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**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –
SAFETY –****Part 2-2: Particular requirements for vacuum cleaners
and water-suction cleaning appliances**

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

- some requirements for appliances for animal grooming have been modified (6.1, 25.7)
- the note in 7.101 has been deleted;
- converted some notes to normative text (7.102, 10.1, 11.3, 13.1, 15.2, 15.101, 19.101, 20.1, 20.2, 21.103, 21.105, 22.32, 25.23);

- clarification that the test of 19.7 is applicable to vacuum cleaners with a motorized brush or similar device;
- modified Annex R for alignment with 22.201 of Annex B;
- modified Annex S in accordance with IEC 60335-2-2:2009/ISH1:2016;
- requirements for mechanical strength of handles have been added (21.106).

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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 vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances.

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 in 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;
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NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

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

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The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 3.1.9: Normal operation is defined differently and any control operating before 20 s is defeated when determining P_i (USA).
- 6.1: Class 0 appliances are allowed (Canada, Japan, USA).
- 6.1: Household vacuum cleaners are required to be class II or class III (Denmark and Norway).
- 6.2: IPX4 is not required (USA).
- 7.1: The additional marking for appliance outlets for accessories is not required (USA).
- 7.1: Appliance and outlet ratings are to be marked in amps. (USA).
- 10.1: The power input of booster settings is taken into account (USA).
- 11.3: Surface temperatures are measured with thermocouples (USA).
- 11.5: Booster settings are activated every 2 min out of 8 min (USA).
- 11.7: The test is carried out with one-third of the cord unreel until steady conditions are established (USA).
- 11.8: Surface temperature limits are different (USA).
- 15.2: The test is carried out differently (USA).
- 16.3: The test is carried out differently (USA).
- 21.106 The test is carried out differently (USA).

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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 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.

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.

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 that 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.

A11 With European Amendment A11 the EN 60335-2-2:2010+A11:2010+A1:2013 is superseded.

This European Amendment A11 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of the standards below:

- EN 60335-1:2012+A11:2014+A13:2017+A1:2019+A14:2019+A2:2019+A15:2021+A16:2022 (Part 1)
- EN IEC 60335-2-2:2022 (Part 2) **A11**

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-2: Particular requirements for vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric vacuum cleaners and **water-suction cleaning appliances** for household and similar purposes, including vacuum cleaners for animal grooming, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V. It also applies to **centrally-sited vacuum cleaners** and **automatic battery-operated cleaners**.

This standard also applies to **motorized cleaning heads** and current-carrying hoses associated with a particular vacuum cleaner.

Battery-operated appliances and other DC supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard. Dual supply appliances, either mains-supplied or battery-operated, are regarded as **battery-operated appliances** when operated in the battery mode.

[A11] Appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops and other premises for normal housekeeping purposes, are within the scope of this document.

NOTE Z101 Examples of appliances for household environment are appliances for typical housekeeping functions used in the household environment that can also be used by non-expert users for typical housekeeping functions:

- in shops and other similar working environments;
- in farm houses;
- by clients in hotels, motels and other residential type environments;
- in bed and breakfast type environments.

NOTE Z102 Household environments include the dwelling and its associated buildings, the garden, etc.

As far as is practicable, this document deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in household and similar environments.

However, in general, it does not take into account

- **children** playing with the appliance,
- the use of the appliance by **very young children**,
- the use of the appliance by **young children** without supervision.

It is recognized that **very vulnerable people** can have needs beyond the level addressed in this document. **[A11]**

NOTE 102 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

NOTE 103 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush, for commercial use (IEC 60335-2-69).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples – Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC TS 62885-1: 2018, *Surface cleaning appliances – Part 1: General requirements on test material and test equipment*

ISO 216, *Writing paper and certain classes of printed matter – Trimmed sizes – A and B series, and indication of machine direction*

ISO 6344-2, *Coated abrasives – Grain size analysis – Part 2: Determination of grain size distribution of macrogrits P12 to P220*

ISO 7010:2011, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*

ISO 14688-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing – Identification and classification of soil – Part 1: Identification and description*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1 Definitions relating to physical characteristics

3.1.4 *Addition:*

Note 101 to entry: For appliances incorporating a **booster setting**, the **rated power input** corresponds to the operation of the appliance without the **booster setting** being used.

3.1.9 *Replacement:*

normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following conditions:

The appliance is supplied at **rated voltage** and operated continuously with the air inlet adjusted to give a power input P_m after 20 s

Three minutes later, a final adjustment of the air inlet is made, if necessary.

P_m is calculated from the formula

$$P_m = 0,5 (P_f + P_i)$$

where

P_f is the power input in watts, after 3 min of operation with the air inlet unobstructed. Any device that ensures a flow of air to cool the motor in the event of a blockage of the main air inlet is allowed to operate;

P_i is the power input in watts, after a further 20 s of operation with the air inlet blocked. Any device that is adjustable without the aid of a **tool**, and which ensures a flow of air to cool the motor in the event of a blockage of a main air inlet, is rendered inoperative. If it has a

rapid non-linear decrease or cannot be measured due to the appliance suction motor stopping before 20 s, the air inlet is gradually blocked to the extent that the motor stops after 20 ± 5 s. In this case, P_i is the maximum value of power input in the last two seconds before the motor shuts off.

If the appliance is marked with a **rated voltage range**, it is supplied at the mean value of the range if the difference between the limits of the range does not exceed 10 % of the mean value. If the difference exceeds 10 %, the supply voltage is the upper value of the range.

The measurements are made with the appliance fitted with a clean dust bag and filter, any water collection container being empty. If the appliance is intended to be used only with a hose, detachable nozzles and tubes are removed and the hose is laid out straight. If the appliance is provided with a hose as an accessory, it is operated without the hose.

Rotating brushes and similar devices are in operation but not in contact with any surface. **Motorized cleaning heads** are connected by means of the hose or tube and are in operation but not in contact with any surface.

Appliance outlets for other accessories are loaded with a resistive load in accordance with the marking.

Automatic battery-operated cleaners are operated with a clean dust bag or filter on the carpet meeting the construction specifications given in Table 1 in IEC TS 62885-1:2018. A frame of 1,5 m by 1,5 m is used on the carpet to limit the area of action. The air inlet is unobstructed.

3.5 Definitions relating to types of appliances

3.5.101

ash vacuum cleaner

vacuum cleaner intended to vacuum cold ash from fireplaces, chimneys, ovens, ash-trays and similar places of ash accumulation

3.5.102

automatic battery-operated cleaner

vacuum cleaner that operates without human control only within a defined perimeter, within a pre-programmed area or in an area self-controlled by the appliance

Note 1 to entry: The cleaner consists of the mobile part and may have a **docking station**.

3.5.103

centrally-sited vacuum cleaner

vacuum cleaner that is connected to a ducting system installed in the building

Note 1 to entry: During use, the nozzle and its associated hose are connected to one of the suction inlets of the ducting system.

3.5.104

water-suction cleaning appliance

appliance for aspirating an aqueous solution that may contain foaming detergent

3.6 Definitions relating to parts of an appliance

3.6.101

docking station

unit that may provide

- manual or automatic battery charging facilities,
- dust removal,
- data processing facility, and