is available at the end of the CMV.

IEC 60335-2-23 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. It is an International Standard.

This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition published in 2016 and Amendment 1:2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) alignment with IEC 60335-1:2020;
- b) conversion of some notes to normative text (Clause 1, 11.101, 20.1);
- c) change in standard title and relocation of skin care appliances, such as facial saunas and foot care appliances, to IEC 60335-2-115 (Clause 1, 3.1.9, 3.5.103, 6.1, 7.12, 8.1.4, 11.8, 15.2, 21.1);
- d) clarification of testing of appliances with PTC heating elements (10.1, 10.2);
- e) clarification of the application of test probe 18 for appliances for use in hairdressing salons (8.1.1, 20.2, B.22.3, B.22.4);
- f) addition of accessible surface temperature limits including marking of hot surfaces (7.1, 7.6, 7.12, 7.14, 7.15, 11.3, 11.8);
- g) clarification of placement of the appliance in the test corner (19.2);
- h) addition of moisture resistance and strength tests for detachable power supply parts (6.2, 21.102, 21.103, 24.2).

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

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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 in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for hair care and similar appliances.

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:

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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 the associated noun are also in bold.

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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.

Guidance documents concerning the application of the safety requirements for appliances can be accessed via TC 61 supporting documents on the IEC website

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This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute a replacement for the normative text in this standard.

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 and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

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~~ can 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.

~~NOTE 1 For example, if appliances within the scope of this Part 2 include an ion generator, then IEC 60335-2-65 is applicable as far as is reasonable.~~

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

~~NOTE 2 1~~ This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

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.

~~NOTE 3 2~~ ~~Horizontal and generic standards~~ Horizontal publications, basic safety publications and group safety publications covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. ~~For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.~~ **2**

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 that 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.

NOTE 3 Standards dealing with non-safety aspects of household appliances are:

- IEC standards published by TC 59 concerning methods of measuring performance;
- CISPR 11, CISPR 14-1 and relevant IEC 61000-3 series standards concerning electromagnetic emissions;
- CISPR 14-2 concerning electromagnetic immunity;
- IEC standards published by TC 111 concerning environmental matters. **3**

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1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric appliances for the care of ~~skin or~~ the hair of persons or animals and similar appliances **4**, intended for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and **battery-operated appliances**. **5**

~~NOTE 101~~—Examples of appliances that are within the scope of this standard are

- curling combs;
- curling irons;
- ~~– curling rollers with separate heaters;~~ **6**
- ~~– facial saunas;~~ **7**
- hairdryers;
- hair straighteners;
- hand dryers;
- **heaters for detachable curlers;**
- ~~– water filled foot care appliances without massage function;~~ **8**
- permanent-wave appliances.

~~NOTE 102~~—Appliances covered by this standard ~~may~~ can incorporate steam-producing or spray-producing devices.

NOTE 101 Hand dryers can have a feature to redirect the air so that it can be used to dry the face or hair.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but that nevertheless ~~may~~ can 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 103~~—Examples are appliances for use in hairdressing salons.

This standard deals with the reasonably foreseeable hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
 - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
 - lack of experience and knowledge
 prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

~~NOTE 104~~—Attention is drawn to the fact that

- it is recognized that persons having very extensive and complex disabilities can have needs beyond the level addressed in this standard.
- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements ~~may~~ can be necessary;
- in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

~~NOTE 105~~—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);
- shavers, hair clippers and similar appliances (IEC 60335-2-8);
- ~~— blankets, pads, clothing and similar flexible heating appliances (IEC 60335-2-17);~~
- ~~— appliances for skin exposure to optical radiation (IEC 60335-2-27);~~
- ~~— sauna heating appliances (IEC 60335-2-53);~~
- cosmetic and beauty care appliances incorporating lasers and intense light sources (IEC 60335-2-113);
- ~~— water filled foot massagers (IEC 60335-2-32);~~
- appliances intended for ~~medical purposes (IEC 60601)~~ skin care (IEC 60335-2-115).

