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Preface (UL)

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This UL IEC 61010-2-040 Standard for Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use – Part 2-040: Particular Requirements for Sterilizers and Washer-Disinfectors Used to Treat Medical Materials, is to be used in conjunction with the third edition of UL 61010-1. The safety requirements for electrical equipment intended for sterilization, washing, and disinfection of medical materials are contained in this Part 2 Standard and UL 61010-1.

Requirements of this Part 2 Standard, where stated, amend the requirements of UL 61010-1.

Where a particular subclause of UL 61010-1 is not mentioned in UL IEC 61010-2-040, the UL 61010-1 subclause applies.

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FOREWORD

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2015. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) it is established on the basis of the third edition (2010) of IEC 61010-1 and its Amendment 1 (2016);
- b) added tolerance for stability of a.c. voltage test equipment to [6.8.3.1](#);
- c) the status of a Group Safety Publication has been removed (this does not change the technical requirements in the document).

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

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66/699/CDV	66/716/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The reader's attention is drawn to the fact that Annex [G](#) lists all of the "in-some-country" clauses on differing practices of a less permanent nature relating to the subject of this standard.

A list of all parts in the IEC 61010 series, published under the general title *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use*, can be found on the IEC website.

This Part 2-040 is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61010-1. It was established on the basis of the third edition (2010) of IEC 61010-1 and its Amendment 1 (2016), hereinafter referred to as Part 1.

This Part 2-040 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in Part 1 so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements for STERILIZERS and WASHER-DISINFECTORS used to treat medical materials*.

Where a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2-040, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. Where this Part 2-040 states "addition", "modification", "replacement", or "deletion", the relevant requirement, test specification or note in Part 1 shall be adapted accordingly.

In this standard:

1) the following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- NOTES: in small roman type;
- conformity and test: *in italic type*;
- terms used throughout this standard which have been defined in Clause 3: SMALL ROMAN CAPITALS.

2) subclauses, figures, and tables which are additional to those in Part 1 are numbered starting from 101; additional annexes are lettered starting from AA and additional list items are lettered from aa).

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE – Part 2-040:

Particular requirements for STERILIZERS and WASHER-DISINFECTORS used to treat medical materials

1 Scope and object

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

1.1.1 Equipment included in scope

Replacement:

Replace the existing text with the following:

This part of IEC 61010 specifies safety requirements for electrical equipment intended for sterilization, washing, and disinfection of medical materials in the medical, veterinary, pharmaceutical and laboratory fields, when used under the environmental conditions of 1.4.

Examples of such equipment include the following:

- a) STERILIZERS and disinfectors using steam and/or hot water as the sterilant;
- b) STERILIZERS and disinfectors using toxic gas, toxic aerosol or toxic vapour as the sterilant;
- c) STERILIZERS and disinfectors using hot air or hot inert gas as the sterilant; and
- d) WASHER-DISINFECTORS.

1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

Addition:

Add the following note to item f):

NOTE IEC 60601-1:2005, 3.63, defines "medical electrical equipment" as follows (notes to entry are omitted):

Electrical equipment, having an applied part or transferring energy to or from the patient or detecting such energy transfer to or from the patient and which is:

- a) provided with not more than one connection to a particular supply MAINS; and
- b) intended by its manufacturer to be used:
 - 1) in the diagnosis, treatment, or monitoring of a patient; or
 - 2) for compensation or alleviation of disease, injury or disability.

Addition:

Add the following new second paragraph after the lettered list:

This document does not apply to the following types of equipment:

aa) equipment for use in hazardous atmospheres (see IEC 60079); however this document does apply to an atmosphere created inside equipment by a flammable sterilizing agent (see [13.2.101](#) and [13.2.102](#));

bb) laboratory equipment for the heating of materials for purposes other than sterilization or disinfection (see IEC 61010-2-010);

cc) laundry equipment (see IEC 60335-2-4, IEC 60335-2-7, IEC 60335-2-11, and ISO 10472 (all parts)), unless designed for disinfecting medical materials;

dd) dishwashers (see IEC 60335-2-5 and IEC 60335-2-58).

1.2.1 Aspects included in scope

Replacement:

Replace item g) with the following new text:

g) liberated gases (including the non-intentional escape of toxic gas), pathogenic substances, explosion and implosion (see Clause [13](#)).

1.2.2 Aspects excluded from scope

Addition:

Add the following two new items:

aa) special requirements for protection against chemical and high-risk micro-biological HAZARDS associated with the LOAD;

bb) general requirements for the design of calorifiers, shell boilers and PRESSURE VESSELS.

NOTE National and other regulations or codes apply for the safety of calorifiers, shell boilers and PRESSURE VESSELS (see [14.101](#)).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

Add the following new references:

IEC 61770, *Electric appliances connected to the water mains – Avoidance of backsiphonage and failure of hose-sets*

ISO 3585, *Borosilicate glass 3.3 – Properties*

ISO 4126-1, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure – Part 1: Safety valves*

ISO 4126-2, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure – Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*