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Part 21: Particular requirements for boxes and enclosures with provision for suspension means

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60670 applies to boxes, enclosures and parts of enclosures (hereafter called "boxes" and "enclosures") for electrical accessories with a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC intended for household or similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.

Boxes and enclosures complying with this document are suitable for use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of –5 °C.

Other temperatures outside the above range can apply according to the classification of the boxes and the enclosures.

This document applies to boxes and enclosures for ceiling and wall mounting with provision for suspension means.

This document is intended to apply to boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories within the scope of IEC technical committee 23.

A box or an enclosure which is an integral part of an electrical accessory and provides protection for that accessory against external influences (for example mechanical impact, ingress of solid objects or water, etc.) is covered by the relevant standard for such an accessory.

This document gives test requirements for boxes and enclosures declared with IK code, see Annex B (normative).

This document also applies to types of boxes and enclosures as modified in IEC 60670-21, IEC 60670-22, IEC 60670-23, and IEC 60670-24.

This document does not apply to:

- ceiling roses;
- luminaire supporting couplers;
- boxes, enclosures and parts of enclosures specifically designed to be used for cable trunking and ducting systems complying with IEC 61084 and which are not intended to be installed outside of these systems.

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IEC 60068-2-75:2014, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60112:2020, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*, available at <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>

IEC 60423:2007, *Conduit systems for cable management – Outside diameters of conduits for electrical installations and threads for conduits and fittings*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60695-2-11:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-10-2:2014, *Fire hazard testing – Part 10-2: Abnormal heat – Ball pressure test*

IEC 60981:2019, *Extra-heavy duty rigid steel conduits*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61140:2016, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 62262:2002, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

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Boîtes et enveloppes pour appareillage électrique pour installations électriques fixes pour usages domestiques et analogues –

Partie 21: Règles particulières concernant les boîtes et enveloppes avec dispositifs de suspension

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1 Scope

Clause 1 of IEC 60670-1:2024 is applicable with the following modification:

Addition after the third paragraph:

This document applies to boxes and enclosures for ceiling and wall mounting with provision for suspension means.

2 Normative references

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POUR INSTALLATIONS ÉLECTRIQUES FIXES POUR
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Partie 21: Exigences particulières pour les boîtes et enveloppes avec dispositions pour dispositifs de suspension

1 Domaine d'application

L'Article 1 de l'IEC 60670-1:2024 s'applique, avec la modification suivante:

Ajout après le troisième alinéa:

Le présent document s'applique aux boîtes et enveloppes pour plafonds et murs, avec des dispositions pour dispositifs de suspension.

2 Références normatives

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