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- c) Consideration of effects other than ventricular fibrillation
- d) Additional protection was introduced
- e) ELV defined as part of LV
- f) Devices suitable for isolation required for automatic disconnection of supply (LV)
- g) Requirements relating to current in the protective conductor were moved to the main body of the standard

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## INTRODUCTION

# PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK – COMMON ASPECTS FOR INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

## 1 Scope

This International Standard is a basic safety publication **primarily** intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

It is not intended to be used as a stand-alone standard.

According to IEC Guide 104, technical committees, when preparing, amending, or revising their publications, are required to make use of any basic safety publication such as IEC 61140.

This International Standard applies to the protection of persons and ~~animals~~ **livestock** against electric shock. The intent is to give fundamental principles and requirements which are common to electrical installations, systems and equipment or necessary for their coordination, **without limitations with regard to the magnitude of the voltage or current, or the type of current, and for frequencies up to 1 000 Hz.**

~~This standard has been prepared for installations, systems and equipment without a voltage limit.~~

**NOTE** Some clauses in this standard refer to low-voltage and high-voltage systems, installations and equipment. For the purposes of this standard, low-voltage is any rated voltage up to and including 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c.. High voltage is any rated voltage exceeding 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c..

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It should be noted that, for an efficient design and selection of protective measures, the type of voltage that may occur and its waveform needs to be considered, i.e. a.c. or d.c. voltage, sinusoidal, transient, phase controlled, superimposed d.c., as well as a possible mixture of these forms. The installations or equipment may influence the waveform of the voltage, e.g. by inverters or converters. The currents flowing under normal operating conditions and under fault conditions depend on the described voltage.

## 2 Normative references

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~~IEC 60050(195): 1998, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) — Part 195: Earthing and protection against electric shock  
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COMMON ASPECTS FOR INSTALLATION AND EQUIPMENT**

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- a) Introduction of the content of IEC 60449
- b) Better distinction between provisions and measures
- c) Consideration of effects other than ventricular fibrillation
- d) Additional protection was introduced
- e) ELV defined as part of LV
- f) Devices suitable for isolation required for automatic disconnection of supply (LV)

- g) Requirements relating to current in the protective conductor were moved to the main body of the standard

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## PROTECTION AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK – COMMON ASPECTS FOR INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

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This International Standard applies to the protection of persons and livestock against electric shock. The intent is to give fundamental principles and requirements which are common to electrical installations, systems and equipment or necessary for their coordination, without limitations with regard to the magnitude of the voltage or current, or the type of current, and for frequencies up to 1 000 Hz.

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### 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 60038, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60071-1, *Insulation coordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-2, *Insulation coordination – Part 2: Application guide*

IEC 60364-5-54:2011, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements and protective conductors*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*  
(available at <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)



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

IEC TS 60479-1:2005, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 1: General aspects*

IEC TR 60479-5, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 5: Touch voltage threshold values for physiological effects*

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

IEC 60664 (all parts), *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems*

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60721 (all parts), *Classification of environmental conditions*

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

IEC TS 61201:2007, *Use of conventional touch voltage limits – Application guide*

IEC 62271-102, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

ISO/IEC Guide 51:2014, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

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Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

- a) Introduction du contenu de l'IEC 60449
- b) Meilleure distinction entre les dispositions et les mesures
- c) Prise en compte des effets autres que la fibrillation ventriculaire
- d) Introduction d'une protection complémentaire
- e) TBT définie comme partie intégrante de BT

- f) Dispositifs adaptés au sectionnement exigés pour la coupure automatique de l'alimentation (BT)
- g) Les exigences relatives au courant circulant dans le conducteur de protection ont été déplacées dans le corps du texte de la norme

Le texte de cette norme est issu des documents suivants:

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## **PROTECTION CONTRE LES CHOCs ÉLECTRIQUES – ASPECTS COMMUNS AUX INSTALLATIONS ET AUX MATÉRIELS**

### **1 Domaine d'application**

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La présente Norme internationale est applicable à la protection des personnes et des animaux d'élevage contre les chocs électriques. Elle est destinée à donner des principes fondamentaux et des exigences communes aux installations, aux systèmes et aux matériels électriques, ou nécessaires à leur coordination sans limitation en ce qui concerne l'amplitude de tension ou de courant, ou le type de courant, et pour des fréquences jusqu'à 1 000 Hz.

Certains articles dans la présente norme se réfèrent à des systèmes, installations et matériels à basse tension et à haute tension. Pour les besoins de la présente norme, la basse tension correspond à toute tension assignée jusqu'à et y compris 1 000 V en courant alternatif ou 1 500 V en courant continu. La haute tension correspond à toute tension assignée supérieure à 1 000 V en courant alternatif ou 1 500 V en courant continu.

Il convient de noter que, pour une conception et une sélection efficaces des mesures de prévention, il est nécessaire de considérer le type de tension qui peut survenir et sa forme d'onde, c'est-à-dire la tension en courant alternatif ou en courant continu, sinusoïdale, transitoire, à commande de phase, en courant continu superposé, ainsi qu'un éventuel mélange de ces formes. Les installations ou matériels peuvent influencer la forme d'onde de la tension, par exemple, au moyen d'onduleurs ou de convertisseurs. Les courants circulant dans des conditions normales de fonctionnement et dans des conditions de défaut dépendent de la tension décrite.

### **2 Références normatives**

Les documents suivants sont cités en référence de manière normative, en intégralité ou en partie, dans le présent document et sont indispensables pour son application. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

IEC 60038, *Tensions normales de la CEI*

IEC 60068 (toutes les parties), *Essais d'environnement*

IEC 60071-1, *Coordination de l'isolement – Partie 1: Définitions, principes et règles*

IEC 60071-2, *Coordination de l'isolement – Partie 2: Guide d'application*

IEC 60364-5-54:2011, *Installations électriques basse-tension – Partie 5-54: Choix et mise en œuvre des matériels électriques – Installations de mise à la terre et conducteurs de protection*

IEC 60417, *Symboles graphiques utilisables sur le matériel* (disponible à l'adresse <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60445, *Principes fondamentaux et de sécurité pour les interfaces homme-machines, le marquage et l'identification – Identification des bornes de matériels, des extrémités de conducteurs et des conducteurs*

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