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ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY –

Part 1: General requirements

FOREWORD

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This consolidated version of the official IEC Standard and its amendment has been prepared for user convenience.

IEC 62841-1 edition 1.1 contains the first edition (2014-03) [documents 116/156/FDIS and 116/163/RVD], its corrigenda 1 (2014-05) and 2 (2025-10), and its amendment 1 (2025-03) [documents 72/1017/FDIS and 72/1026/RVD].

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.

International Standard IEC 62841-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 116: Safety of motor-operated electric tools.

This standard is scheduled to cancel and replace the fourth edition of IEC 60745-1, published in 2006, the first edition of IEC 61029-1, published in 1990, and the fifth edition of IEC 60335-1, published in 2010, only with respect to requirements concerning lawn and garden machinery. The latter publications remain valid until they are withdrawn. This standard constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the fourth edition of IEC 60745-1:

– requirements in various clauses introduced or modified in order to include the requirements for transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery (formerly covered by IEC 61029-1 and IEC 60335-1);
– leakage current test and electric strength test moved from former Clauses 13 and 15 to Annexes C and D;
– former Clauses 29, 30 and 31 renumbered to become Clauses 6, 13 and 15;
– requirements for electronic **safety critical functions** added to Clause 18;
– requirements for switches revised and moved from Annex I to Clause 23;
– clarifications in respect to soft materials (elastomers) added to Clauses 9, 19 and 13;
– test finger in Figure 1 of IEC 60745-1 and test probe in Figure 2 of IEC 60745-1 replaced by references to basic IEC standards;
– requirements for Li-Ion battery systems added to Annexes K and L;
– Annex M removed.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 1 is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate parts of IEC 62841-2, IEC 62841-3 or IEC 62841-4 which contain clauses that supplement or modify the corresponding clauses in Part 1 to provide the relevant requirements for each type of product.

NOTE 1 In this standard, the following print types are used:

– requirements: in roman type
– *test specification: in italic type*
– Notes: in smaller 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.

NOTE 2 In Annexes B, K and L, subclauses which are additional to those in the main body of the text are numbered starting from 201.

A list of all parts of the IEC 62841 series, under the general title: *Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document and its amendment will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under webstore.iec.ch in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

NOTE 3 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in

which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 36 months from the date of publication.

NOTE 4 In Europe (EN 62841-1), the following additional paragraph applies:

When a relevant Part 2, 3, or 4 does not exist, this document can be used to support the risk assessment process in order to establish requirements for the tool.

INTRODUCTION

Individual countries may wish to consider the application of this Part 1 of IEC 62841, so far as is reasonable, to tools not mentioned in an individual part of IEC 62841-2, IEC 62841-3 or IEC 62841-4 and to tools designed on new principles.

Examples of standards dealing with non-safety aspects of **hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery** are

– standards dealing with EMC aspects;

– standards dealing with environmental aspects.

ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric motor-operated or magnetically driven:

– **hand-held tools** (IEC 62841-2);
– **transportable tools** (IEC 62841-3);
– **lawn and garden machinery** (IEC 62841-4).

The above listed categories are hereinafter referred to as “tools” or “machines”.

The **rated voltage** is not more than 250 V for single-phase a.c. or d.c. tools, and 480 V for three-phase a.c. tools. The **rated input** is not more than 3 700 W.

The limits for the applicability of this standard for battery tools are given in K.1 and L.1.

This standard deals with the hazards presented by tools which are encountered by all persons in the **normal use** and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the tools.

Tools with electric heating elements are within the scope of this standard.

Requirements for motors not isolated from the supply, and having **basic insulation** not designed for the **rated voltage** of the tools, are given in Annex B. Requirements for rechargeable battery-powered motor-operated or magnetically driven tools and the battery packs for such tools are given in Annex K. Requirements for such tools that are also operated and/or charged directly from the mains or a non-isolated source are given in Annex L.

Hand-held electric tools, which can be mounted on a support or working stand for use as fixed tools without any alteration of the tool itself, are within the scope of this standard and such combination of a **hand-held tool** and a support is considered to be a **transportable tool** and thus covered by the relevant Part 3.

