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This consolidated version of IEC 60204-1 consists of the fifth edition (2005) [documents 44/494/FDIS and 44/502/RVD] and its amendment 1 (2008) [documents 44/575/CDV and 44/580/RVC].

The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment and has been prepared for user convenience.

It bears the edition number 5.1.

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

The following differences exist in some countries:

4.3.1: The voltage characteristics of electricity supplied by public distribution systems in Europe are given in EN 50160:1999.

5.1: Exception is not allowed (USA).

5.1: TN-C systems are not permitted in low-voltage installations in buildings (Norway).

5.2: Terminals for the connection of the protective earthing conductors may be identified by the colour green, the letters “G” or “GR” or “GRD” or “GND”, or the word “ground” or “grounding”, or with the graphical symbol IEC 60417-5019 (DB: 2002-10) or any combination (USA).

6.3.3 b), 13.4.5 b), 18.2.1: TT power systems are not allowed (USA).

7.2.3: Disconnection of the neutral conductor is mandatory in a TN-S system (France and Norway).

7.2.3: Third paragraph: distribution of a neutral conductor with an IT system is not allowed (USA and Norway).

9.1.2: Maximum nominal a.c. control circuit voltage is 120 V (USA).

12.2: Only stranded conductors are allowed on machines, except for 0,2 mm^2 solid conductors within enclosures (USA).

12.2: The smallest power circuit conductor allowed on machines is 0,82 mm^2 (AWG 18) in multiconductor cables or in enclosures (USA).

Table 5: Cross-sectional area is specified in ANSI/NFPA 79 using American Wire Gauge (AWG) (USA). See Annex G.

13.2.2: For the protective conductor, the colour identification GREEN (with or without YELLOW stripes) is used as equivalent to the bicolour combination GREEN-AND-YELLOW (USA and Canada).

13.2.3: The colour identification WHITE or GREY is used for earthed neutral conductors instead of the colour identification BLUE (USA and Canada).

15.2.2: First paragraph: Maximum value between conductors 150 V (USA).

15.2.2: 2nd paragraph, 5th bullet: The full load current rating of lighting circuits does not exceed 15 A (USA).

16.4: Nameplate marking requirements (USA).

IEC 60204 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines*:

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Part 11: Requirements for HV equipment for voltages above 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. and not exceeding 36 kV

Part 31: Particular safety and EMC requirements for sewing machines, units and systems

Part 32: Requirements for hoisting machines

Part 33: Particular requirements for semiconductor manufacturing equipment[1]

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60204 provides requirements and recommendations relating to the electrical equipment of machines so as to promote:

– safety of persons and property;

– consistency of control response;

– ease of maintenance.

More guidance on the use of this part of IEC 60204 is given in Annex F.

Figure 1 has been provided as an aid to the understanding of the inter-relationship of the various elements of a machine and its associated equipment. Figure 1 is a block diagram of a typical machine and associated equipment showing the various elements of the electrical equipment addressed in this part of IEC 60204. Numbers in parentheses ( ) refer to Clauses and Subclauses in this part of IEC 60204. It is understood in Figure 1 that all of the elements taken together including the safeguards, tooling/fixturing, software, and the documentation, constitute the machine, and that one or more machines working together with usually at least one level of supervisory control constitute a manufacturing cell or system.