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PREFACE

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2016. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) alignment with changes introduced by Amendment 1 of IEC 61010-1:2010;

b) introduction of new defined terms or modified terms to align with Part 2-012 and other source documents. Editorial changes to use small capitals only for defined terms. Note the difference of defined term ABNORMAL OPERATION (3.107) in 4.3.2.101 and abnormal operation in 11.7.104.3 and 11.7.104.5;

c) clarifications for cooling tests in 4.4.2.10;

d) changes pertaining to the accurate employment of the following terms: temperature, operating temperature, application temperature, CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, room ambient and ambient temperature;

e) use of defined term REFRIGERATING SYSTEM to replace cooling system;

f) move text of 4.4.2.101 to 4.3.2.101, since the purpose of ABNORMAL OPERATION, as defined, is to simulate failure of the ambient conditions of 1.4.1 but not of the SINGLE FAULT CONDITION of the equipment;

g) use of the term equipment to replace unit, apparatus, appliance, where applicable;

h) in 5.1.2 dd) PS for high and low sides for each REFRIGERANT stage are required only under NORMAL CONDITION;

i) use of defined term NORMAL CONDITION to replace normal operation;

j) use of defined term OPERATOR to replace user.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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This Part 2-011 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 61010-1. It was established on the basis of the third edition (2010) and its Amendment 1 (2016), hereinafter referred to as Part 1.

This Part 2-011 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61010-1 so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements for REFRIGERATING EQUIPMENT*.

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INTRODUCTION

This Part 2-011, along with Part 2-010 and Part 2-012, taken together, address the specific HAZARDS associated with the heating and cooling of materials by equipment and are organized as follows:

IEC 61010-2-010	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating heating systems.
IEC 61010-2-011	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS.
IEC 61010-2-012	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating both heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS that interact with each other such that the combined heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEM yield additional or more severe HAZARDS for the two systems than if treated separately. It also addresses the HAZARDS associated with the treatment of materials by other factors like irradiation, excessive humidity, CO ₂ and mechanical movement.

Guidance for the application of the correct Part 2 standard(s)

When the equipment includes only a material heating system, and no REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-010 applies without needing Part 2-011 or Part 2-012. Similarly, when the equipment includes only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, and no material heating system or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-011 applies without needing Part 2-010 or Part 2-012. However, when the equipment incorporates both a material heating system, and a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or the materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, a determination should be made as to whether the interaction between the two systems will generate additional or more severe HAZARDS than if the systems were evaluated separately (CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, see flow chart of [Figure 102](#) for selection process). If the interaction of the heating and cooling functions yields no additional or more severe HAZARDS then both Part 2-010 and Part 2-011 apply for their respective functions. Conversely, if additional or more severe HAZARDS result from the combining of the heating and cooling functions, or if the equipment incorporates additional material treatment factors, then Part 2-012 applies, but not Part 2-010 or Part 2-011.

What HAZARDS are applicable for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM?

The typical HAZARDS for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM (see [Figure 101](#)) consisting of a MOTOR-COMPRESSOR, a condenser, an expansion device and an evaporator include but are not limited to:

- The excess of temperature of the low-pressure side (return temperature) to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR is higher than admissible. A MOTOR-COMPRESSOR incorporates a REFRIGERANT cooled motor and it should be established that the maximum temperatures of low-pressure side under least favourable condition do not exceed the insulation RATINGS within the motor.
- The excess of pressure of the low-pressure side at the inlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR is higher than admissible. The housing of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR is exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR housing should accommodate the worst-case pressures whilst providing the correct safety margin for a pressure vessel.
- The excess of temperature of the high-pressure side to the condenser is higher than admissible. The temperatures of the high-pressure side under the most unfavourable conditions can present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed, or an electrical HAZARD if insulation is degraded.
- The excess of pressure of the high-pressure side to the condenser is higher than admissible. The REFRIGERANT components downstream of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR up to the expansion device are exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of these components should accommodate the worst case pressures whilst providing the correct safety margin for a pressure vessel.

– The maximum CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES where the heat is being extracted from, may impact the maximum temperature of the low-pressure side to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR as well as present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed, or an electrical HAZARD if insulation is degraded. Whether this CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE is derived from an integral heating function of the device or from the heat dissipated from the material being cooled, the impact under worst-case conditions should be evaluated.

– The current draw of the equipment should be established when including the worst-case running conditions of the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM including any defrost cycles that may apply.

The worst-case conditions should be determined for the equipment and will include both the least favourable NORMAL USE conditions as well as the most unfavourable testing results under SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS.

