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fixes pour usages domestiques et
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für Installationsgeräte für Haushalt
und ähnliche ortsfeste elektrische
Installationen
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Foreword

The text of the International Standard IEC 60670-1:2002, prepared by SC 23B, Plugs, socket-outlets and switches, of IEC TC 23, Electrical accessories, together with the common modifications prepared by the Technical Committee CENELEC TC 23B, Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations, was submitted to the Unique Acceptance Procedure and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60670-1 on 2004-09-22.

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BOXES AND ENCLOSURES FOR ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60670 applies to boxes, enclosures and parts of enclosures (hereafter called “boxes” and “enclosures”) for electrical accessories with a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. intended for household or similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.

NOTE Requirements for particular types of boxes and enclosures are given in the relevant parts 2 of IEC 60670.

Boxes and enclosures complying with this standard are suitable for use at ambient temperature not normally exceeding 25 °C but occasionally reaching 35 °C.

This International Standard is intended to apply to boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories within the scope of IEC technical committee 23.

NOTE This standard may also be used as a reference document for other IEC technical committees and subcommittees.

A box or an enclosure which is an integral part of an electrical accessory and provides protection for that accessory against external influences (for example mechanical impact, ingress of solid objects or water, etc.) is covered by the relevant standard for such an accessory.

This standard does not apply to

- ceiling roses;
- luminaire supporting couplers;
- boxes, enclosures and parts of enclosures specifically designed to be used for cable trunking and ducting systems complying with IEC 61084 and which are not intended to be installed outside of these systems.

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 60068-2-75:1997, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof-tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions*

IEC 60423:1993, *Conduits for electrical purposes – Outside diameters of conduits for electrical installations and threads for conduits and fittings*

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