This standard does not apply to:

– tools intended to be used in the presence of explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
– tools used for preparing and processing food;
– tools for medical purposes;

NOTE 1 IEC 60601 series covers a variety of tools for medical purposes.

– tools intended to be used with cosmetics or pharmaceutical products;
– heating tools;

NOTE 2 IEC 60335-2-45 covers a variety of heating tools.

– electric motor-operated household and similar electrical appliances;

NOTE 3 IEC 60335 series covers a variety of electric motor-operated household and similar electrical appliances.

– electrical equipment for industrial machine-tools;

NOTE 4 IEC 60204 series deals with electrical safety of machinery.

– small low voltage transformer operated bench tools intended for model making, e.g. the making of radio controlled model aircraft or cars, etc.

NOTE 5 In the United States of America, the following conditions apply:

This standard deals with tools used in non-hazardous locations in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70.

NOTE 6 In Canada, the following conditions apply:

This standard deals with tools used in non-hazardous locations in accordance with the Canadian Electric Code, Part 1, CSA C22.1, and General Requirements – Canadian Electrical Code, Part II, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 0.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60061, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety*, available at http://std.iec.ch/iec60061

IEC 60065:2001, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*[1]
Amendment 2:2010
Amendment 1:2005

IEC 60068-2-75:1997, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC/TR 60083, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60252-1, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guidance for installation and operation*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

IEC 60320-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

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1 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 7.2:2011) which includes IEC 60065:2001 and its Amendment 1 (2005) and Amendment 2 (2010).

IEC 60335-1:2010, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60384-14, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification – Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment,* available at http://www.graphical-symbols.info/graphical-symbols/equipment/db1.nsf/$enHome?OpenForm

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*[2]
Amendment 1:1999
Amendment 2:2013

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-2-13:2010, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-10-2:2003, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test*

IEC 60695-11-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60730-1:2010, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60825-1:2007, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60884 (all parts), *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 60906-1, *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: Plugs and socket-outlets 16 A 250 V a.c.*

IEC 60990:1999, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 60998-2-1, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screw-type clamping units*

IEC 60998-2-2, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screwless-type clamping units*

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm^2 up to 35 mm^2 (included)*

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2 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 2.2:2013) which includes IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1 (1999) and Amendment 2 (2013).

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test* [3]
Amendment 1:2007
Amendment 2:2010

IEC 61000-4-4:2012, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2005, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-6:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-11:2004, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61056-1, *General purpose lead-acid batteries (valve-regulated types) – Part 1: General requirements, functional characteristics – Methods of test*

IEC 61058-1:2000, *Switches for appliances – Part 1: General requirements* [4]
Amendment 1:2001
Amendment 2:2007

IEC 61210, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

IEC 61540:1997, *Electrical accessories – Portable residual current devices without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar use (PRCDs)* [5]
Amendment 1:1998

IEC 61558-1, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-4, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating isolating transformers*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers*

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3 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 3.2:2010) which includes IEC 61000-4-3:2006 and its Amendment 1 (2007) and Amendment 2 (2010).

4 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 3.2:2008) which includes IEC 61058-1:2000 and its Amendment 1 (2001) and Amendment 2 (2007).

5 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 1.1:1999) which includes IEC 61540:1997 and its Amendment 1 (2001).

IEC 61558-2-16, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-16: Particular requirements and tests for switch mode power supply units and transformers for switch mode power supply units*

IEC 61951-1, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 1: Nickel-cadmium*

IEC 61951-2, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 2: Nickel-metal hydride*

IEC 61960, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Secondary lithium cells and batteries for portable applications*

IEC 61984, *Connectors – Safety requirements and tests*

IEC 62133, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications*

IEC 62233, *Measurement methods for electromagnetic fields of household appliances and similar apparatus with regard to human exposure*

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

IEC/TR 62471-2:2009, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems – Part 2: Guidance on manufacturing requirements relating to non-laser optical radiation safety*

ISO 1463, *Metallic and oxide coatings – Measurement of coating thickness – Microscopical method*

ISO 2178, *Non-magnetic coatings on magnetic substrates – Measurement of coating thickness – Magnetic method*

ISO 2768-1, *General tolerances – Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

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

ISO 3864-3, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 3: Design principles for graphical symbols for use in safety signs*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics – Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 5347 (all parts), *Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock pick-ups*

