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IEC 61010-1:2010 contains a requirement in 6.8.3.1 pertaining to voltage testers for type tests as follows:

“The generator shall be able to supply a power of at least 500 VA.”

This has given rise to the following questions:

How does one interpret the requirement for voltage testers in 6.8.3.1 of IEC 61010-1:2010? Specifically, this subclause requires that “The generator shall be able to supply a power of at least 500 VA.” Does this requirement apply throughout the rated output range of the voltage tester? What is meant by the word “generator”? Is the “generator” the power supply within the voltage tester, or the voltage tester output, or something else?

Interpretation:

“A voltage tester used for type tests must be able to deliver at least 500 VA at its full-rated output voltage. It does not necessarily need to deliver 500 VA if set for lower voltages.

For example, a voltage tester that can deliver 100 mA at any test output voltage up to 5 000 V (and a current corresponding to 500 VA above 5 000 V) would meet the requirement.

The requirements for voltage testers used for routine (production line) tests are included in Annex F. The requirements of 6.8.3.1 do not apply to these voltage testers.”

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    1) in 6.6.101.1, insulating material of group I may be allowed for determination of CREEPAGE DISTANCES of measuring circuit TERMINALS;
    2) in 6.6.101.2, CLEARANCES and CREEPAGE DISTANCES up to 3 000 V for measuring circuit TERMINALS in unmated position have been defined;
    3) in 6.6.101.3, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in partially mated position have been specified;
    4) in 6.6.101.4, requirements for measuring circuit TERMINALS in mated position have been specified;
    5) Subclause 6.6.101.5 replaces 6.6.102;
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e) 9.101 is a new subclause to consider the protection of measuring circuits against the spread of fire and arc flash;
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g) in 9.101.3, relocation of 101.4 of previous edition;
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i) in K.2.1, another method for determination of CLEARANCES of secondary circuits is proposed;
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k) Clause K.4 of the previous edition has been deleted;
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b) subclauses, figures, tables and notes which are additional to those in IEC 61010-1 are numbered starting from 101. Additional annexes are lettered starting from AA and additional list items are lettered from aa).

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INTRODUCTION to IEC 61010-1:2010 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016

This Interational Standard specifies the safety requirements that are generally applicable to all equipment within its scope. For certain types of equipment, these requirements will be supplemented or modified by the special requirements of one, or more than one, particular part 2 of the standard which must be read in conjunction with the part 1 requirements.

INTRODUCTION

IEC 61010-1 specifies the safety requirements that are generally applicable to all equipment within its scope. For certain types of equipment, the requirements of IEC 61010-1 and its amendment will be supplemented or modified by the special requirements of one or more standard from the IEC 61010-2 series which is/are read in conjunction with the requirements of IEC 61010-1.

1) IEC 61010-2-030:2023 specifies the safety requirements for equipment with testing or measuring circuits which are connected for test or measurement purposes to devices or circuits outside the measurement equipment itself.
2) IEC 61010-2-032:2023 specifies the safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated current sensors for measuring, detecting, injecting current, or indicating current waveforms on circuits without physically opening the current path of the circuit being measured.

   Most of the requirements of IEC 61010-2-030:2023 have been included in IEC 61010-2-032:2023. Equipment within the scopes of both IEC 61010-2-030:2023 and IEC 61010-2-032:2023 is considered to be covered by the requirements of IEC 61010-2-032:2023.

   However, for current sensors in combined equipment with protective bonding and automatic disconnection of the supply, IEC 61010-2-030:2023 and IEC 61010-2-032:2023 are read in conjunction.
3) This document specifies the safety requirements for hand-held multimeters and other meters for domestic and professional use, capable of measuring mains voltage, intended to measure voltage and other electrical quantities such as resistance or current.

   All relevant requirements of IEC 61010-2-030:2023 have been included in this document.
4) IEC 61010-2-034:2023 specifies the safety requirements for measurement equipment for insulation resistance and test equipment for electric strength which are connected to units, lines or circuits for test or measurement purposes.

   All relevant requirements of IEC 61010-2-030:2023 have been included in IEC 61010-2-034:2023. However, for equipment within the scope of IEC 61010-2-032:2023 and IEC 61010-2-034:2023, these standards are read in conjunction.

IEC 61010-031 specifies the safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe assemblies and their related accessories intended to be used in particular with equipment in the scope of IEC 61010-2-030, IEC 61010-2-032, this document, and IEC 61010-2-034. These probe assemblies are for non-contact or direct electrical connection between a part and electrical test and measurement equipment. They may be fixed to the equipment or be detachable accessories for the equipment.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope and object

1.1 Scope

1.1.1 Equipment included in scope

This document specifies safety requirements for hand-held multimeters and other meters for domestic and professional use, capable of measuring MAINS.

HAND-HELD MULTImeters are multi-range multifunction measuring instruments intended to measure voltage and other electrical quantities such as resistance or current. Their primary purpose is to measure voltage on a live MAINS. They are suitable to be supported by one hand during NORMAL USE.

1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

This standard does not apply to equipment within the scope of:

a) IEC 60065 (Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus);

b) IEC 60204 (Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines);

c) IEC 60335 (Household and similar electrical appliances);

d) IEC 60364 (Electrical installations of buildings);

e) IEC 60439 (Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies);

f) IEC 60601 (Medical electrical equipment);

g) IEC 60950 (Information technology equipment including electrical business equipment, except as specified in 1.1.3);

h) IEC 61558 (Power transformers, power supply units and similar);

i) IEC 61010-031 (Hand-held probe assemblies);

j) IEC 61243-3 (Live working – Voltage detectors – Part 3: Two-pole low-voltage type).

aa) IEC 61557 (all parts), *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures*

HAND-HELD EQUIPMENT such as oscilloscopes, wattmeters, process control multimeters not RATED for measuring voltage on a live MAINS, clamp multimeters and communications test sets are not within the scope of this document.

1.1.3 Computing equipment

This standard applies only to computers, processors, etc. which form part of equipment within the scope of this standard or are designed for use exclusively with the equipment.

NOTE Computing devices and similar equipment within the scope of IEC 60950 and conforming to its requirements are considered to be suitable for use with equipment within the scope of this standard. However, some of the requirements of IEC 60950 for resistance to moisture and liquids are less stringent than those in this standard (see 5.4.4 second paragraph)).