~~NOTE 106~~—A water filled **foot care appliance** with water jets is not considered to have a massage function. **9**

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

ISO 7010:2014/2019, *Graphical symbols - Safety colours and safety signs - Registered safety signs*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples - Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1 Definitions relating to physical characteristics

3.1.9 ~~Replacement~~Modification: **10** normal operation

Replace the first paragraph with the following:

operation of the appliance under the ~~following~~ conditions specified in 3.1.9.101 to 3.1.9.107

3.1.9.101 Helmet-type hairdryers are operated with the axis of the hood inclined at an angle of 60° to the horizontal or the maximum angle allowed by the construction if this is less. A dull black-painted wooden sphere, 200 mm in diameter, is placed in the hood so that its centre coincides with the axis of the hood, the shortest distance between the sphere and the air-outlet grille being 50 mm.

Hairdryers having a flexible hood attachment are operated with the hood attachment placed over the wire frame of Figure 101, the frame being positioned over the wooden sphere.

Helmet-type hairdryers that are supported by the head are operated as hairdryers having a flexible hood attachment.

3.1.9.102 Hand-held hairdryers are operated with unrestricted airflow directed downwards.

3.1.9.103 Permanent-wave appliances are operated in the position of normal use, the curling rollers hanging freely.

3.1.9.104 Heaters for detachable curlers are operated in the position of normal use together with the curlers.

3.1.9.105 Curling irons, curling combs and similar appliances are operated with their major axis horizontal.

3.1.9.106 Appliances having steam-producing or spray-producing devices are operated with the container empty or filled, whichever is more unfavourable. However, if the appliance is marked to indicate that it is to be used with the container filled, the container is filled. Water is added, when necessary, to compensate for evaporation.

3.1.9.107 Hand dryers are operated in the normal position of use with unrestricted airflow.

~~Facial saunas are operated in the normal position of use and filled with water. Water is added, when necessary, to maintain the steam output.~~

~~The liquid container of water filled **foot care appliances** is filled with water at a temperature of $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in accordance with the instructions, and if no rated water capacity is specified in the instructions, it is filled with the maximum water capacity, and then loaded with an additional mass of 10 kg evenly distributed over an area of 100 mm x 300 mm. **11**~~

3.5 Definitions relating to types of appliances

3.5.101

helmet-type hairdryer

hairdryer having a rigid hood that is placed over the head in normal use

Note 1 to entry: The hood ~~may~~ can be supported by a stand or have means for attaching to a support.

3.5.102

heater for detachable curlers

appliance for heating curling irons or curling rollers that accumulate heat

3.6 Definitions relating to parts of an appliance

~~3.103~~ 3.6.101

swivel connection

means for connecting the **supply cord** so that the appliance can be rotated continuously without twisting the cord

~~3.104~~

~~foot care appliance~~

~~appliance for softening the feet skin or relaxing the feet **12**~~

3.6.102

functional surface

surface that is intentionally heated by an internal heat source and has to be hot to carry out the function for which the appliance is intended

Note 1 to entry: An example is the heated sheath of a heated barrel of a curling iron. **13**

4 General requirement

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 General conditions for the tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

5.2 Addition:

The ~~additional~~ test of 25.14 for **hand-held appliances** without a **swivel connection** is carried out on a separate appliance.

6 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

6.1 ~~Replacement~~Modification: 14

Replace the first paragraph with the following:

Appliances shall be of one of the following classes with respect to protection against electric shock:

- hairdryers, curling irons, curling combs, ~~facial saunas~~ hair straighteners 15 and ~~other~~ steam-producing or spray-producing appliances shall be **class II** or **class III**. However, **fixed hairdryers** intended to be permanently connected to fixed wiring, **helmet-type hairdryers** for hairdressers and steam-producing or spray-producing appliances for hairdressers may be **class I**;

~~— water filled foot care appliances shall be class II or class III; 16~~

- other appliances shall be **class I**, **class II** or **class III**.

~~Compliance is checked by inspection and by the relevant tests.~~

6.2 Addition:

Hand dryers shall be at least IPX1.

Curling rollers of permanent-wave appliances shall be at least IPX4.

