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Rope lights (IEC 60598-2-21:2014, MOD)**



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-041, Lamps and Related Equipment.

The objective of this Standard is to specify minimum safety requirements for rope lights fitted with series-connected or parallel-connected light sources for use either indoors or outdoors with supply voltages not exceeding 250 V.

The essential safety requirements of AS/NZS 3820, *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*, which could be applicable to lighting products within the scope of this Standard, are covered by this Standard.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from IEC 60598-2-21:2014 (ED. 1.0), *Luminaires, Part 2-21: Particular requirements—Rope lights* and its corrigendum IEC 60598-2-21:2014 (ED. 1.0)/COR1:2016. This Standard has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian/New Zealand conditions.

The variations made to IEC 60598-2-21:2014 (ED. 1.0) are specified in Appendix ZZ. The variations described in Appendix ZZ form the Australian and New Zealand variations for the purpose of the IECEE CB Scheme for recognition of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB Scheme).

This Standard is intended to be read in conjunction with AS/NZS 60598.1, *Luminaires, Part 1: General requirements and tests (IEC 60598-1, Ed. 8.0 (2014), MOD)*.

This Standard is structured as follows:

- (a) Preface.
- (b) IEC 60598-2-21:2014 (ED. 1.0) unedited from the first clause to the Bibliography.
- (c) Appendix ZZ —Australian/New Zealand variations to the source document.

The variations listed in Appendix ZZ address issues including the following:

- (i) Rope lights in accordance with this Standard are also deemed to conform with AS/NZS 60598.2.20:2002.
- (ii) A non-IP-rated plug is acceptable for Australia and New Zealand.
NOTE: See Clause 21.11.4, Note 2.
- (iii) Addition of new Clause 21.3.101.

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The term ‘normative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex or appendix to which it applies. A ‘normative’ annex or appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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This standard is intended to be read in conjunction with IEC 60598-1 Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests.

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Luminaires**Part 2.21: Particular requirements—Rope lights
(IEC 60598-2-21:2014, MOD)****21.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60598 specifies requirements for rope lights (sealed lighting chains) fitted with non-replaceable series- or parallel- or a combination of series/parallel-connected light sources for use either indoors or outdoors on supply voltages not exceeding 250 V.

NOTE 1 In some countries the term "sealed lighting chain" is used instead of "rope light".

NOTE 2 For products where the rope light is fixed to a frame or the like as ornaments like Santa Claus, snowman and similar, relevant clauses of IEC 60598-2-4 and/or IEC 60598-2-7 can also apply.

Rope lights provided with, fixed or detachable, extra attachments of different kinds, e.g. ornamental element in temporary decorative configurations due to festivals, celebrations, etc. or in two or three dimensional reproductions of persons or animals (real or imaginary) are considered to be covered by this standard.

21.2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60227-5:2011, *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 5: Flexible cables (cords)*

IEC 60245-4:2011, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 4: Cords and flexible cables*

IEC 60320 (all parts), *Appliance couplers for household and similar general purposes*

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

IEC 60598-1, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60811-504:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 504: Mechanical tests – Bending tests at low temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60811-506:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 506: Mechanical tests – Impact test at low temperature for insulations and sheaths*

IEC 60811-508:2012, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 508: Mechanical tests – Pressure test at high temperature for insulation and sheaths*

IEC 60906 (all parts), *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*