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General and safety requirements*

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At the request of the secretary of CENELEC Technical Committee TC 34Z, Luminaires and associated equipment, the International Standard IEC 1050:1991 was submitted to the CENELEC Unique Acceptance Procedure (UAP) in June 1991 for acceptance as a European Standard.

The reference document and its corrigendum March 1992, together with some common modifications agreed by 71 Technical Board, were approved by CENELEC as EN 61050 on 24 March 1992.

EN 61050 supersedes HD 388 S2:1983.

The following dates were fixed:

- latest date of publication of  
an identical national standard (dop) 1993-03-01
- latest date of withdrawal of  
conflicting national standards (dow) 1993-03-01

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Annexes designated "normative" are part of the body of the standard. In this standard, annex ZA is normative.

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## ENGLISH VERSION

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General and safety requirements  
(IEC 1050:1991 + Corrigendum March 1992, modified)

Transformateurs pour lampes  
tubulaires à décharge ayant une  
tension secondaire à vide  
supérieure à 1000 V (couramment  
appelés transformateurs-néon)  
Prescriptions générales et de  
sécurité  
(CEI 1050:1991 + corrigendum  
mars 1992, modifiée)

Transformatoren mit einer  
Leerspannung über 1000 V für  
Leuchtröhren  
(allgemein Neontransformatoren  
genannt)  
Allgemeine und Sicherheits-  
Anforderungen  
(IEC 1050:1991 + Corrigendum  
März 1992, modifiziert)

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Up-to-date lists and bibliographical references concerning such national standards may be obtained on application to the Central Secretariat or to any CENELEC member.

This European Standard exists in three official versions (English, French, German). A version in any other language made by translation under the responsibility of a CENELEC member into its own language and notified to the Central Secretariat has the same status as the official versions.

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# ANNEX ZA (normative)

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS QUOTED IN THIS STANDARD WITH THE REFERENCES OF THE RELEVANT EUROPEAN PUBLICATIONS

When the international publication has been modified by CENELEC common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

IEC Publication	Date	Title	EN/HD	Date
112	1979	Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions	HD 214 S2	1980
417	1973	Graphical symbols for use on equipment Index, survey and compilation of the single sheets	HD 243 S1*	1973
529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529	1991
598-1 (mod) + A1	1986 1988	Luminaires - Part 1: General requirements and tests	EN 60598-1	1989
695-2-1	1980	Fire hazard testing - Part 2: Test methods - Glow-wire test and guidance	HD 444.2.1 S1	1983
817	1984	Spring-operated impact-test apparatus and its calibration	HD 495 S1	1987
1048	1990	Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits - General and safety requirements (Corrigendum 1992)	-	-

### Other publication

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ISO 3: 1973 - Preferred numbers - Series of preferred numbers

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\* Superseded by HD 243 S9:1991 which is based on IEC 417:1973 + supplements A:1974 to J:1990

## ENDORSEMENT NOTICE

The text of the International Standard IEC 1050:1991 and its corrigendum March 1992 was approved by CENELEC as a European Standard with agreed common modifications as given below.

## COMMON MODIFICATIONS

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**TRANSFORMERS FOR TUBULAR DISCHARGE LAMPS  
HAVING A NO-LOAD OUTPUT VOLTAGE EXCEEDING 1 000 V**

(generally called neon-transformers)

**General and safety requirements**

**SECTION 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**1 General**

**1.1 Scope**

This International Standard is applicable to independent and built-in single-phase transformers with separate input and output windings, for use on a.c. supply up to 1 000 V at 50 Hz or 60 Hz, to supply and stabilize cold cathode tubular lamps (or assemblies of such lamps) having a no-load rated output voltage exceeding 1 000 V but not exceeding 10 000 V (see notes 1 and 2) and intended for lighting and for electric advertising signs, light signals and similar purposes.

**NOTE** - Different requirements apply in Japan and North America, which will be the subject of a future annex to this standard.

