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Protection against electric shock –

Protection against unintentional direct contact with hazardous live parts

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Protection contre les chocs électriques -
Protection contre le contact direct
involontaire avec des parties actives
dangereuses

Niederspannungs-
Schaltgerätekombinationen -
Schutz gegen elektrischen Schlag -
Schutz gegen unabsichtliches direktes
Berühren gefährlicher aktiver Teile

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by WG 3 of Technical Committee CENELEC TC 17D, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies. It is intended as a complementary document to EN 60439-1. EN 60439-1 does not address in detail the issue of protection of skilled and instructed persons from electric shock when they are required to gain access into the assembly to manually operated devices. The intent of this standard is to provide additional requirements for the protection of these persons against electric shock.

The text of the draft has been submitted to the formal vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 50274 on 2002-02-01.

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Annexes designated "informative" are given for information only.
In this standard, annex A is informative.

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Introduction

Within the European Community there are a number of Directives which impact upon electrical equipment including switchgear and controlgear assemblies with regard to the health and safety of the users and others when at work. The Framework Directive (89/391/EEC) on Health and Safety sets out in article 6 - General Obligations on Employers. These include a set of criteria to be observed. This listing is in a preferred order, and in the case of switchgear and controlgear assemblies and their operation, the intent can be summarised as follows.

- a) Remove the danger - in the case of assemblies where access inside for the operation of certain devices is required, this can be achieved by either isolating the assembly before entry is permitted or ensuring that the degree of protection of these devices and the accessible surrounding areas is not less than IPXXB according to EN 60529. For assemblies located in areas set apart with access restricted to skilled and instructed persons the assembly can be isolated before access is permitted or the operating device has a degree of protection of not less than IPXXB according to EN 60529.

Or if this is not possible

- b) Separate the person from the danger by means of screens, barriers or obstacles.

This standard sets out requirements according to b) for assemblies where the measures for the protection of persons as set out in a) above cannot be achieved.

Or if this is not possible

- c) Provide personal protective equipment to ensure the health and safety of the person – this is a measure of last resort and is not considered suitable for these assemblies.

In addition, the requirements set out in both the Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC) and the use of Work Equipment Directive (89/655/EEC) together with both of their Amending Directives (93/68/EEC and 95/63/EEC) need to be observed. The particular article of the LVD to be considered is article 2 together with clauses 1 and 2 of annex 1.

Within the use of Work Equipment Directive, article 3 is particularly relevant to the design and construction of switchgear and controlgear assemblies. Controls of any description should be sited in locations such that when they are actuated, the operator is not exposed to any danger nor risks to health.

The preferred approach is to ensure that the assembly has a degree of protection not less than IPXXB at the operating faces. Alternatively, the assembly should be designed and constructed so that the controls are set apart in a safe location within the assembly where there are no hazardous live parts. It should be noted that the Basic Safety Publication (EN 61140) sets a minimum level of protection against electric shock of IPXXB for equipment.

1 Scope

This standard applies to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies with a rated voltage not exceeding AC 1 000 V or DC 1 500 V. It sets out the requirements for the provision of additional features to provide protection against electric shock from direct contact with hazardous live parts only for skilled and instructed persons when they are required to manually actuate devices within the assembly and where a level of protection for the operating face of not less than IPXXB cannot be achieved. These devices are those only accessible via a door or cover requiring a key or tool to open it or in an assembly located in an area set apart and where the access to that area is restricted solely to skilled or instructed persons.

This standard does not apply to

- manually operated devices and their locations where access is available to ordinary persons,
- low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies where the operating voltage does not exceed AC 50 V or DC 120 V and there is protective separation, in accordance with EN 61140, between these circuits and any other circuits,

NOTE Voltages generated by means of auto-transformers, potentiometers, semiconductor components etc. do NOT meet these requirements.

- low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies where protection of persons is provided by limitation of steady-state touch current or charge in accordance with EN 61140.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

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

EN 61032, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification (IEC 61032)*

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

IEC 60050-195, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 195: Earthing and protection against electric shock*

IEC 60050-826, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 826: Electrical installations of buildings*

