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- The scope contains some additional text.
- Terms and definitions have been updated.

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Part 6-1: Smoke obscuration – General guidance

Part 6-2: Smoke obscuration – Summary and relevance of test methods

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INTRODUCTION

In the design of an electrotechnical product the risk of fire and the potential hazards associated with fire need to be considered. In this respect the objective of component, circuit and equipment design, as well as the choice of materials, is to reduce the risk of fire to a tolerable level even in the event of reasonably foreseeable (mis)use, malfunction or failure.

IEC 60695-1-10, IEC 60695-1-11, and IEC 60695-1-12 [1]¹ provide guidance on how this is to be accomplished.

Fires involving electrotechnical products can also be initiated from external non-electrical sources. Considerations of this nature are dealt with in an overall fire hazard assessment.

The aim of the IEC 60695 series is to save lives and property by reducing the number of fires or reducing the consequences of the fire. This can be accomplished by:

- trying to prevent ignition caused by an electrically energised component part and, in the event of ignition, to confine any resulting fire within the bounds of the enclosure of the electrotechnical product.
- trying to minimise flame spread beyond the product's enclosure and to minimise the harmful effects of fire effluents including heat, *smoke*, and toxic or corrosive combustion products.

One of the contributing hazards is the release of *smoke*, which may cause loss of vision and/or disorientation which could impede escape from the building or fire fighting.

Smoke particles reduce the *visibility* due to light absorption and scattering. Consequently, people may experience difficulties in finding exit signs, doors and windows. *Visibility* is often determined as the distance at which an object is no longer visible. It depends on many factors, but close relationships have been established between *visibility* and the measurements of the *extinction coefficient of smoke* – see Annex A.

The production of *smoke* and its optical properties can be measured as well as other fire properties, such as heat release, flame spread, and the production of toxic gas and corrosive effluent. This document serves as a guidance document and focuses on obscuration of light by *smoke*.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

FIRE HAZARD TESTING –

Part 6-1: Smoke obscuration – General guidance

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695 gives guidance on:

- a) the optical measurement of *obscuration of smoke*;
- b) general aspects of optical *smoke* test methods;
- c) consideration of test methods;
- d) expression of *smoke* test data;
- e) the relevance of optical *smoke* data to hazard assessment.

This basic safety publication focusing on safety guidance is primarily intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of safety publications in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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