ISO 5349-1, *Mechanical vibration – Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 5349-2, *Mechanical vibration – Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration – Part 2: Practical guidance for measurement in the workplace*

ISO 7000:2012, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Index and synopsis*

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

ISO 7574-4, *Acoustics – Statistical methods for determining and verifying stated noise emission values of machinery and equipment – Part 4: Methods for stated values for batches of machines*

ISO 8041, *Human response to vibration – Measuring instrumentation*

ISO 9772:2012, *Cellular plastics – Determination of horizontal burning characteristics of small specimens subjected to a small flame*

ISO 11201, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane with negligible environmental corrections*

ISO 11203, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions from the sound power level*

ISO 12100, *Safety of machinery – General principles for design – Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13850, *Safety of machinery – Emergency stop – Principles for design*

~~ISO/TR 11690-3, *Acoustics – Recommended practice for the design of low-noise workplaces containing machinery – Part 3: Sound propagation and noise prediction in workrooms*~~

ISO 16063-1, *Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 1: Basic concepts*

EN 12096, *Mechanical vibration – Declaration and verification of vibration emission values*

ASTM B 258, *Standard specification for standard nominal diameters and cross-sectional areas of AWG sizes of solid round wires used as electrical conductors*

UL 969, *Standard for marking and labeling systems*

NOTE 1 In the United States of America, the following normative reference applies:

US, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 21, *Food and Drugs*.

NOTE 2 In Canada, the following normative reference applies:

C.R.C., c. 1370, Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations

NOTE 3 In Europe (EN 62841-1), the following normative references apply:

CR 1030-1, *Hand-arm vibration – Guidelines for vibration hazards reduction – Part 1: Engineering methods by design of machinery*

EN ISO 11688-1, *Acoustics – Recommended practice for the design of low-noise machinery and equipment – Part 1: Planning (ISO/TR 11688-1)*

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Part 1: General requirements

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IEC 62841-1 edition 1.1 contains the first edition (2014-03) [documents 116/156/FDIS and 116/163/RVD], its corrigenda 1 (2014-05) and 2 (2025-10), and its amendment 1 (2025-03) [documents 72/1017/FDIS and 72/1026/RVD].

This Final version does not show where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. A separate Redline version with all changes highlighted is available in this publication.

International Standard IEC 62841-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 116: Safety of motor-operated electric tools.

This standard is scheduled to cancel and replace the fourth edition of IEC 60745-1, published in 2006, the first edition of IEC 61029-1, published in 1990, and the fifth edition of IEC 60335-1, published in 2010, only with respect to requirements concerning lawn and garden machinery. The latter publications remain valid until they are withdrawn. This standard constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the fourth edition of IEC 60745-1:

– requirements in various clauses introduced or modified in order to include the requirements for transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery (formerly covered by IEC 61029-1 and IEC 60335-1);
– leakage current test and electric strength test moved from former Clauses 13 and 15 to Annexes C and D;
– former Clauses 29, 30 and 31 renumbered to become Clauses 6, 13 and 15;
– requirements for electronic **safety critical functions** added to Clause 18;
– requirements for switches revised and moved from Annex I to Clause 23;
– clarifications in respect to soft materials (elastomers) added to Clauses 9, 19 and 13;
– test finger in Figure 1 of IEC 60745-1 and test probe in Figure 2 of IEC 60745-1 replaced by references to basic IEC standards;
– requirements for Li-Ion battery systems added to Annexes K and L;
– Annex M removed.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This Part 1 is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate parts of IEC 62841-2, IEC 62841-3 or IEC 62841-4 which contain clauses that supplement or modify the corresponding clauses in Part 1 to provide the relevant requirements for each type of product.

NOTE 1 In this standard, the following print types are used:

– requirements: in roman type
– *test specification: in italic type*
– Notes: in smaller 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.

NOTE 2 In Annexes B, K and L, subclauses which are additional to those in the main body of the text are numbered starting from 201.

A list of all parts of the IEC 62841 series, under the general title: *Electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document and its amendment will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under webstore.iec.ch in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

NOTE 3 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in

which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 36 months from the date of publication.

