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**Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety -  
Part 2-23: Particular requirements for hair care and similar appliances**

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## **HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –** **Part 1: General requirements**

### **INTERPRETATION SHEET 1**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Edition 6 of IEC 60335-1:2020 defines and introduces requirements for a detachable power supply part of an appliance. In the document, 24.2 prohibits the use of a power supply in a flexible cord.

#### **QUESTION:**

Does Subclause 24.2 prohibit the use of a detachable power supply part?

#### **ANSWER**

No, a "detachable power supply part" is a defined term and is not captured by the term "power supply" as used in Subclause 24.2.

NOTE A detachable power supply part is captured by the defined term when the output of the power supply part is detachable from the class III construction part of the appliance at:

- the power supply part, or
- the class III construction part of the appliance.

However, the supply cord (if any) does not have to be detachable from the detachable power supply part.

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## **Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety - Part 1: General requirements**

### **INTERPRETATION SHEET 2**

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#### **TC 61 interpretation sheet on: Mechanical shock and vibration testing on large metal-ion batteries of IEC 60335-1:2020**

##### **INTRODUCTION**

Currently the standard mentions:

**B.24.1** *The relevant standards for non-acid based electrolyte **cells** employed in **batteries** are IEC 62133-1:2017 for nickel systems and IEC 62133-2:2017 for lithium systems.*

NOTE The requirement for **cells** does not extend to the **battery** itself.

*A **battery** that uses metal-ion chemistry shall additionally be subjected to the tests of Subclauses 7.3.8.1 (vibration) and 7.3.8.2 (mechanical shock) of IEC 62133-2:2017.*

When Annex B was written for the IEC 60335-1 edition 6, the batteries foreseen were for portable applications and rather lightweight. The IEC 62133-2:2017 standard referred to is applicable to portable lithium batteries only.

For non-portable and/or large batteries (mass > 12 kg), the tests of IEC 62133-2 for mechanical shock and vibration are not suitable.

**QUESTION:**

What test sequence for mechanical shock and vibration can be followed for large batteries?

**ANSWER:**

For practical reasons, IEC 60335-1 should follow the same differentiation as the UN 38.3 transport test or IEC 62281 standard (Safety of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries during transport).

For larger batteries with a mass exceeding 12 kg, Subclauses 6.4.3 (Test T-3: Vibration) and 6.4.4 (Test T-4: Shock) of IEC 62281:2019, including AMD1:2021 and AMD2:2023, may be applied.

NOTE 1 The tests are technically identical to Test T.3 and Test T.4 of the UN manual of tests and criteria, section 38.3 rev.8 (2023).

NOTE 2 In accordance with Table 5 of IEC 62281:2019, testing is carried out on the battery without packaging.

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Part 2-23: Particular requirements for hair care and similar appliances**

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IEC 60335-2-23 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. It is an International Standard.

This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition published in 2016 and Amendment 1:2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) alignment with IEC 60335-1:2020;
- b) conversion of some notes to normative text (Clause 1, 11.101, 20.1);
- c) change in standard title and relocation of skin care appliances, such as facial saunas and foot care appliances, to IEC 60335-2-115 (Clause 1, 3.1.9, 3.5.103, 6.1, 7.12, 8.1.4, 11.8, 15.2, 21.1);
- d) clarification of testing of appliances with PTC heating elements (10.1, 10.2);
- e) clarification of the application of test probe 18 for appliances for use in hairdressing salons (8.1.1, 20.2, B.22.3, B.22.4);
- f) addition of accessible surface temperature limits including marking of hot surfaces (7.1, 7.6, 7.12, 7.14, 7.15, 11.3, 11.8);
- g) clarification of placement of the appliance in the test corner (19.2);
- h) addition of moisture resistance and strength tests for detachable power supply parts (6.2, 21.102, 21.103, 24.2).

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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](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs). The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at [www.iec.ch/publications](http://www.iec.ch/publications).

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

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for hair care and similar appliances.

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;

- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

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- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

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NOTE 4 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations can 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 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

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## INTRODUCTION to IEC 60335-1:2020

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 –

[www.iec.ch/tc61/supportingdocuments](http://www.iec.ch/tc61/supportingdocuments)

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 manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

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 may differ.

If the functions of an appliance are covered by different parts 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.

Throughout this publication, when "part 2" is mentioned, it refers to the relevant part of IEC 60335.

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.

Individual countries may wish to consider the application of this standard, as far as is reasonable, to appliances not mentioned in a part 2, and to appliances designed on new principles. In this case, consideration should be given to defining normal operation, specifying the classification of the appliance according to Clause 6 and specifying whether the appliance is operated attended or unattended. Consideration should also be given to particular categories of likely users and to related specific risks such as access to live parts, hot surfaces or hazardous moving parts.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of this standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features which 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 this 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.

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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 manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

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.

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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric appliances for the care of the hair of persons or animals and similar appliances, intended for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and **battery-operated appliances**.

Examples of appliances that are within the scope of this standard are

- curling combs;
- curling irons;
- hairdryers;
- hair straighteners;
- hand dryers;
- **heaters for detachable curlers**;
- permanent-wave appliances.

Appliances covered by this standard can incorporate steam-producing or spray-producing devices.

NOTE 101 Hand dryers can have a feature to redirect the air so that it can be used to dry the face or hair.

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

This standard deals with the reasonably foreseeable hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
  - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledge
 prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

Attention is drawn to the fact that

- it is recognized that persons having very extensive and complex disabilities can have needs beyond the level addressed in this standard.
- 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 by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- 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);
- shavers, hair clippers and similar appliances (IEC 60335-2-8);
- cosmetic and beauty care appliances incorporating lasers and intense light sources (IEC 60335-2-113);
- appliances intended for skin care (IEC 60335-2-115).

## 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 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60061-1, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 1: Lamp caps*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

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

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

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

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

IEC 60112:2020, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*<sup>1</sup>

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60227-5:2024, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60245-4, *Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 4: Cords and flexible cables*

IEC 60252-1:2010, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guidance for installation and operation*  
IEC 60252-1:2010/AMD1:2013<sup>2</sup>

IEC 60309-2, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes – Part 2: Dimensional interchangeability requirements for pin and contact-tube accessories*

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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<sup>1</sup> Void

<sup>2</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 2.1:2013 that includes edition 2 and its Amendment 1.

IEC 60320-2-3, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 2-3: Appliance couplers with a degree of protection higher than IPX0*

IEC 60320-3, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 3: Standard sheets and gauges*

IEC 60384-14:2023, *Fixed capacitors for use in electronic equipment - Part 14: Sectional specification - Fixed capacitors for electromagnetic interference suppression and connection to the supply mains*<sup>3</sup>

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013<sup>4</sup>

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples - Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60598-1:2024, *Luminaires - Part 1: General requirements and tests*<sup>5</sup>

IEC 60603-11, *Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz for use with printed boards – Part 11: Detail specification for concentric connectors (dimensions for free connectors and fixed connectors)*

IEC 60664-1:2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60664-1:2020/AMD1:2025

IEC 60664-3:2016, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution*

IEC 60664-4:2005, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 4: Consideration of high-frequency voltage stress*

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