In order to ensure the safety of these transformers, it is necessary to check their performance. But since no standardization of the characteristics of these lamps exists, reference loads are defined in this standard to ensure reproducible test results.

In locations where special conditions prevail, as in ships, vehicles and the like, and in dangerous locations, for example, where explosions are liable to occur, special constructions may be required.

This standard does not apply to transformers intended for the supply of lamps or tubes such as low-pressure or high-pressure sodium vapour lamps, high-pressure mercury vapour lamps, halogen lamps, xenon lamps, hot cathode tubular fluorescent lamps, special lamps for document copying machines, etc.

This standard does not apply to auto-transformers and electronic converters.

This standard may, nevertheless, serve as a guide for transformers with applications other than those specified in the scope, for instance transformers for photographic lamps, as long as their characteristics remain within the framework of those specified in the scope and they are not the subject of a particular IEC standard.

Capacitors shall comply with IEC 1048, where applicable.

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- 2.2 short-circuit current:** Current between output terminals when joined together at rated input voltage and frequency.
- 2.3 independent transformer:** Transformer consisting of one or more separate units which can be mounted separately outside a luminaire, without any additional enclosure. This may consist of a built-in transformer housed in a suitable enclosure which provides all the necessary protection according to its marking.
- 2.4 built-in transformer:** Transformer consisting of one or more separate units exclusively designed to be built into a luminaire, a box, an enclosure, or the like.
- 2.5 short-circuit proof transformer:** Transformer in which the temperature rise does not exceed the specified limits when the transformer is overloaded or short-circuited, and which remains capable of functioning after the overload is removed.
- 2.6 inherently short-circuit proof transformer:** Transformer in which the temperature in the case of overload or short-circuit and in the absence of a protective device does not exceed the specified limits and which continues to function after the overload or short-circuit is removed.
- 2.7 tubular cold cathode discharge lamp:** Discharge tube having cathodes which may be coated with an electron emitting material and which during the starting process without external heating, emits electrons by field emission. These lamps have a low-pressure filling of a rare gas (or a mixture of rare gases) and possibly mercury vapour. They can have an inside coating of fluorescent materials.
- 2.8 no-load rated output voltage:** Maximum voltage between the terminals of the output winding(s) of the transformer connected to rated supply voltage at rated frequency, with no load on the output circuit. It is the peak value divided by  $\sqrt{2}$ .
- 2.9 normal load equivalent resistance:** Non-inductive resistance connected to the output terminals of the transformer which will allow the rated output current to flow in the output winding(s) when the rated supply voltage at rated frequency is applied to the input winding (see figure 1).
- 2.10 effective load:** Discharge lamps connected to the output terminals of the transformer which allow the rated output current to flow in the output winding(s) when the rated supply voltage at rated frequency is applied to the input winding.
- 2.11 high power factor transformer:** Transformer having an overall power factor of at least 0,85 at 50 Hz or 0,9 at 60 Hz when connected to effective load at rated input voltage and frequency.



## NOTES

1 See definition of 2.9

2 Other limits may be specified in national standards or wiring rules, see annex A.

Tests in this standard are type tests. Guidance on routine testing is given in annex C.

## 1.2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

### *IEC standards*

IEC 112: 1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions.*

IEC 417: 1973, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment. Index, survey and compilation of the single sheets.*

IEC 529: 1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code).*

IEC 598-1: 1986, *Luminaires - Part 1: General requirements and tests. Amendment No. 1 (1988).*

IEC 695-2-1: 1980, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2: Test methods. Glow-wire test and guidance.*

IEC 817: 1984, *Spring-operated impact-test apparatus and its calibration.*

IEC 1048: 1990, *Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits. General and safety requirements.*

### *ISO Standard*

ISO 3: 1973, *Preferred numbers - Series of preferred numbers.*

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Table A.1

*Instead of:*

Earthing requirements for the output  
windings (see 19.2)

*read:*

Earthing requirements for the output  
windings (see 18.2)