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FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES –

Part 6-100: Micro fuel cell power systems – Safety

1 Scope

1.1 General

a) This consumer safety standard covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that are wearable or easily carried by hand, providing d.c. outputs that do not exceed 60 V d.c. and power outputs that do not exceed 240 VA. Portable fuel cell power systems that provide output levels that exceed these electrical limits are covered by IEC 62282-5-1.

b) Externally accessible circuitry is therefore considered to be safety extra low voltage (SELV) circuitry as defined in IEC 60950-1:2005, and as limited power circuits if further compliance with 2.5 of IEC 60950-1:2005 is demonstrated. Micro fuel cell power systems or units that have internal circuitry exceeding 60 V d.c. or 240 VA should be appropriately evaluated in accordance with the separate criteria of IEC 60950-1:2005.

c) This consumer safety standard covers all micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges. This standard establishes requirements for all micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges to ensure a reasonable degree of safety for normal use, reasonably foreseeable misuse, and consumer transportation of such items. The fuel cartridges covered by this standard are not intended to be refilled by the consumer. Fuel cartridges refilled by the manufacturer or by trained technicians shall meet all requirements of this standard.

d) These products are not intended for use in hazardous areas as defined by IEV 426-03-01.

1.2 Fuels and technologies covered

a) A micro fuel cell power system block diagram is shown in Figure 1.

b) All portions of this standard, including all annexes, apply to micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges as defined in Subclause 1.1 above.

c) Clauses 1 through 7 of this standard cover direct methanol fuel cells using methanol or methanol and water solutions as fuel. Clauses 1 through 7 cover specific requirements for direct methanol fuel cells using proton exchange membrane technologies. Clauses 1 through 7 also cover general requirements applicable to all fuel cell technologies and all fuels covered in Annexes A through H.

d) Annexes A through H cover fuels and fuel cell technologies as follows.

   1) Annex A covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that use formic acid in water solutions – that are comprised of less than 85 % formic acid by weight – as fuel. These systems and units use direct formic acid fuel cell technologies.

   2) Annex B covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that use hydrogen gas – that has been stored in a hydrogen absorbing metal alloy – as fuel. These systems and units use proton exchange membrane fuel cell technologies.

   3) Annex C covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that convert methanol or methanol and water solutions through a reformer into hydrogen rich methanol reformate – which is then immediately fed to the fuel cell or fuel cell stack – as fuel. These systems and units use proton exchange membrane fuel cell technologies.

4) Annex D covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that use methanol or methanol and water solutions – derived from methanol clathrate compounds – as fuel. These systems and units use direct methanol fuel cell technologies.

5) Annex E covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges using hydrogen produced from Class 8 (corrosive) borohydride compounds as fuel. These systems and units use proton exchange membrane fuel cell technologies. The designs may include fuel processing subsystems to derive hydrogen gas from the borohydride compound fuel.

6) Annex F covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges using hydrogen produced from Class 4.3 (water reactive) borohydride compounds as fuel. These systems and units use proton exchange membrane fuel cell technologies. The designs may include fuel processing subsystems to derive hydrogen gas from the borohydride compound fuel.

7) Annex G covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that use Class 8 (corrosive) borohydride compounds as fuel. These systems and units use direct borohydride fuel cell technologies.

8) Annex H covers micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges that use butane and butane/propane mixtures – consisting of at least 75 % butane by mass – as fuel. These systems and units use solid oxide fuel cell technologies.