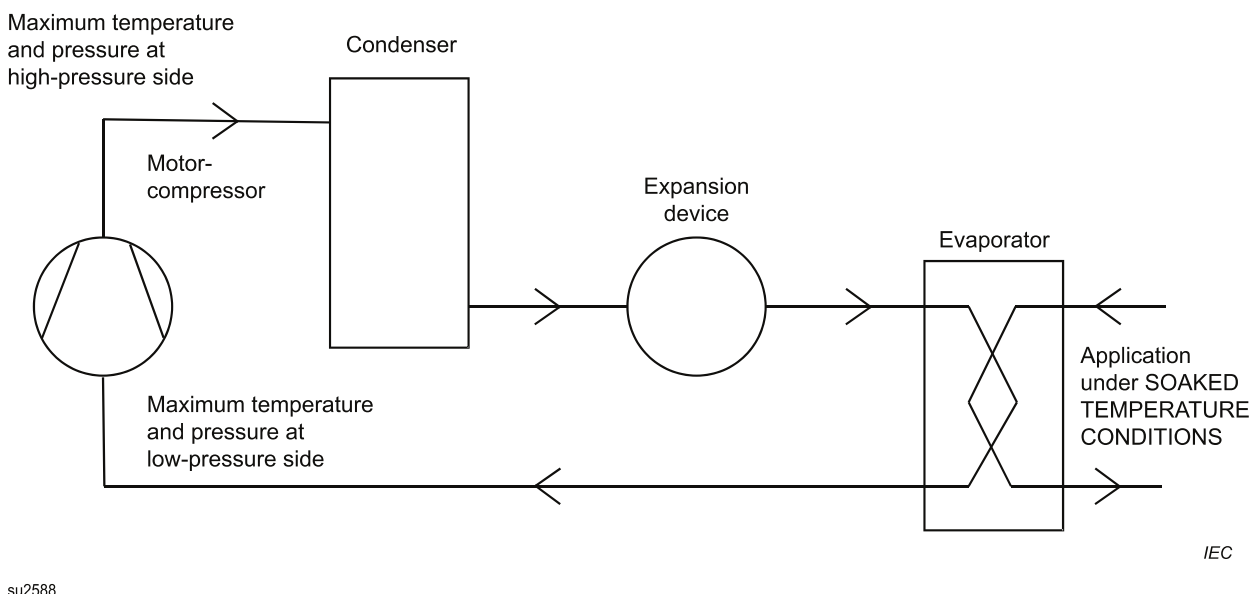
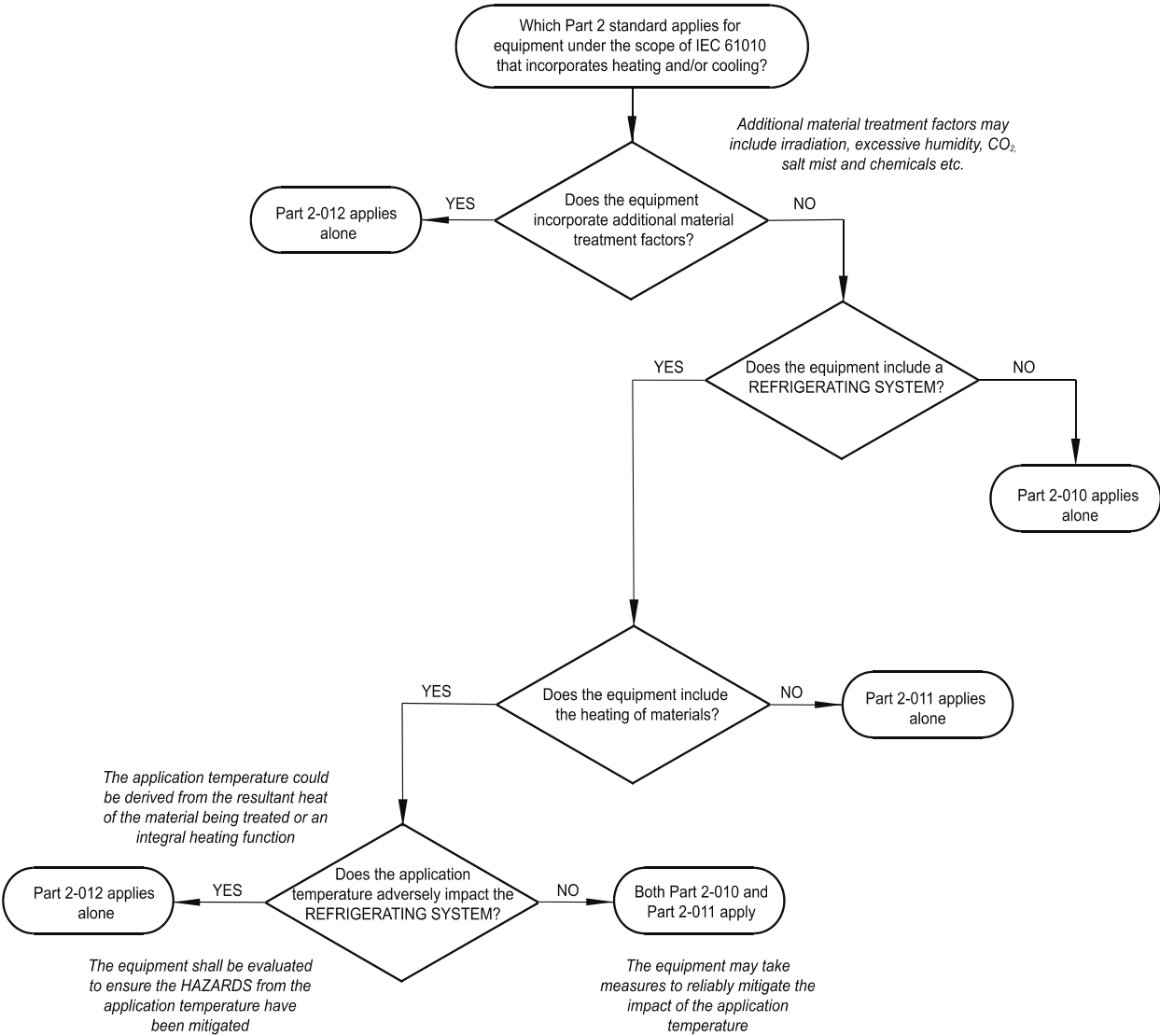


Figure 101
Schema of a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM incorporating a condenser

The selection process is illustrated in the following flow chart (see [Figure 102](#)).



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Figure 102
Flow chart illustrating the selection process