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Part 1: General requirements

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- b) Clarification of requirements for non-standardized appliance couplers.

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IEC 60320-2-1, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 2-1: Sewing machine couplers*

IEC 60320-2-3, *Appliance coupler for household and similar general purposes – Part 2-3: Appliance coupler with a degree of protection higher than IPX0*

IEC 60320-2-4, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 2-4: Couplers dependent on appliance weight for engagement*

IEC 60320-3, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 3: Standard sheets and gauges*

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Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60320 sets the general requirements for appliance couplers for two poles and two poles with earth contact and for the connection of electrical devices for household and similar onto the mains supply.

This part of IEC 60320 is also valid for appliance inlets/appliance outlets integrated or incorporated in appliances.

The rated voltage does not exceed 250 V (a.c.) and the rated current does not exceed 16 A.

Appliance couplers complying with this part of IEC 60320 are suitable for normal use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of –5 °C.

Appliance couplers are not suitable for

- use in place of plug and socket-outlet systems according to IEC 60884-1.
- use in place of devices for connecting luminaires (DCLs) according to IEC 61995 or luminaire supporting couplers (LSCs).

NOTE Requirements for d.c. are under consideration.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-60, *Environmental testing – Part 2-60: Tests – Test Ke: Flowing mixed gas corrosion test*

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

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

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

IEC 60320-3:2014, *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes – Part 3: Standard sheets and gauges*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available from: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-10:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-2-12:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-12: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability index (GWFI) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-2-13:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-10-2, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test method*

IEC 60730-2-11, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 2-11: Particular requirements for energy regulators*

IEC 60999-1, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

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

IEC 61058 (all parts), *Switches for appliances*