NOTE 4 In Europe (EN 62841-1), the following additional paragraph applies:

When a relevant Part 2, 3, or 4 does not exist, this document can be used to support the risk assessment process in order to establish requirements for the tool.

INTRODUCTION

Individual countries may wish to consider the application of this Part 1 of IEC 62841, so far as is reasonable, to tools not mentioned in an individual part of IEC 62841-2, IEC 62841-3 or IEC 62841-4 and to tools designed on new principles.

Examples of standards dealing with non-safety aspects of **hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery** are

– standards dealing with EMC aspects;

– standards dealing with environmental aspects.

ELECTRIC MOTOR-OPERATED HAND-HELD TOOLS, TRANSPORTABLE TOOLS AND LAWN AND GARDEN MACHINERY – SAFETY –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric motor-operated or magnetically driven:

– **hand-held tools** (IEC 62841-2);
– **transportable tools** (IEC 62841-3);
– **lawn and garden machinery** (IEC 62841-4).

The above listed categories are hereinafter referred to as “tools” or “machines”.

The **rated voltage** is not more than 250 V for single-phase a.c. or d.c. tools, and 480 V for three-phase a.c. tools. The **rated input** is not more than 3 700 W.

The limits for the applicability of this standard for battery tools are given in K.1 and L.1.

This standard deals with the hazards presented by tools which are encountered by all persons in the **normal use** and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the tools.

Tools with electric heating elements are within the scope of this standard.

Requirements for motors not isolated from the supply, and having **basic insulation** not designed for the **rated voltage** of the tools, are given in Annex B. Requirements for rechargeable battery-powered motor-operated or magnetically driven tools and the battery packs for such tools are given in Annex K. Requirements for such tools that are also operated and/or charged directly from the mains or a non-isolated source are given in Annex L.

Hand-held electric tools, which can be mounted on a support or working stand for use as fixed tools without any alteration of the tool itself, are within the scope of this standard and such combination of a **hand-held tool** and a support is considered to be a **transportable tool** and thus covered by the relevant Part 3.

This standard does not apply to:

– tools intended to be used in the presence of explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
– tools used for preparing and processing food;
– tools for medical purposes;

NOTE 1 IEC 60601 series covers a variety of tools for medical purposes.

– tools intended to be used with cosmetics or pharmaceutical products;
– heating tools;

NOTE 2 IEC 60335-2-45 covers a variety of heating tools.

– electric motor-operated household and similar electrical appliances;

NOTE 3 IEC 60335 series covers a variety of electric motor-operated household and similar electrical appliances.

– electrical equipment for industrial machine-tools;

NOTE 4 IEC 60204 series deals with electrical safety of machinery.

– small low voltage transformer operated bench tools intended for model making, e.g. the making of radio controlled model aircraft or cars, etc.

NOTE 5 In the United States of America, the following conditions apply:

This standard deals with tools used in non-hazardous locations in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70.

NOTE 6 In Canada, the following conditions apply:

This standard deals with tools used in non-hazardous locations in accordance with the Canadian Electric Code, Part 1, CSA C22.1, and General Requirements – Canadian Electrical Code, Part II, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 0.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60061, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety*, available at http://std.iec.ch/iec60061

IEC 60065:2001, *Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus – Safety requirements*[1]
Amendment 2:2010
Amendment 1:2005

IEC 60068-2-75:1997, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC/TR 60083, *Plugs and socket-outlets for domestic and similar general use standardized in member countries of IEC*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60252-1, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guidance for installation and operation*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

IEC 60320-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

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1 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 7.2:2011) which includes IEC 60065:2001 and its Amendment 1 (2005) and Amendment 2 (2010).

IEC 60335-1:2010, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60384-14, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment – Part 14: Sectional specification – Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment,* available at http://www.graphical-symbols.info/graphical-symbols/equipment/db1.nsf/$enHome?OpenForm

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*[2]
Amendment 1:1999
Amendment 2:2013

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-2-13:2010, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-10-2:2003, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test*

IEC 60695-11-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60730-1:2010, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60825-1:2007, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60884 (all parts), *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 60906-1, *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: Plugs and socket-outlets 16 A 250 V a.c.*

IEC 60990:1999, *Methods of measurement of touch current and protective conductor current*

IEC 60998-2-1, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screw-type clamping units*

IEC 60998-2-2, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with screwless-type clamping units*

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm^2 up to 35 mm^2 (included)*

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2 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 2.2:2013) which includes IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1 (1999) and Amendment 2 (2013).

