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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

IEC 60335-2-40 has been prepared by subcommittee 61D: Appliances for air-conditioning for household and similar purposes, of IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. It is an International Standard.

This eighth edition cancels and replaces the seventh edition published in 2022. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) Clause 12 : Part 1, Clause 12 has been made applicable;
- b) Clause 19: requirement added for **double wall heat exchangers** to be resistant against freezing;
- c) Clause 20: requirement modified for when to apply test probe 18;
- d) Clause 21: requirement added for **double wall heat exchangers** to resistant against the pressure of the refrigerant if one of the walls fails;
- e) Clause 22: requirement modified to reflect that appliances can operate continuously and can be operated remotely without giving rise to a hazard, and requirement added for **double wall heat exchangers** to be constructed to avoid refrigerant leaking into the secondary circuit;
- f) Annex LL has been deleted and replaced by a reference to IEC TS 63542:2024.

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

Draft	Report on voting
61D/538/FDIS	61D/542/RVD

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.

A list of all parts of the IEC 60335 series, under the general title: *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments unless that edition precludes it; in that case, the latest edition that does not preclude it is used. It was established on the basis of the sixth edition (2020) of that standard.

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

This part 2-40 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for electrical heat pumps, air-conditioners and dehumidifiers.

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;

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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 associated noun are also in bold.

The following differences of a less permanent nature exist in the countries indicated below:

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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 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 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.

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

NOTE 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 2 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.

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.

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric **heat pumps, sanitary hot water heat pumps and air-conditioners**, incorporating motor-compressors as well as **hydronic fan coils units, dehumidifiers** (with or without motor-compressors), **thermoelectric heat pumps and partial units**, their maximum **rated voltage** being not more than 300 V for single phase appliances and 600 V for other appliances including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and **battery-operated appliances**.

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

The appliances referenced above can consist of one or more factory-made assemblies. If provided in more than one assembly, the separate assemblies are used together, and the requirements are based on the use of matched assemblies.

NOTE 101 A definition of 'motor-compressor' is given in IEC 60335-2-34, which includes the statement that the term motor-compressor is used to designate either a hermetic motor-compressor or semi-hermetic motor-compressor.

NOTE 102 Requirements for containers intended for storage of the heated water included in **sanitary hot water heat pumps** are, in addition, covered by IEC 60335-2-21.

This standard does not take into account refrigerants other than **safety group A1, A2L, A2 and A3** as defined by ISO 817. **For refrigerant blends, the classification based on WCF is used. Flammable refrigerants are limited to those of a molar mass of more than or equal to 42 kg/kmol as specified in ISO 817. For refrigerant blends, the molar mass shall be based on WCF (worst case formulation) as specified in ISO 817.**

NOTE 103 The tables with ISO 817 refrigerant data are provided at <https://standards.iso.org/iso/817/ma/en/>.

As far as practical, this standard deals with common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered in normal use and assumes that installation, servicing, decommissioning, and disposal are safely handled by competent persons and accidental release of refrigerants is avoided. However, it does not specify the criteria to ensure competence of persons during installation, servicing and disposal. Safety requirements during disposal are not specified in this standard.

NOTE 104 Annex HH provides informative requirements on competence of personnel. Criteria for competence of personnel for the purpose of certification schemes can be found in ISO 22712.

Unless specifications are covered by this standard, including the annexes, requirements for refrigerating safety are covered by:

- ISO 5149-1:2014, ISO 5149-1:2014/AMD1:2015, and ISO 5149-1:2014/AMD2:2021,
- ISO 5149-2:2014 and ISO 5149-2:2014/AMD1:2020,
- ISO 5149-3:2014 and ISO 5149-3:2014/AMD1:2021.

Supplementary heaters, or a provision for their separate installation, are within the scope of this standard, but only heaters which are designed as a part of the appliance package, the controls being incorporated in the appliance.

NOTE 105 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on-board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;
- in many countries, additional requirements are specified, for example, by the national health authorities responsible for the protection of labour and the national authorities responsible for storage, transportation, building constructions and installations.

This standard does not apply to

- humidifiers intended for use with heating and cooling equipment (IEC 60335-2-88);
- appliances designed exclusively for industrial processing;
- 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 except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60068-2-52, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Kb: Salt mist, cyclic (sodium, chloride solution)*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-7:2015, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"*

IEC 60079-7:2015/AMD1:2017

IEC 60079-14, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 14: Electrical installations design, selection and erection*

IEC 60079-15:2017, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"*

IEC 60335-2-34:2024, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-34: Particular requirements for motor-compressors*

IEC 60335-2-51, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-51: Particular requirements for stationary circulation pumps for heating and service water installations*

IEC 60695-1-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 1-10: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products – General guidelines*

IEC 60695-10-2:2014, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test method*

IEC 60730-2-6, *Automatic electrical controls – Part 2-6: Particular requirements for automatic electrical pressure sensing controls including mechanical requirements*

IEC 62471:2006, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

IEC TS 63542:2024, *Refrigerant detection systems for flammable refrigerants*

ISO 527-3, *Plastics – Determination of tensile properties – Part 3: Test conditions for films and sheets*