Detachable power supply parts in a flexible cord shall be at least IPX4. 17

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.1 Addition:

Portable hairdryers, curling irons and similar appliances shall be marked with symbol ISO 7010-P026 (2011-05) or with the substance of the following:

WARNING: Do not use this appliance near water.

If appliances have external **accessible surfaces**, for which temperature rise limits are specified in Table 101 and for which the provisions of footnote b to Table 101 apply, then the appliance shall be marked with symbol IEC 60417-5041(2002-10), or with the substance of the following:

CAUTION: Hot surfaces. 18

7.6 Addition:

[symbol ISO 7010-P026
(2011-05)]

do not use this device in a bathtub,
shower or water-filled reservoir



[symbol IEC 60417-5041
(2002-10)]

caution, hot surface

7.12 Addition:

The instructions for **portable appliances** shall include the substance of the following:

- when the appliance is used in a bathroom, unplug it after use since the proximity of water presents a hazard even when the appliance is switched off;
- for additional protection, the installation of a residual current device (RCD) having a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA is advisable in the electrical circuit supplying the bathroom. Ask your installer for advice.

If symbol IEC 60417-5041 (2002-10) is used, the meaning shall be explained. **19**

If symbol ISO 7010-P026 (2011-05) is used ~~the meaning shall be explained~~, instructions shall ~~also~~ state the substance of the following:

WARNING: Do not use this appliance near bathtubs, showers, basins or other vessels containing water.

~~The instructions for facial saunas shall state that after use the appliance should be cleaned to avoid the accumulation of grease and other residues.~~ **20**

The instructions for hair straighteners and curling irons shall include the substance of the following:

- burn hazard. Keep appliance out of reach from young children, particularly during use and cool down;
- when the appliance is connected to the power supply, never leave it unattended;
- always place the appliance with the stand, if any, on a heat-resistant, stable flat surface.

~~The instructions for water filled foot care appliances shall include the substance of the following warnings:~~

~~WARNING: This appliance is intended to be used under the feet of a sitting person.~~

~~WARNING: If water leaks from the appliance, the appliance should no longer be used.~~

~~WARNING: Persons insensitive to heat must be careful when using the appliance.~~ **21**

If the appliance is intended for use only in hairdressing salons, the instructions shall state that the appliance is intended to be used in hairdressing salons. If the appliance is not suitable for use in **area open to the public**, the instructions shall include the substance of the following:

WARNING: This appliance shall not be used other than in hairdressing salons. **22**

7.12.1 Addition:

The installation instructions for **fixed hairdryers** intended for use in bathrooms shall include the substance of the following:

This hairdryer must be fixed out of reach of a person taking a bath or shower.

If the hand-held part of the hairdryer incorporates electrical components, the instructions shall state that the appliance must be fixed so that the hand-held part, when fully extended, is out of reach of a person taking a bath or shower.

7.12.9 Addition:

Supplying of instructions in an alternative format is not required for **fixed hand dryers** and **fixed hairdryers**.

7.14 Addition:

The outer diameter of the circle in symbol ISO 7010-P026 (2011-05) shall be at least 10 mm.

The height of the triangle in symbol IEC 60417-5041 (2002-10) shall be at least 5 mm. **23**

Compliance is checked by measurement.

7.15 Addition:

The additional marking required for **portable hairdryers**, curling irons and similar appliances may alternatively be on a warning flag tag that is permanently attached to the **supply cord** close to the plug.

NOTE 101 A flag tag is otherwise referred to as a swing tag or cord tag or other permanently affixed label on a cord.

If the hot surface marking in 7.1, or symbol IEC 60417-5041 (2002-10) is marked on the appliance, it shall be visible when the appliance is operated as in normal use. It shall not be placed on a **functional surface**. **24**

8 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

8.1.1 Addition:

Test probe 18 of IEC 61032 is not applied to appliances only for use in hairdressing salons. **25**

8.1.3 Not applicable.

~~**8.1.4 Addition:**~~

~~All energized parts in water filled foot care appliances are considered to be live parts. However, this requirement is not applicable to class III appliances or class III constructions that have working voltage not exceeding 12 V.~~ **26**