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## Annex ZA

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IEC 60068-2-75	2014	Environmental testing - Part 2-75: Tests - Test Eh: Hammer tests	EN 60068-2-75	2014
IEC 60112	2003	Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials	EN 60112	2003
+A1	2009	Solid instituting materials	+A1	2009
IEC 60212	2010	Standard conditions for use prior to and during the testing of solid electrical insulating materials	EN 60212	2011
IEC 60227-5	2011	Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)	<b>J</b> -	-
IEC 60228	2004	Conductors of insulated cables	EN 60228 + corr. May	2005 2005
IEC 60245-4	2011	Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 4: Cords and flexible cables	-	-
IEC 60417-DB	-	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529 + corr. May	1991 1993
+A1	1999		+A1	2000
+A2	2013		+A2	2013
IEC 60669-2-1 (mod)	2002	Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations - Part 2-1: Particular requirements - Electronic switches	EN 60669-2-1 + corr. December	2004 2007
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IEC 60695-2-11	2014	Fire hazard testing - Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)	EN 60695-2-11	2014
IEC 60998-1 (mod)	2002	Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes - Part 1: General requirements	EN 60998-1	2004
IEC 60998-2-1 (mod)	-	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	EN 60998-2-1	-
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	EN 60998-2-2	-
IEC 60998-2-3	-	Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes - Part 2-3: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with insulation-piercing clamping units	EN 60998-2-3	-
IEC 60998-2-4	-	Connecting devices for low voltage circuits for household and similar purposes - Part 2-4: Particular requirements for twiston connecting devices	EN 60998-2-4	-
IEC 61032	1997	Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures - Probes for verification	EN 61032	1998
ISO 1456	2009	Metallic and other inorganic coatings - Electrodeposited coatings of nickel, nickel plus chromium, copper plus nickel and of copper plus nickel plus chromium	EN ISO 1456	2009
ISO 2081	2008	Metallic and other inorganic coatings - Electroplated coatings of zinc with supplementary treatments on iron or steel	EN ISO 2081	2008
ISO 2093	1986	Electroplated coatings of tin; Specification and test methods	-	-

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## Part 1: General requirements

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- b) deletion of some dated normative references;
- c) changes to the definitions;
- d) in Clause 5 the number of specimens to be used for the tests are clearly given in Table 1 (Corresponding Annex A of IEC 60669-1:1998 was therefore deleted);

- e) in Clause 5 it was clarified on which switches the tests of Clause 19 shall be carried out;
- f) requirements concerning 13 A switches have been included;
- g) mandatory indication that a terminal is suitable for rigid conductor only;
- h) requirements and test conditions for flexible conductors have been included in Clause 12;
- i) requirements for pilot light units have been included;
- i) new test for self-ballasted lamp loads in 19.3;
- k) Table 20 has been completely redrawn to cover normal, mini and micro-gap switches and renumbered Table 21;
- I) new informative Annex B including changes planned for the future in order to align IEC 60669-1 with the requirements of IEC 60998 (all parts), IEC 60999 (all parts) and IEC 60228:
- m) new informative Annex C about the circuit development for 19.3;
- n) new informative Annex D including additional requirements for insulation-piercing terminals;
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## Part 1: General requirements

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60669 applies to manually operated general purpose functional switches, for alternating current (AC) only with a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V with a rated current not exceeding 63 A, intended for household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.

For switches provided with screwless terminals, the rated current is limited to 16 A.

NOTE 1 The rated current is limited to 16 A for switches provided with insulation piercing terminals (IPT's) according to Annex D.

Switches covered by this document are, where applicable, intended for the control in normal use of all of the following loads:

- a circuit for a tungsten filament lamp load;
- a circuit for an externally ballasted lamp load (for example LED, CFL, fluorescent lamp load);
- a circuit for a self ballasted lamp load (for example LEDi or CFLi);
- a circuit for a substantially resistive load with a power factor not less than 0.95;
- a single phase circuit for motor load with a rated current not exceeding 3 A at 250 V (750 VA) and 4,5 A at 120 V (540 VA) and a power factor not less than 0,6. This applies to both switches rated not less than 10 A that have not undergone additional tests and to momentary switches rated not less than 6 A that have not undergone additional tests.

NOTE 2 In the following country the suitability of a switch intended to control the inrush current of a motor shall be tested: AU.

This document also applies to boxes for switches, with the exception of mounting boxes for flush-type switches.

NOTE 3 General requirements for boxes for flush-type switches are given in IEC 60670-1.

It also applies to switches such as

- switches incorporating pilot lights;
- electromagnetic remote control switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-2);
- switches incorporating a time-delay device (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-3);
- combinations of switches and other functions (with the exception of switches combined with fuses);
- electronic switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-1);
- switches having facilities for the outlet and retention of flexible cables (see Annex A);
- isolating switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-4);
- switches and related accessories for use in home and building electronic systems (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-5);
- firemen's switches (particular requirements are given in IEC 60669-2-6).

Switches complying with this document are suitable for use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of -5 °C.

NOTE 4 For lower temperatures see Annex E.

Switches complying with this document are suitable only for incorporation in equipment in such a way and in such a place that it is unlikely that the surrounding ambient temperature exceeds +35 °C.

In locations where special conditions prevail, such as in ships, vehicles and the like and in hazardous locations, for example where explosions are liable to occur, special construction and/or additional requirements may be required.

### 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 60038:2009, IEC standard voltages

IEC 60068-2-75:2014, Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests

IEC 60112:2009, Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials

IEC 60212:2010, Standard conditions for use prior to and during the testing of solid electrical insulation materials

IEC 60227-5:2011, Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)

IEC 60228:2004, Conductors of insulated cables

IEC 60245-4:2011, Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Cords and flexible cables

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

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

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999 IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60669-2-1:2002, Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-1: Particular requirements – Electronic switches

IEC 60669-2-1:2002/AMD1:2008

IEC 60669-2-1:2002/AMD2:2015

IEC 60695-2-10:2000, Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure

IEC 60695-2-11:2014, Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)

IEC 60998-1:2002, Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirements

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 60998-2-3, Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-3: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with insulation-piercing clamping units

IEC 60998-2-4, Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-4: Particular requirements for twist-on connecting devices

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

ISO 1456:2009, Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electrodeposited coatings of nickel, nickel plus chromium, copper plus nickel and of copper plus nickel plus chromium

ISO 2081:2008, Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electroplated coatings of zinc with supplementary treatments on iron or steel

ISO 2093:1986, Electroplated coatings of tin - Specification and test methods