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SAFETY –****Part 2-96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements  
for room heating**

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This consolidated version of IEC 60335-2-96 consists of the first edition (2002) [documents 61/2088/FDIS and 61/2105/RVD], its amendment 1 (2003) [documents 61/2429/FDIS and 61/2464/RVD], its amendment 2 (2008) [documents 61/3693/FDIS and 61/3747/RVD] and its corrigendum of May 2003.

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The French version of amendment 1 has not been voted upon.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fourth edition (2001) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Safety requirements for electrical flexible sheet heating elements for room heating.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text of Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

The following additional differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- Clause 1: Flexible sheet heating elements that are cut on site are not allowed (France, Germany and Israel).
- 6.1: The installation is to be of class II construction (Germany).
- 6.1: Heating units are to be class II (Israel).
- 7.1: The intended installation is not to include walls (Canada and USA).
- 7.12.1 c): The instructions in timber floors shall state that the heating unit is to be covered with additional insulation, be supplied through an isolating transformer, or be class II (Sweden).
- 7.12.1 c): The instructions need not refer to residual current devices (USA).
- 7.12.101 a): The size of the terminals fitted to the grid may be smaller (Canada).
- Clause 18: The tests are different (USA).
- 22.102: The test is different (USA).
- 22.103: The test is different (USA).
- 25.3: Heating units are not allowed to incorporate supply cords (Canada and USA).

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NOTE 4 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of the amendment 2 be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

## 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 persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

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This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

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NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

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

An appliance 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 considered to comply with the standard.



## HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

### Part 2-96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of **flexible sheet heating elements** intended to be incorporated into the building to heat the room in which they are located, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase installations and 480 V for other installations.

**Flexible sheet heating elements** are converted into **heating units** that are incorporated in the building in accordance with the instructions after which the required level of protection against hazards is achieved.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- in many countries different wiring rules apply;
- for **heating units** intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national authorities for fire protection, the national authorities for building regulations, the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

- **heating units** intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- **heating units** intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances (IEC 60335-2-17);
- heated mats and foot warmers (IEC 60335-2-81);
- heating appliances intended to be used under a carpet;
- flexible heating elements incorporated in other appliances.

#### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 60364-7-701, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 7: Requirements for special installations or locations – Section 701: Electrical installations in bathrooms*

IEC 60884-1:1995, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirement*

ISO 3864-1, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*