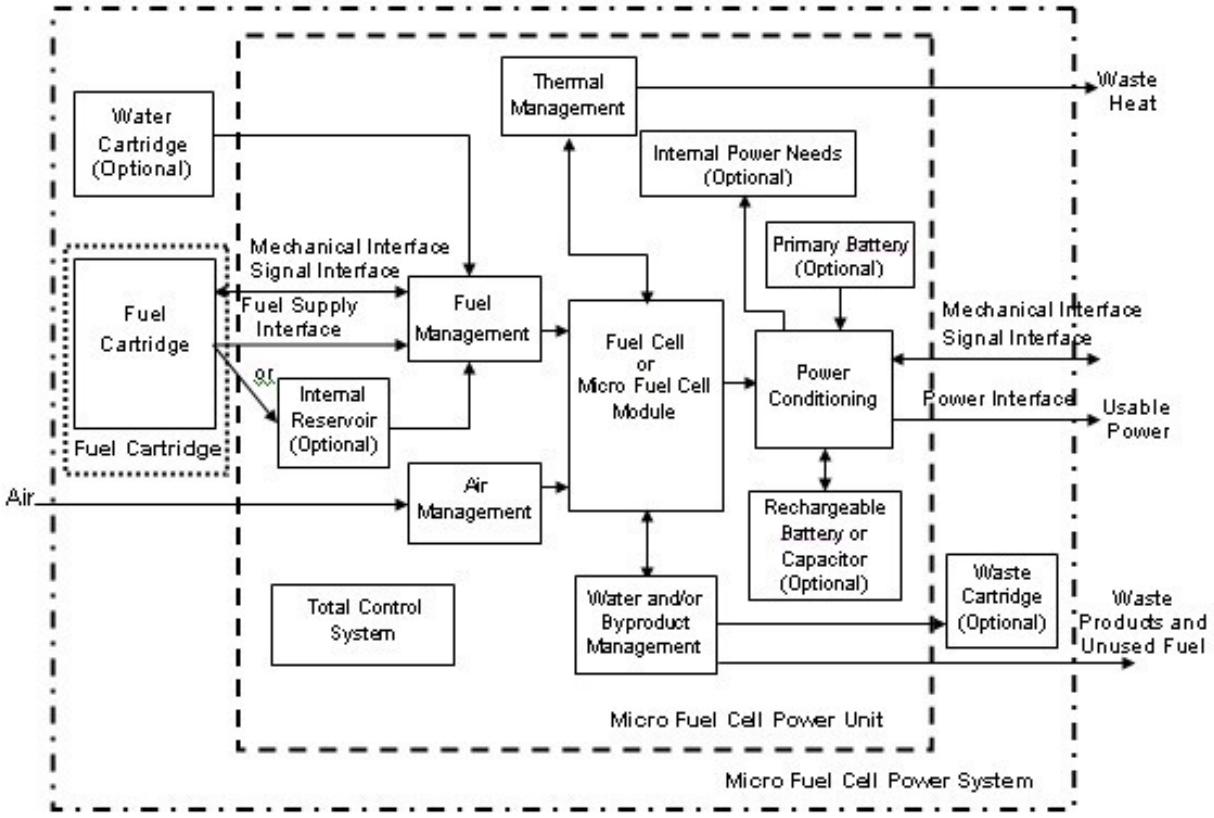

Figure 1 – Micro fuel cell power system block diagram

1.3 Equivalent level of safety

a) The requirements of this standard are not intended to constrain innovation. The manufacturer may consider fuels, materials, designs or constructions not specifically dealt with in this standard. These alternatives should be evaluated as to their ability to yield levels of safety equivalent to those prescribed by this standard.

b) It is understood that all micro fuel cell power systems, micro fuel cell power units and fuel cartridges shall comply with applicable country and local requirements including, but not limited to, those concerning transportation, child-resistance and storage, where required.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60050-426:2008, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 426: Equipment for explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60079-15:2005, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 15: Construction, test and marking of type of protection 'n' electrical apparatus*

IEC 60086-4, *Primary batteries – Part 4: Safety of lithium batteries*

IEC 60086-5, *Primary batteries – Part 5: Safety of batteries with aqueous electrolyte*

IEC 60695-1-1: *Fire hazard testing – Part 1-1: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products – General guidelines*

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

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60730-1:1999, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 1: General requirements*
Amendment 1 (2003)
Amendment 2 (2007)[1)]

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

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

IEC 62133:2002, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications*

IEC 62281:2004, *Safety of primary and secondary lithium cells and batteries during transport*

ISO 175, *Plastics – Methods of test for determination of the effects of immersion in liquid chemicals*

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of the effect of liquids*

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1) There exists a consolidated edition 3.2 (2007) that comprises IEC 60730-1 (1999), its Amendment 1 (2003) and its Amendment 2 (2007).

ISO 9772, *Cellular plastics – Determination of horizontal burning characteristics of small specimens subjected to a small flame*

ISO 15649, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Piping*

ISO 16000-3, *Indoor air – Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds – Active sampling method*

ISO 16000-6, *Indoor air – Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS/FID*

ISO 16017-1, *Indoor, ambient and workplace air – Part 1: Sampling and analysis of volatile organic compounds by sorbent tube/thermal desorption/capillary gas chromatography – Part 1: Pumped sampling*