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- Relocation of definitions for energy limitation parameters to IEC 60079-11
- Addition of note to clarify that the non-metallic “enclosure” requirements are applied to other than “enclosures” by some of the subparts
- Expansion of material specification data for plastics and elastomers, including UV resistance
- Addition of alternative qualification for O-rings
- Addition of alternative criteria for surface resistance

- Addition of breakdown voltage limit for non-metallic layers applied to metallic enclosures
- Expansion of “X” marking options for non-metallic enclosure materials not meeting basic electrostatic requirements
- Clarification that non-metallic enclosure requirements also apply to painted or coated metal enclosures
- Clarification of test to determine capacitance of accessible metal parts with reduction in acceptable capacitance
- Addition of limits on zirconium content for Group III and Group II (Gb only) enclosures
- Introduction of “X” marking for Group III enclosures not complying with basic material requirements, similar to that existing for Group II
- Addition of button-head cap screws to permitted “Special Fasteners”
- Reference for protective earthing (PE) requirements for electrical machines to IEC 60034-1
- Clarification of terminology for cable glands, blanking elements, and thread adapters
- Addition of requirements for ventilating fans
- Addition of alternative construction for disconnectors
- Removal of voltage limits on plugs and sockets
- Addition of test requirements for arc-quenching test on plugs and sockets
- Update of cell and battery information to reflect latest standards
- Revision to impact test of glass parts
- Revision to impact test procedure to address “bounce” of impact head
- Clarification of the test requirements for “service” and “surface” temperature
- Addition of temperature rise tests for converter-fed motors
- Addition of alternative test method for thermal endurance
- Removal of “charging test” and addition of note providing guidance
- Clarification of test for the measurement of capacitance
- Addition of a “Schedule of Limitations” to certificates for Ex Components
- Clarification of the marking for multiple temperature classes
- Addition of marking for converter-fed motors
- Removal of IP marking for Group III
- Addition of specific instructions for electrical machines
- Addition of specific instructions for ventilating fans
- Update to informative Annex D on converter-fed motors
- Update to informative Annex E on temperature testing of motors
- Addition of informative Annex F, flowchart for testing of non-metallic enclosures and non-metallic parts of enclosures

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