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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2010. It constitutes a technical revision.

The main significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition are the following:

- With regard to basic standards the term "leakage current" has been replaced by "touch current" and "protective conductor current".
- Measurements of circuits connected in a non-galvanic way shall be tested according to the information of the manufacturer.
- The order of the chapters dealing with measurements to be carried out has been changed.
- The example test report in Annex B has been adapted.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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

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ARC WELDING EQUIPMENT –

Part 4: Periodic inspection and testing

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 specifies test procedures for periodic inspection and, after repair, to ensure electrical safety. These test procedures are also applicable for maintenance.

This standard is applicable to power sources for arc welding and allied processes designed in accordance with IEC 60974-1 or IEC 60974-6. Stand-alone ancillary equipment designed in accordance with other parts of IEC 60974 may be tested in accordance with relevant requirements of this part of IEC 60974.

NOTE 1 The welding power source can be tested with any ancillary equipment fitted that can affect the test results.

This standard is not applicable to testing of new power sources or engine-driven power sources.

NOTE 2 For a power source not built in accordance with IEC 60974-1, see Annex C.

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IEC 60050-195, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 195: Earthing and protection against electric shock*

IEC 60050-851, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 851: Electric welding*

IEC 60974-1:2012, *Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources*

IEC 60974-6, *Arc welding equipment – Part 6: Limited duty equipment*

IEC 61557-4, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 4: Resistance of earth connection and equipotential bonding*

IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

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