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LUMINAIRES –

Part 2-20: Particular requirements – Lighting chains

20.1 Scope

This part of IEC 60598 specifies requirements for lighting chains fitted with series, parallel or a combination of series/parallel connected light sources for use either indoors or outdoors on supply voltages not exceeding 250 V.

For combinations where rope lights (also known as sealed lighting chains) are included, see IEC 60598-2-21.

Lighting chains provided with fixed or detachable attachments for example ornamental or decorative, are considered to be covered by this document.

For lighting chains fitted with lampholders of the push-in type, the appropriate requirements of this document applies.

~~NOTE 1 A Christmas tree lighting chain is an example of a lighting chain fitted with series or series/parallel connected lamps. A chain for illuminating ski-tracks or promenades is an example of a lighting chain fitted with parallel connected lamps.~~

This document covers the following lighting chains:

- a) permanently installed lighting chains;
- b) temporarily installed lighting chains;
- c) temporarily installed protected lighting (TPL) chains.

NOTE 1 Festoon lighting chain – a lighting chain that is supported by the supply cable or fixed at the lampholder and is permanently connected to the fixed wiring. Festoon lighting chains are primarily suitable for permanent indoor or outdoor lighting applications.

NOTE 2 Decorative lighting chain – a lighting chain that is supported by the supply cable and is temporarily connected to the fixed wiring. Decorative lighting chains are primarily suitable for domestic, indoor or indoor/outdoor temporary lighting applications, see Figure 1 for examples.

NOTE 3 Temporarily installed protected lighting (TPL) chain – a lighting chain where each lampholder is fixed to the building or structure and the light source is enclosed by a protective enclosure and is temporarily connected to the fixed wiring. Temporarily installed protected lighting chains are primarily suitable for use in rough service lighting applications.

For lighting chains with non-standardized lamps (e.g. lamps of the push-in type) the lamps are regarded as a part of the lighting chain and consequently included in the testing.

NOTE 4 For products where the lighting chain is permanently fixed to a frame or pre-lit Christmas tree the relevant clauses of IEC 60598-2-4 and/or IEC 60598-2-7 can also apply.

NOTE 5 In some countries the term "strings" is used instead of "chains".

NOTE 6 Candlestick luminaires are tested according to IEC 60598-2-4.

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IEC 60238:2016, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60238:2016/AMD1:2017

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

IEC 60309-1, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

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IEC 60598-1, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60906 (all parts), *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 61184:2017, *Bayonet lampholders*

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IEC 61347-2-11, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-11: Particular requirements for miscellaneous electronic circuits used with luminaires*

IEC 61347-2-13, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-13: Particular requirements for d.c. or a.c. supplied electronic controlgear for LED modules*

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This document covers the following lighting chains:

- a) permanently installed lighting chains;
- b) temporarily installed lighting chains;
- c) temporarily installed protected lighting (TPL) chains.

NOTE 1 Festoon lighting chain – a lighting chain that is supported by the supply cable or fixed at the lampholder and is permanently connected to the fixed wiring. Festoon lighting chains are primarily suitable for permanent indoor or outdoor lighting applications.

NOTE 2 Decorative lighting chain – a lighting chain that is supported by the supply cable and is temporarily connected to the fixed wiring. Decorative lighting chains are primarily suitable for domestic, indoor or indoor/outdoor temporary lighting applications, see Figure 1 for examples.

NOTE 3 Temporarily installed protected lighting (TPL) chain – a lighting chain where each lampholder is fixed to the building or structure and the light source is enclosed by a protective enclosure and is temporarily connected to the fixed wiring. Temporarily installed protected lighting chains are primarily suitable for use in rough service lighting applications.

For lighting chains with non-standardized lamps (e.g. lamps of the push-in type) the lamps are regarded as a part of the lighting chain and consequently included in the testing.

NOTE 4 For products where the lighting chain is permanently fixed to a frame or pre-lit Christmas tree the relevant clauses of IEC 60598-2-4 can also apply.

NOTE 5 In some countries the term "strings" is used instead of "chains".

NOTE 6 Candlestick luminaires are tested according to IEC 60598-2-4.

20.2 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 60227-5:2011, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)*

IEC 60238:2016, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60238:2016/AMD1:2017

IEC 60238:2016/AMD2/2020

IEC 60309-1, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

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

IEC 60598-1, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60906 (all parts), *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 61184:2017, *Bayonet lampholders*

IEC 61184:2017/AMD1:2019

IEC 61347-2-11, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-11: Particular requirements for miscellaneous electronic circuits used with luminaires*

IEC 61347-2-13, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-13: Particular requirements for d.c. or a.c. supplied electronic controlgear for LED modules*

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ISO 4046-4:2016, *Paper, board, pulps and related terms – Vocabulary – Part 4: Paper and board grades and converted products*