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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2003, Amendment 1 (2004) and Amendment 2 (2010). This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- the general conditions for tests has been rewritten and modified (Clause 5);
- the criteria for reduced testing has been modified (Clause 6);
- warnings for toys using button batteries or coin batteries have been added (7.3.3.2, 7.3.3.3);
- warnings on ride-on toys have been added (7.5);
- the requirements concerning accessibility of batteries have been updated (13.4.1 and 13.4.2);
- added requirements to cover toys placed above a child (13.4.4);

- added requirements to cover toys connected to other equipment (13.9);
- modified the requirements for safety of toys incorporating optical radiation sources (Annex E), to include requirements for using the technical LED data sheet for checking compliance with the specified accessible emission limits (AEL);
- updated the details for measurements of the optical radiation from the toy (Annex E);
- introduced an informative Annex I concerning measurement methods for toys with an integrated field source generating EMF;
- included a normative Annex J concerning safety of remote-controls for electric ride-on toys.

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INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people.

As a general rule, electric toys are designed and manufactured for particular categories of children. Their characteristics are related to the age and stage of development of the children and their intended use presupposes certain capabilities.

Accidents are frequently due to an electric toy either being given to a child for whom it is not intended or being used for a purpose other than for which it was designed. This standard does not eliminate parental responsibility for the appropriate selection of electric toys. It is assumed that when choosing an electric toy or a game, account is taken of the physical and mental development of the child who will be playing with it.

The aim of this standard is to reduce risks when playing with electric toys, especially those risks that are not evident to users. However, it has to be recognized that some electric toys have risks inherent in their use that cannot be avoided. Consideration has been given to reasonably foreseeable use, bearing in mind that children are not generally as careful as adults.

While this standard applies to new electric toys, it nevertheless takes into account the wear and tear of electric toys in use.

The fact that an electric toy complies with this standard does not absolve parents and other persons in charge of a child from the responsibility of supervising the child. Supervision is also necessary when children of various ages have access to the same electric toy.

This standard covers the whole range of electric toys from small button battery or coin battery operated lights to large ride-on electric toys powered by rechargeable batteries. This results in different requirements and tests according to the type of electric toy. For some electric toys, testing can be reduced if particular criteria are met (see Clause 6).

Other safety aspects of electric toys are described in the ISO 8124 series of standards.

An electric toy that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be judged to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

A electric toy employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be judged to comply with the standard.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies safety requirements for **electric toys** that have at least one function dependant on electricity, **electric toys** being any product designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age.

NOTE 1 Examples of **electric toys** also within the scope of this standard are

- **constructional sets**;
- **experimental sets**;
- functional **electric toys** (an **electric toy** that performs and is used in the same way as a product, appliance or installation intended for use by adults, and which may be a scale model of such product, appliance or installation);
- **electric toy** computers;
- a doll's house having an interior lamp.

Additional requirements for **experimental sets** are given in Annex A.

Additional requirements for **electric toys** incorporating optical radiation sources are given in Annex E.

Measurement methods for **electric toys** generating electromagnetic fields (EMF) are given in Annex I.

Additional requirements for the safety of **remote-controls** for **electric ride-on toys** are given in Annex J.

If the packaging is intended to have play value then it is considered to be part of the **electric toy**.

This International Standard only covers the safety aspects of **electric toys** that relate to an electrical function.

NOTE 2 The ISO 8124 series of standards address other aspects of the safety of **electric toys**. Other horizontal product standards may also apply to **electric toys**.

This standard covers the safety of **electric toys** taking power from any source, such as batteries, transformers, solar cells and inductive connections.

NOTE 3 **Transformers for toys** (IEC 61558-2-7 for linear types or IEC 61558-2-7 and IEC 61558-2-16 for switch mode types), **battery chargers** (IEC 60335-2-29) and **battery chargers** for use by children (IEC 60335-2-29 Annex AA:) are not considered to be part of an **electric toy** even if supplied with an **electric toy**.

NOTE 4 This standard is not intended to assess the safety of batteries however it does address the safety of the **electric toy** with the batteries inserted.

This International Standard does not apply to the following products:

- automatic playing machines, whether coin operated or not, intended for public use (IEC 60335-2-82);
- **toy** vehicles equipped with combustion engines;
- **toy** steam engines;
- slings and catapults;
- electric decorative robots;