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a) change of classification of this document (from Technical Specification to Technical Report), based on the nature of this publication, which provides solely general information and the theoretical basis for confirmatory tests using copper blocks;

b) minor editorial changes.

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INTRODUCTION

Standard flames are specified for various small-scale fire tests. Apparatus design and test parameters are specified in an effort to ensure consistent and defined flames. Burner designs, material specifications and fuel and air specifications are typical necessary parameters. Experience has shown that the quality of the flames and the resulting test measurements are influenced significantly by subtle variations in the equipment and test technique. Simple checks on flame qualities, such as flame colour and dimensions, or the melting characteristics of silver wire, are also sometimes specified .

The need for a relatively simple check on the power of a flame has been recognized, leading to the introduction of confirmatory tests based on copper block calorimetry. This document is intended to provide information about small-scale standard flames and the various copper block confirmatory tests.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695, which is a Technical Report, presents a general characterization of small-scale test flames and associated confirmatory tests based on copper block calorimetry. Information is presented for the selection of critical parameters in confirmatory test designs.

NOTE A theory of thermal dynamics presents, in Annex A, additional performance parameters for confirmatory tests, enabling a precise implicit mathematical characterization of confirmatory test heating curves.

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IEC 60695-4:2021, *Fire hazard testing - Part 4: Terminology concerning fire tests for electrotechnical products*

ISO 13943:2017, *Fire safety — Vocabulary*

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3.1
confirmatory test
calorimetric procedure intended as a diagnostic indicator to reveal anomalous behaviour or conditions in a test flame, burner or associated hardware

[SOURCE: IEC 60695-4:2021 [7], 3.2.4]

3.2
draught-free environment
space in which the results of experiments are not significantly affected by the local air speed

Note 1 to entry: A qualitative example is a space in which a wax candle flame remains essentially undisturbed. Quantitative examples are small-scale fire tests in which a maximum air speed of 0,1 ms^{-1} or 0,2 ms^{-1} is sometimes specified.

[SOURCE: ISO 13943:2017 [8], 3.83]