ISO 817, *Refrigerants – Designation and safety classification*

~~ISO 1302⁴, Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Indication of surface texture in technical product documentation~~

ISO 2578, *Plastics – Determination of time-temperature limits after prolonged exposure to heat*

ISO 4126-1, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure - Part 1: Safety valves*

ISO 4126-2, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure - Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*

ISO 5149-1:2014, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps – Safety and environmental requirements – Part 1: Definitions, classification and selection criteria*
ISO 5149-1:2014/AMD1:2015
ISO 5149-1:2014/AMD2:2021

ISO 5149-2:2014, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps – Safety and environmental requirements – Part 2: Design, construction, testing, marking and documentation*
ISO 5149-2:2014/AMD1:2020

ISO 5149-3:2014, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps – Safety and environmental requirements – Part 3: Installation site*
ISO 5149-3:2014/AMD1:2021

ISO 5151, *Non-ducted air conditioners and heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance*

ISO 7010:2019, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*

ISO 13253, *Ducted air-conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance*

ISO 13256 (all parts), *Water-source heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance*

ISO 13355, *Packaging – Complete, filled transport packages and unit loads – Vertical random vibration test*

ISO 13971, *Refrigeration systems and heat pumps - Flexible pipe elements, vibration isolators, expansion joints and non-metallic tubes - Requirements and classification*

ISO 14903:2025, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps – Qualification of tightness of components and joints*

ISO 15042, *Multiple split-system air-conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance*

ISO 24664, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Pressure relief devices and their associated piping - Methods for calculation*

⁴ ~~Withdrawn.~~

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1.4 Addition:

Note 101 to entry: If the appliance comprises electrical accessories, including fans, the **rated power input** is based upon the total maximum **electrical power input** with all accessories energized, when operating continuously under the appropriate environmental conditions. If the **heat pump** can be operated in the heating or cooling mode, the **rated power input** is based upon the input in the heating or in the cooling mode, whichever is the greater.

3.5.4 Addition:

Note 101 to entry: Appliances connected to water pipes or refrigerant pipes that are secured to the building are also **fixed appliances**.

3.8.101

particle foam material

closed cell material moulded from thermoplastic particles (e.g. beads) with expanding agent

3.101

heat pump

appliance which takes up heat at a certain temperature and releases heat at a higher temperature

Note 1 to entry: When operated to provide heat (e.g., for space heating or water heating), the appliance is said to operate in the heating mode; when operated to remove heat (for example, for space cooling), it is said to operate in the cooling mode.

Note 2 to entry: A **heat pump** can contain a combination of **condensing unit** or **condenser unit** and an **evaporating unit** or **evaporator unit** and can be equipped to operate in a reverse cycle mode.

3.102

sanitary hot water heat pump

heat pump intended to transfer heat to water suitable for human consumption

3.103

air-conditioner

encased assembly or assemblies designed as an appliance to provide delivery of conditioned air to an enclosed space, room or zone

Note 1 to entry: It includes an electrically operated **refrigerating system** for cooling and possibly dehumidifying the air.

Note 2 to entry: It can have means for heating, circulating, cleaning and humidifying the air.

Note 3 to entry: An **air-conditioner** can contain a combination of **condensing unit** or **condenser unit** and an **evaporating unit** or **evaporator unit**.

3.104

dehumidifier

encased assembly designed to remove moisture from its surrounding atmosphere

Note 1 to entry: It includes an electrically operated **refrigerating system** and the means to circulate air. It also includes a drain arrangement for collecting and storing and/or disposing of the condensate.

3.108

wet-bulb temperature

WB

temperature indicated when the temperature-sensitive element in a wetted wick has reached a state of constant temperature (evaporative equilibrium)

3.109

dry-bulb temperature DB

temperature indicated by a dry, temperature-sensitive element shielded from the effects of radiation

3.110

evaporator

heat exchanger in which refrigerant liquid is vaporized by absorption of heat

3.111

heat exchanger

device specifically designed to transfer heat between two physically separated fluids (gas or liquid)

3.112

indoor heat exchanger

heat exchanger designed to transfer heat to the indoor parts of the building or to the indoor hot water supplies (e.g. sanitary water) or to remove heat therefrom

3.113

outdoor heat exchanger

heat exchanger designed to remove or release heat from the heat source (for example, ground water, outdoor air, exhaust air, water or brine)

3.114 Supplementary heaters

3.114.1

supplementary heater

electric heater that supplements or replaces the output of the refrigerant circuit for the purpose of heating air or water

3.114.2

supplementary water heater

supplementary heater specifically for the purpose of heating water

3.114.3

supplementary air heater

supplementary heater specifically for the purpose of heating air in conjunction with, or instead of, the refrigerating circuit

Note 1 to entry: **Supplementary air heaters** include electric heaters provided as part of an appliance with cooling-only refrigerant circuits.

3.115

pressure-limiting device

mechanism that automatically responds to a predetermined pressure by stopping the operation of the pressure-imposing element

3.116

pressure-relief device

pressure actuated valve or rupture member which functions to relieve excessive pressure automatically