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Part 1: Design guidelines

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

a) added references to the environmental conditions defined by ETSI EN 300 019-1 and IEC 60721-2 series;
b) reference made to the correct test specifications;
c) addition of laser hazard warning in case opto-electronic equipment is used.

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61969 is intended as a generic guide for the development of further parts within this series of standards, and it provides design guidelines for outdoor enclosures.

The products covered by the IEC 61969 series are empty enclosures for outdoor locations, to be equipped with application-specific combinations of electrical and electronic equipment, and to be used at non-weatherprotected locations above ground.

The IEC 61969 series consists of:

– a design guidelines general part: IEC 61969-1;
– a coordination dimensions standard: IEC 61969-2;
– an environmental requirements and tests, safety aspects standard: IEC 61969-3.

IEC 61969-2 and IEC 61969-3 should be read in conjunction with this document.

MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – OUTDOOR ENCLOSURES –

Part 1: Design guidelines

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61969 contains design guidelines for outdoor enclosures for electrical and electronic equipment and is applicable over a wide field of mechanical, electromechanical and electronic equipment and its installation where a modular design is used.

The objectives of this document are:

– to provide an overview of specifications for enclosures focused on requirements for outdoor applications for stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations, and

– to achieve product integrity under outdoor conditions and to ease product selection for the sourcing of outdoor enclosures from different vendors.

These enclosures are considered to contain any equipment and provide protection for the outdoor installed facilities against unwanted environmental impacts. The installed equipment can be, but is not limited to, subracks or chassis in accordance with the IEC 60917 series or IEC 60297 series. A typical outdoor enclosure is shown in Figure 1.

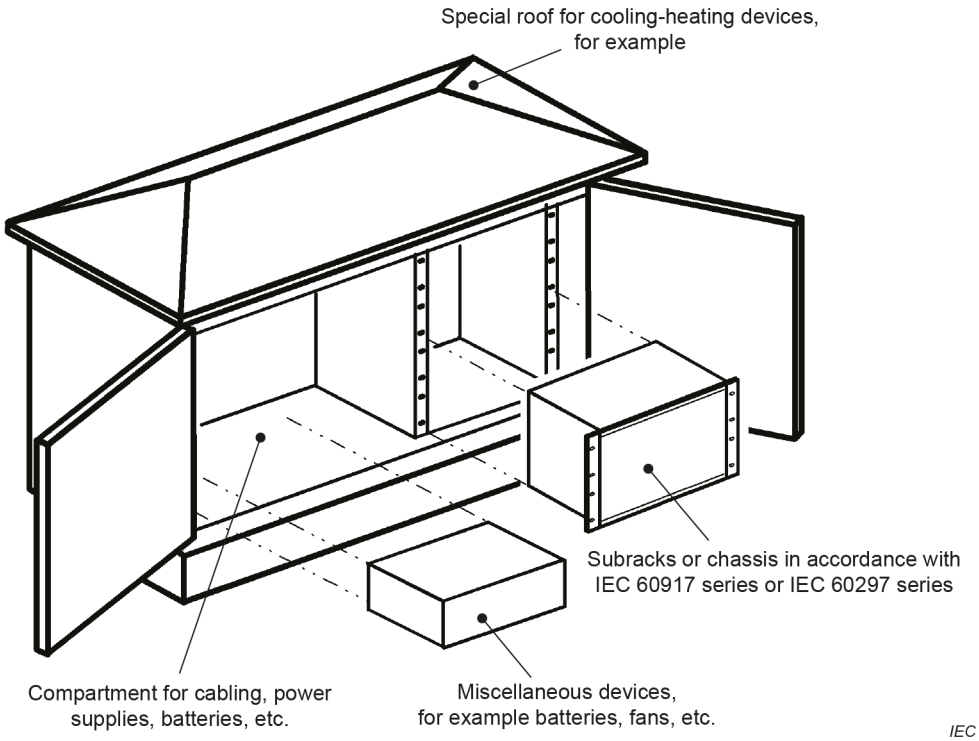


Figure 1 – Typical outdoor enclosure

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available at http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment)

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

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60721-3-2, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-2: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Transportation and handling*

IEC 60721-3-4, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-4: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

IEC 60754-2, *Test on gases evolved during combustion of materials from cables – Part 2: Determination of acidity (by pH measurement) and conductivity*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 61034-1, *Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions – Part 1: Test apparatus*

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

IEC 61439-5, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks*

IEC 61587-1, *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 series – Part 1: Environmental requirements, test setups and safety aspects*

