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This edition includes the following significant technical changes from the previous edition.

- Modified test load mass requirement for cases where rated capacity of test machine is not declared. Test load mass determination in case rated capacity is not declared was changed to remove the ambiguity in edition 4 and to encourage declaration.
- Introduction of soft water option.
- Expanded stain/soil set (for assessment of washing performance).

- Improved method of loading and folding test load items to better suit vertical axis, horizontal axis and twin tub systems.
- Revised and amended reference machine specification reflecting full qualification of new Electrolux Wascator CLS.
- New reference programmes for lower temperatures and vertical axis systems. New informative annex comparing reference programmes to typical household programmes.
- Refined rinsing efficiency method.
- Introduction of low power modes “Off” and “Left On” (for assessment of energy consumption).
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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies methods for measuring the performance of clothes **washing machines** for household use, with or without heating devices utilising cold and/or hot water supply. It also deals with appliances for water extraction by centrifugal force (**spin extractors**) and is applicable to appliances for both washing and drying textiles (**washer-dryers**) with respect to their washing related functions. This International Standard also covers **washing machines** which specify the use of no detergent for normal use.

NOTE 1 Tumble dryer performance is assessed to IEC 61121.

The object is to state and define the principal performance characteristics of electric household **washing machines** and **spin extractors** and to describe the test methods for measuring these characteristics.

NOTE 2 This international standard applies also to **washing machines** for communal use in blocks of flats or in laundrettes. It does not apply to **washing machines** for commercial laundries. This International Standard is not intended to be used for the comparative evaluation of detergents.

NOTE 3 This International Standard does not specify acoustical noise requirements for **washing machines**. Acoustical noise measurements are specified in IEC 60704-1 and IEC 60704-2-4.

NOTE 4 This International Standard does not specify safety requirements for **washing machines**. Safety requirements are specified in IEC 60335-2-7.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60335-2-7, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-7: Particular requirements for washing machines*

IEC 60734, *Household electrical appliances – Performance – Hard water for testing*

IEC 62053-21, *Electricity metering equipment (a.c.) – Particular requirements – Part 21: Static meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)*

IEC 62301, *Household electrical appliances – Measurement of standby power*

IEC Guide 109, *Environmental aspects – Inclusion in electrotechnical product standards*

ISO 31-0:1992, *Quantities and units – Part 0: General principles*

ISO 2060, *Textiles – Yarn from packages – Determination of linear density (mass per unit length) by the skein method*

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