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2006, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test* [3]
Amendment 1:2007
Amendment 2:2010

IEC 61000-4-4:2012, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2005, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-6:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-11:2004, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61056-1, *General purpose lead-acid batteries (valve-regulated types) – Part 1: General requirements, functional characteristics – Methods of test*

IEC 61058-1:2000, *Switches for appliances – Part 1: General requirements* [4]
Amendment 1:2001
Amendment 2:2007

IEC 61210, *Connecting devices – Flat quick-connect terminations for electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements*

IEC 61540:1997, *Electrical accessories – Portable residual current devices without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar use (PRCDs)* [5]
Amendment 1:1998

IEC 61558-1, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-4, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating isolating transformers*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers*

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3 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 3.2:2010) which includes IEC 61000-4-3:2006 and its Amendment 1 (2007) and Amendment 2 (2010).

4 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 3.2:2008) which includes IEC 61058-1:2000 and its Amendment 1 (2001) and Amendment 2 (2007).

5 There exists a consolidated version (Edition 1.1:1999) which includes IEC 61540:1997 and its Amendment 1 (2001).

IEC 61558-2-16, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-16: Particular requirements and tests for switch mode power supply units and transformers for switch mode power supply units*

IEC 61951-1, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 1: Nickel-cadmium*

IEC 61951-2, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 2: Nickel-metal hydride*

IEC 61960, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Secondary lithium cells and batteries for portable applications*

IEC 61984, *Connectors – Safety requirements and tests*

IEC 62133, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications*

IEC 62233, *Measurement methods for electromagnetic fields of household appliances and similar apparatus with regard to human exposure*

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

IEC/TR 62471-2:2009, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems – Part 2: Guidance on manufacturing requirements relating to non-laser optical radiation safety*

ISO 1463, *Metallic and oxide coatings – Measurement of coating thickness – Microscopical method*

ISO 2178, *Non-magnetic coatings on magnetic substrates – Measurement of coating thickness – Magnetic method*

ISO 2768-1, *General tolerances – Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

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

ISO 3864-3, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 3: Design principles for graphical symbols for use in safety signs*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics – Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 5347 (all parts), *Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock pick-ups*

ISO 5349-1, *Mechanical vibration – Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 5349-2, *Mechanical vibration – Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration – Part 2: Practical guidance for measurement in the workplace*

ISO 7000:2012, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Index and synopsis*

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

ISO 7574-4, *Acoustics – Statistical methods for determining and verifying stated noise emission values of machinery and equipment – Part 4: Methods for stated values for batches of machines*

ISO 8041, *Human response to vibration – Measuring instrumentation*

ISO 9772:2012, *Cellular plastics – Determination of horizontal burning characteristics of small specimens subjected to a small flame*

ISO 11201, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane with negligible environmental corrections*

ISO 11203, *Acoustics – Noise emitted by machinery and equipment – Determination of emission sound pressure levels at a work station and at other specified positions from the sound power level*

ISO 12100, *Safety of machinery – General principles for design – Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13850, *Safety of machinery – Emergency stop – Principles for design*

ISO 16063-1, *Methods for the calibration of vibration and shock transducers – Part 1: Basic concepts*

EN 12096, *Mechanical vibration – Declaration and verification of vibration emission values*

ASTM B 258, *Standard specification for standard nominal diameters and cross-sectional areas of AWG sizes of solid round wires used as electrical conductors*

UL 969, *Standard for marking and labeling systems*

NOTE 1 In the United States of America, the following normative reference applies:

US, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 21, *Food and Drugs*.

NOTE 2 In Canada, the following normative reference applies:

C.R.C., c. 1370, Radiation Emitting Devices Regulations

NOTE 3 In Europe (EN 62841-1), the following normative references apply:

CR 1030-1, *Hand-arm vibration – Guidelines for vibration hazards reduction – Part 1: Engineering methods by design of machinery*

EN ISO 11688-1, *Acoustics – Recommended practice for the design of low-noise machinery and equipment – Part 1: Planning (ISO/TR 11688-1)*