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

- adding the EMC requirements;
- updating the safety symbols and requirements according to new IEC 61010 series;
- replacing the concept of “error” to the concept of “uncertainty”;
- adding service environment classification and classification by method of operation, mechanical condition and the degrees of protection;

- adding the requirements for transport and storage of instruments and accessories according to IEC 60359;
- updating the Annexes to provide more information.

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IEC 60051 is published in separate parts according to the following structure and under the general title *Direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories*.

Part 1: Definitions and General Requirements Common to all Parts.

Part 2: Special Requirements for Ammeters and Voltmeters.

Part 3: Special Requirements for Wattmeters and Varmeters.

Part 4: Special Requirements for Frequency Meters.

Part 5: Special Requirements for Phase Meters, Power Factor Meters and Synchrosopes.

Part 6: Special Requirements for Ohmmeters (Impedance Meters) and Conductance Meters.

Part 7: Special Requirements for Multi-function Instruments.

Part 8: Special Requirements for Accessories.

Part 9: Recommended Test Methods.

Parts 2 to 9 are not complete in themselves and shall be read in conjunction with this Part 1.

All of these parts are arranged in the same format and a standard relationship between subject and clause number is maintained throughout. This re-arrangement will assist the reader of IEC 60051 to distinguish information relating to the different types of instruments.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60051 specifies definitions and general requirements for direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories.

This part applies to direct acting indicating analogue electrical measuring instruments, such as:

- ammeters and voltmeters;
- wattmeters and varmeters;
- frequency meters of pointer and vibrating-reed types;
- phasemeters, power-factor meters and synchrosopes;
- ohmmeters(impedance meters) and conductance meters;
- multi-function instruments of the above types.

It also applies to:

- certain accessories used with these instruments, such as:
 - shunts;
 - series resistors and impedance elements;
- combination of the instruments and the accessories provided that the adjustments have been made for the combination;
- direct acting indicating electrical measuring instrument whose scale marks do not correspond directly to its electrical input quantity, provided that the relationship between them is known;
- instruments and accessories having electronic devices in their measuring and/or auxiliary circuits.

These series standards do not apply to:

- special purpose instruments which are covered by their own IEC standards;
- special purpose devices which are covered by their own IEC standards when they are used as accessories.

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