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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2002, Amendment 1:2006 and Amendment 2:2013. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) plugs and socket-outlets incorporating pilot lights;
b) crimped connections in accessories;
c) insulation piercing terminals (IPT);
d) accessories to be used with American Wire Gauge (AWG) cables;
e) accessories used in T° below −5 °C down to and including −45 °C;
f) accessories used in T° above +40 °C up to and including +70 °C;

g) plugs and socket-outlets for high load (HL);
h) clarification of some definitions;
i) durability of markings test;
j) introduction of thermal monitoring in the plug;
k) requirements for shutters in portable socket-outlets;
l) test walls for the verification of ingress of water;
m) rewriting of the temperature rise clause.

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

| Draft | Report on voting |
|---|---|
| 23B/1386/FDIS | 23B/1400/RVD |

Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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A list of all parts in the IEC 60884 series, published under the general title *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*, can be found on the IEC website.

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

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# PLUGS AND SOCKET-OUTLETS FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR PURPOSES –

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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60884 applies to plugs and fixed or portable socket-outlets for AC only, with or without earthing contact, with a rated voltage greater than 50 V but not exceeding 440 V and a rated current not exceeding 32 A, intended for household and similar purposes, either indoors or outdoors.

Compatible plugs and socket-outlets, when combined, form a plug and socket-outlet system. Standardized systems used around the world are reported in IEC/TR 60083.

The rated current is limited to 16 A maximum for accessories provided with screwless-type terminals.

This document covers only those requirements for mounting boxes which are necessary for the tests on the socket-outlet.

NOTE 1 Requirements for general purpose mounting boxes are given in IEC 60670-1.

This document also applies to:

– plugs which are a part of cord sets;
– plugs and portable socket-outlets which are a part of cord extension sets;
– plugs and socket-outlets which are a component of an appliance, unless otherwise stated in the standard for the relevant appliance; and
– plugs and socket-outlets incorporating pilot lights.

This document does not apply to:

– plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes;
– appliance couplers;
– plugs, fixed and portable socket-outlets for extra low voltage (ELV);

NOTE 2 ELV values are specified in IEC 60364-4-41.

– fixed socket-outlets combined with fuses, automatic switches, etc.

Plugs of this document are intended to be energised by socket-outlets.

NOTE 3 Use in any other manner could result in unsafe conditions within the installation if proper precautions are not taken. When energy producing equipment is connected to the fixed installation via plugs of this document all safety aspects of the products and the installation need to be evaluated by the manufacturer of the energy producing equipment.

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

In locations where special conditions prevail, such as in ships, vehicles and the like and in hazardous locations, for example where explosions are liable to occur, additional requirements can be applicable.

This document gives additional requirements for accessories intended to be used with AWG cables, see Annex D (normative).

This document gives additional tests to be applied during the production of crimped connections in accessories, see Annex E (informative).

This document gives additional requirements for accessories provided with insulation-piercing terminals, see Annex F (normative).

This document gives additional specifications for accessories intended to be used in ambient temperatures below −5 °C down to and including −45 °C, see Annex G (informative).

This document gives additional specifications for accessories intended to be used in ambient temperatures above +40 °C up to and including +70 °C, see Annex H (informative).

This document gives additional requirements for plugs and socket-outlets for high load (HL). These plugs and socket-outlets are typically intended to be used for loads applying long and repetitive cycles up to the rated current of the accessories, see Annex I (normative).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-2-30, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

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

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

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

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 60669 (all parts), *Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations*

IEC 60669-2-1:2021, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-1: Particular requirements – Electronic control devices*

IEC 60695-2-10:2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

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 (GWEPT)*

IEC 60884-2-1, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for fused plugs*

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

IEC 61058 (all parts), *Switches for appliances*

IEC 61545, *Connecting devices – Devices for the connection of aluminium conductors in clamping units of any material and copper conductors in aluminium bodied clamping units*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

ISO 1456:2009, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electrodeposited coatings of nickel, nickel plus chromium, copper plus nickel and of copper plus nickel plus chromium*

ISO 2081:2018, *Metallic and other inorganic coatings – Electroplated coatings of zinc with supplementary treatments on iron or steel*

ISO 2093:1986, *Electroplated coatings of tin – Specification and test methods*