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## INTRODUCTION

At low levels of irradiance or radiant exposure, the selection of material and thickness for shielding against laser radiation is determined primarily by a need to provide sufficient optical attenuation. However, at higher levels, an additional consideration is the ability of the laser radiation to remove guard material – typically by melting, oxidation or ablation; processes that could lead to laser radiation penetrating a normally opaque material.

IEC 60825-1 deals with basic issues concerning laser guards, including human access, interlocking and labelling, and gives general guidance on the design of protective housings and enclosures for high-power lasers.

Laser guards may also comply with standards for laser protective eyewear, but such compliance is not necessarily sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this document.

Where the term "irradiance" is used, the expression "irradiance or radiant exposure, as appropriate" is implied.

# SAFETY OF LASER PRODUCTS –

## Part 4: Laser guards

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60825 specifies the requirements for laser guards, permanent and temporary (for example for service), that enclose the process zone of a laser processing machine, and specifications for proprietary laser guards.

This document applies to all component parts of a guard including clear (visibly transmitting) screens and viewing windows, panels, laser curtains and walls.

In addition, this document indicates

- a) how to assess and specify the protective properties of a laser guard, and
- b) how to select a laser guard.

**NOTE** Requirements for beam path components, beam stops and those other parts of a protective housing of a laser product which do not enclose the process zone are contained in IEC 60825-1.

This document deals with protection against laser radiation only. Hazards from secondary radiation that may arise during material processing are not addressed.

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IEC 60825-1:~~2007~~2014, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 61508 (all parts), *Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems*

ISO 11553-1:~~2005~~, *Safety of machinery – Laser processing machines – Laser safety requirements*

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ISO 12100	-	Safety of machinery - General principles for design - Risk assessment and risk reduction	EN ISO 12100	2010
ISO 13849-1	-	Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – Part 1: General principles for design	EN ISO 13849-1	2023

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## INTRODUCTION

At low levels of irradiance or radiant exposure, the selection of material and thickness for shielding against laser radiation is determined primarily by a need to provide sufficient optical attenuation. However, at higher levels, an additional consideration is the ability of the laser radiation to remove guard material – typically by melting, oxidation or ablation; processes that could lead to laser radiation penetrating a normally opaque material.

IEC 60825-1 deals with basic issues concerning laser guards, including human access, interlocking and labelling, and gives general guidance on the design of protective housings and enclosures for high-power lasers.

Laser guards may also comply with standards for laser protective eyewear, but such compliance is not necessarily sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this document.

Where the term "irradiance" is used, the expression "irradiance or radiant exposure, as appropriate" is implied.

# SAFETY OF LASER PRODUCTS –

## Part 4: Laser guards

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60825 specifies the requirements for laser guards, permanent and temporary (for example for service), that enclose the process zone of a laser processing machine, and specifications for proprietary laser guards.

This document applies to all component parts of a guard including clear (visibly transmitting) screens and viewing windows, panels, laser curtains and walls.

In addition, this document indicates

- a) how to assess and specify the protective properties of a laser guard, and
- b) how to select a laser guard.

NOTE Requirements for beam path components, beam stops and those other parts of a protective housing of a laser product which do not enclose the process zone are contained in IEC 60825-1.

This document deals with protection against laser radiation only. Hazards from secondary radiation that may arise during material processing are not addressed.

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IEC 60825-1:2014, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 61508 (all parts), *Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems*

ISO 11553-1, *Safety of machinery – Laser processing machines – Laser safety requirements*

ISO 12100, *Safety of machinery – General principles for design – Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – Part 1: General principles for design*