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- a) 5.3: introduction of clarifications on voltage and frequency to be applied for the tests;
- b) 5.12: introduction of an anti-circumvention subclause;
- c) 9.2.3: clarification on the procedure for measuring steaming rate;
- d) 14.1 and 14.2: clarification on type of water used for the tests;
- e) Figure 2: clarifications and alignment with the relevant formula.

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ELECTRIC IRONS FOR HOUSEHOLD OR SIMILAR USE – METHODS FOR MEASURING PERFORMANCE

1 Scope

This International Standard applies to electric irons for household or similar use.

The purpose of this document is to state and define the principal performance characteristics of electric irons for household or similar use which are of interest to the user and to describe the standard methods for measuring these characteristics.

Electric irons covered by this standard include

- dry irons;
- steam irons;
- vented steam irons with motor pump;
- spray irons;
- steam irons with separate water reservoir or boiler/generator having a capacity not exceeding 5 l.

This document is concerned neither with safety nor with performance requirements.

NOTE The primary characteristic to be taken into account in assessing the performance of an electric iron is its basic ability to produce a smooth finish to textile materials, without risk of scorching or other damage. It has not proved possible to devise a single method which will measure this characteristic in a consistently reproducible way and measurements have therefore been included to check certain factors, such as the temperature of the sole-plate at the mid-point, sole-plate temperature distribution, etc., which affect the basic characteristic. In evaluating the results, while a very exceptional result in any one of them may significantly affect performance, there is considerable latitude in the combination of results which will give satisfactory ironing performance, and too much significance is not given to minor differences in any one result.

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IEC 60734, *Household electrical appliances – Performance – Hard water for testing*

ISO 105–F01, *Textiles – Test for colour fastness – Specification for wool adjacent fabric*

ISO 105–F02, *Textiles – Test for colour fastness – Specification for cotton and viscose adjacent fabrics.*

ISO 105–F03, *Textiles – Test for colour fastness – Specification for polyamid adjacent fabric*

ISO 1518–1, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of scratch resistance – Part 1: constant-loading method*

ISO 2409:2013, *Paints and varnishes – Cross-cut test*

ISO 3801, *Textiles – Woven fabrics – Determination of mass per unit length and mass per unit area*

ISO 6330:2012, *Textiles – Domestic washing and drying procedures for textile testing*

ISO 7211-2, *Textiles – Woven fabrics – Construction – Methods of analysis – Part 2: Determination of number of threads per unit length*

ISO 9073-2, *Textiles – Test methods for nonwovens – Part 2: Determination of thickness*

ISO 13934-1, *Textiles – Tensile properties of fabrics – Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the strip method*

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3.1

electric iron

portable appliance, which has an electrically heated sole-plate and is used for ironing textile materials

Note 1 to entry: In this document, "electric iron" is referred to as "iron".

3.2

thermostatic iron

iron fitted with a thermostat, the setting of which can be adjusted manually to alter the sole-plate temperature over a range and maintain it within certain limits

3.3

electric iron with non-self-resetting thermal cut-out

iron fitted with a non-self-resetting thermal cut-out, such as a fusible link, for the purpose of disconnecting the heating element if the iron attains excessive temperature

3.4

dry iron

iron having neither the means to produce and supply steam nor to spray water onto textile materials while ironing

3.5

steam iron

iron having the means to produce and supply steam to textile materials while ironing

Note 1 to entry: It can be provided with a means to supply a shot of steam.

3.5.1

shot-of-steam iron

iron provided with the means to supply a shot of steam to textile materials while ironing