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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-004, Electrical Accessories.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the Australian and New Zealand electrical industry, including manufacturers, regulators, test laboratories and certification bodies, with requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units for connecting devices, either as separate entities or as integral parts of equipment, for the connection of electrical copper conductors, rigid (solid or stranded) and/or flexible, having a cross-sectional area of 0.2 mm² up to and including 35 mm² and equivalent AWG sizes with a rated voltage not exceeding 1000 V a.c. with a frequency up to and including 1000 Hz, and 1500 V d.c.

The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820, *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*, that could be applicable to screw-type and screwless-type clamping units for conductors from 0.2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included) are covered by this Standard, taken in conjunction with any other relevant requirements affecting safety.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, IEC 60999-1, Ed.2.0 (1999), *Connecting devices—Electrical copper conductors—Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units*, Part 1: *General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60999 applies to screw-type and screwless-type clamping units for connecting devices, either as separate entities or as integral parts of equipment, for the connection of electrical copper conductors (complying with IEC 60228), rigid (solid or stranded) and/or flexible, having a cross-sectional area of 0,2 mm² up to and including 35 mm² and equivalent AWG sizes with a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. with a frequency up to and including 1 000 Hz, and 1 500 V d.c.

It applies to clamping units primarily suitable for connecting unprepared conductors.

This standard does not apply to clamping units

- a) for connection by crimping or soldering;
- b) for data and signalling circuits;
- c) for flat quick-connect terminations, insulation-piercing connecting devices and twist-on connecting devices, which are covered by IEC 61210 [3]¹⁾, IEC 60998-2-3 [1] and IEC 60998-2-4 [2] respectively.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60999. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60999 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60228:1978, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60228A:1982, *Conductors of insulated cables – First supplement*

IEC 60344:1980, *Guide to the calculation of resistance of plain and coated copper conductors of low-frequency cables and wires*

IEC 61545:1996, *Connecting devices – Devices for the connection of aluminium conductors in clamping units of any material and copper conductors in aluminium bodied clamping units*

1) Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.