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IEC 61587-3, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Tests for IEC 60917 and IEC 60297 – Part 3: Electromagnetic shielding performance tests for cabinets and subracks*

IEC 61969-2, *Mechanical structures for electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 2: Coordination dimensions*

IEC 61969-3, *Mechanical structures for electrical and electronic equipment – Outdoor enclosures – Part 3: Environmental requirements, tests and safety aspects*

IEC 62194, *Method of evaluating the thermal performance of enclosures*

IEC 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62305-4, *Protection against lightning – Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures*

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

ISO 1518-1, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of scratch resistance – Part 1: Constant-loading method*

ISO 3864-2, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 2: Design principles for product safety labels*

ISO 7779, *Acoustics – Measurement of airborne noise emitted by information technology and telecommunications equipment*

ETSI EN 300 019-1-2, *Environmental Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment; Part 1-2: Classification of environmental conditions; Transportation*

ETSI EN 300 019-1-4, *Environmental Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment; Part 1-4: Classification of environmental conditions; Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

ETSI EN 300 019-2-2, *Environmental Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment; Part 2-2: Specification of environmental tests; Transportation*

ETSI EN 300 019-2-4, *Environmental Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment; Part 2-4: Specification of environmental tests – Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

ETSI EN 300 753, *Environmental Engineering (EE); Acoustic noise emitted by telecommunications equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/
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3.1
outdoor enclosure
enclosure exposed to an outdoor environment, for stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations, for the protection of electrical and electronic equipment installed inside against outdoor environmental conditions

Note 1 to entry: An outdoor enclosure is applicable for a wide field of equipment (e.g. communication system, industrial or signal control, etc.).

Note 2 to entry: The typical installation locations of outdoor enclosures are shown in Figure 2.

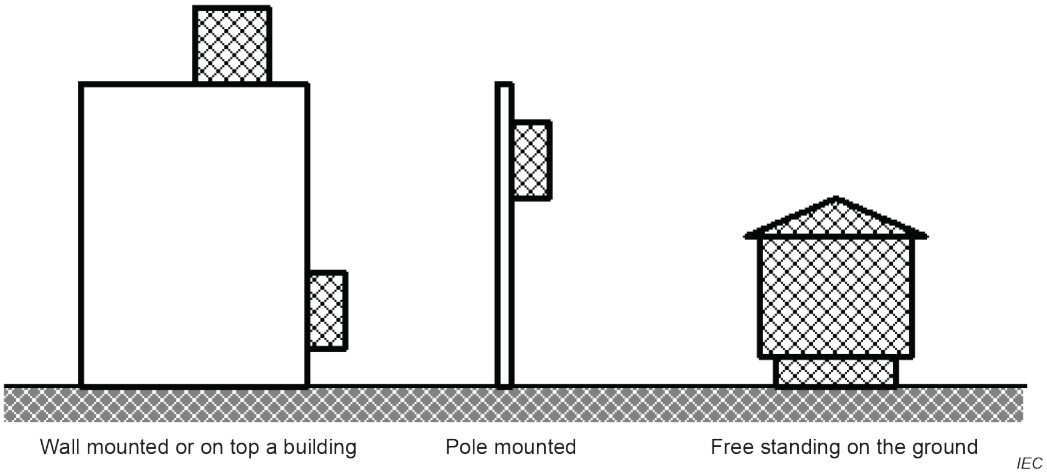


Figure 2 – Locations of outdoor enclosures

3.2
heat transfer rate
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property with units of W/(m^{2}K), a measure of the rate of heat transfer

Note 1 to entry: Detailed calculations for determination of the enclosure design dependent heat management properties, including the heat transfer rate, are described in IEC 62194.

4 Coordination dimensions

The dimensions of outdoor enclosures shall consist of coordination dimensions as given in IEC 61969-2. The coordination dimensions provide the range and systematic stipulation of possible enclosure internal and external dimensions.

5 Environmental requirements, tests and safety aspects

5.1 Classification of environmental conditions

The environmental requirements for outdoor enclosures are based on the classification of environmental conditions as defined in IEC 60721-3-2 (transportation) and IEC 60721-3-4 (operating conditions). The relevant tests from the IEC 60068 series with tests severities are given in ETSI EN 300 019-2-2 and ETSI EN 300 019-2-4.

The selection of relevant requirements, as indicated in Table 1 and Table 2, was made with the focus on outdoor specific conditions and on structural design and safety aspects. Details about the selected classes of environmental conditions are given in IEC 61969-3.