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INTRODUCTION

This International Standard provides performance requirements and tests for low-voltage electrical connectors intended to be installed on board rolling stock, either inside or outside. Safety requirements and tests for electrical connectors are already covered in general by IEC 61984:2008. The additional requirements and testing of specific characteristics demanded by rolling stock applications are set out in this International Standard. One goal of this International Standard is to avoid retesting of electrical connectors already in compliance with IEC 61984:2008 for those characteristics that have been assessed suitable also for use on board rolling stock.

Among the additional requirements for use on board rolling stock, those that can be verified by documentation of tests on the raw materials are distinguished from those to be assessed by tests on the component.

Due to the wide spectrum of existing and future specific rolling stock applications of electrical connectors, this International Standard does not select any particular geometric configuration of connectors, nor establish any particular values for electrical ratings such as voltage and current, or for any other characteristic. All such details should be selected and agreed between the parties involved (e.g. manufacturer and user) depending on the electrical, mechanical and environmental conditions expected in the intended use. Annexes A and C of this International Standard provide guidance.

Upon agreement between the parties involved, this International Standard may be used in conjunction with existing connector detail specifications for interchangeability purposes.

Specific standards based on this generic International Standard may be developed in the future to address particular connector requirements and designs, for instance, to fix dimensions for interchangeability and to set additional requirements for specific applications that, due to complexity and variety, are left here to agreement between parties involved.

RAILWAY APPLICATIONS – ROLLING STOCK – ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS – REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS

1 Scope

This International Standard retains IEC 61984:2008 as the minimum performance requirements for railway rolling stock electrical connectors.

It identifies additional terms, test methods and performance requirements for single-pole and multipole connectors with rated voltages up to 1 000 V, rated currents up to 125 A per contact and frequencies below 3 MHz used for indoor and outdoor applications in railway rolling stock.

This International Standard does not cover:

- connectors with breaking capacity (CBCs) as defined in IEC 61984:2008, 3.2, because on board rolling stock connectors are not intended to be operated (i.e. mated and unmated) under load or when live, either by means of procedures or by the presence of interlocks, as required by IEC 61991;
- non-rewirable connectors as defined in IEC 61984:2008, 3.5;
- automatic couplers, due to their additional mechanical complexity and the need for more specific requirements and testing;
- inter-vehicle jumpers, as they are connector and cable assemblies whose characteristics depend on those of both elements. Inter-vehicle connectors within the limits set in the scope of this International Standard are therefore covered by the agreed choice of suitable mechanical and environmental characteristics as defined by Annex B, and suggested by Annex C.

This International Standard identifies the application levels for electrical connectors based on

- a) the severity of the service conditions in different rolling stock technologies,
- b) the intended use of the rolling stock,
- c) the location of the connector in the rolling stock system.

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2 Normative references

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IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*