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HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2.96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating

Foreword

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-002 - Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances and Small Power Transformers to supersede AS/NZS 60335.2.96:2002 three years from the date of publication of this Standard. During this period AS/NZS 60335.2.96:2002 will also remain current. Regulatory authorities that reference this Standard in regulation may apply these requirements at a different time. Users of this Standard should consult with these authorities to confirm their requirements.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers, designers, regulatory authorities, testing laboratories and similar organizations with safety requirements designed to give the user protection against hazards that might occur during normal operation and abnormal operation of the appliance and which may be used as the basis for approval for sale or for connection to the electricity supply mains in Australia and New Zealand.

The text of IEC 60335-2-96 Ed 2, prepared by IEC Technical Subcommittee TC 61, was submitted to the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Combined Procedure (dual public comment and committee vote) for adoption of the IEC standard as a Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand joint standard.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the 2002 edition of AS/NZS 60335.2.96 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- the text has been aligned with the 2011 edition of Part 1;
- some notes have been converted to normative text or deleted (5.6, 7.12.1, 10.1, 11.2.103, 13.1, 13.2, 16.2, 16.3, 18.101, 18.102.5, 21.1, 22.103, 22.105, 22.106);
- the strength test for heating units incorporating insulated wires intended to be installed in floors has been modified a (21.103);
- the scope and specific requirements have been added for heating units installed in walls below a height of 1,2 m (6.2, 7.1, 7.12.1, 7.12.6, 7.101, 11.2, 19.2, 22.106, 24.102, Annex AA).

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications of the second edition of IEC 60335-2-96, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-96: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating.* It has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions.

This part 2 has to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of AS/NZS 60335.1 *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements* and its Amendments. It was established on the basis of AS/NZS 60335.1:2011.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of AS/NZS 60335.1 so as to convert it into the Australian/New Zealand Standard: Safety requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text of Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 1 The following numbering system is used:

– subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;

– unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;

– additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.;

– subclauses, notes and annexes that are additional to those in the IEC standard are prefixed with the letters AZ.

NOTE 2 The following print types are used:

– requirements: in roman type;

– *test specifications: in italic type*;

– notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3.

p NOTE 3 In this document, p is used in the margin to indicate instructions for preparing a consolidated version.

The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820[1] that could be applicable to requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating are covered by this standard.

The national variations to IEC 60335-2-96 Ed 2 form the Australian and New Zealand national variations for purposes of the IECEE scheme for recognition of results of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme).

[1] AS/NZS 3820 *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*

The text of the International Standard IEC 60335-2-96 Ed 2 was approved as a joint Australia/New Zealand Standard with the agreed national variations as given below.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL VARIATIONS

There are no national variations to this Part 2 other than those listed in the national variations in AS/NZS 60335.1:2011.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL VARIATIONS

There are no national variations to this Part 2 other than those listed in the national variations in AS/NZS 60335.1:2011.

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(normative)
Normative references to international publications with their corresponding joint Australia/New Zealand publications

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.

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by national variations the relevant joint Australia/New Zealand publications applies if the national variations are needed to ensure the safety of the appliance for Australia/New Zealand conditions. These international publications are indicated by (mod). If an international publication is not so indicated, then either it or the listed Australia/New Zealand publication may be used.

Publication	Year	Title	AS/NZS	Year
IEC 60364-7-701	2006	*Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 7-701: Requirements for special installations or locations – Locations containing a bath or shower*	3000	2018
IEC 60884-1 IEC 60884-1:2002/*AMD1* IEC 60884-1:2002/*AMD2*	2002 2006 2013	*Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirements*		
ISO 3864-1		*Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings*		

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FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 60335-2-96 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2002, Amendment 1:2003 and Amendment 2:2008. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

– aligns the text with IEC 60335-1:2010, and its Amendments 1 and 2;
– some notes have been converted to normative text or deleted (5.6, 7.12.1, 10.1, 11.2.103, 13.1, 13.2, 16.2, 16.3, 18.101, 18.102.5, 21.1, 22.103, 22.105, 22.106);
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The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
61/5789/FDIS	61/5806/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts of the IEC 60335 series, under the general title: *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fifth edition (2010) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When “Part 1” is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for flexible sheet heating elements for room heating.

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The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

NOTE 4 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

The following additional differences exist in the countries indicated below.

– 1: Flexible sheet heating elements that are cut on site are not allowed (France).

– 1: The intended installation is not to include walls (USA).

– 7.1: The intended installation is not to include walls (USA).

– 7.12.1 c): The instructions in timber floors shall state that the heating unit is to be covered with additional insulation, be supplied through an isolating transformer, or be class II (Sweden).

– 7.12.1 c): The instructions need not refer to residual current devices (USA).

– Clause 18: The tests are different (USA).

– 22.102: The test is different (USA).

– 22.103: The test is different (USA).

– 25.3: Heating units are not allowed to incorporate supply cords (USA).

INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features which impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

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1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of **flexible sheet heating elements** intended to be incorporated into floors and walls below 1,2 m and above 2,3 m and in ceilings, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase installations and 480 V for other installations.

Flexible sheet heating elements are converted into **heating units** that are incorporated in the building in accordance with the instructions after which the required level of protection against hazards is achieved.

NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that

– in many countries, different wiring rules apply;

– for **heating units** intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;

– in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national authorities for fire protection, the national authorities for building regulations, the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to

– **heating units** intended exclusively for industrial purposes;

– **heating units** intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);

– blankets, pads, clothing and similar flexible heating appliances (IEC 60335-2-17);

– foot warmers and heating mats (IEC 60335-2-81);

– heated carpets and for heating units for room heating installed under removable floor coverings (IEC 60335-2-106);

– **flexible sheet heating elements** incorporated in other appliances.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60364-7-701:2006, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 7-701: Requirements for special installations or locations – Locations containing a bath or shower*

IEC 60884-1:2002, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 1: General requirements*
IEC 60884-1:2002/AMD1:2006
IEC 60884-1:2002/AMD2:2013[1]

[1] There exists a consolidated edition 3.2:2013 that includes edition 3:2002, its Amendment 1:2006 and Amendment 2:2013.