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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2016. It constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition (minor changes are not listed):

- editorial and technical alignment with IEC 60335-1:2020;
- clarification on hand-held and battery-operated high pressure cleaners;
- general editorial improvements.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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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 sixth edition (2020) 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 high pressure cleaners and steam cleaners.

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

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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 that 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 high-pressure cleaners without traction drive, intended for household and commercial indoor or outdoor use, having a **rated pressure** not less than 2,5 MPa and not exceeding 35 MPa.

It also applies to steam cleaners and those parts of hot water high pressure cleaners incorporating a steam stage which have a capacity not exceeding 100 l, a **rated pressure** not exceeding 2,5 MPa and a product of capacity and **rated pressure** not exceeding 5 MPa·l.

They are not equipped with a traction drive. The following power systems of the drive for the high pressure pump are covered:

- mains powered motors up to a **rated voltage** of 250 V for single-phase machines and 480 V for other machines,
- battery-operated motors,
- internal combustion engines,
- hydraulic or pneumatic motors.

This standard does not apply to

- high pressure water jet machines having a **rated pressure** exceeding 35 MPa;

NOTE 101 In Europe, those machines are covered by EN 1829-1.

- liquid or steam cleaners intended for domestic use (IEC 60335-2-54);
- hand-held and transportable motor-operated electric tools (IEC 60745 series, IEC 61029 series, IEC 62841 series);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601);
- agricultural sprayers (ISO 4254-6);
- non-liquid, solid abrasive cleaners;
- machines designed to be part of a production process;
- machines designed for use in corrosive or explosive environments (dust, vapour or gas);
- machines designed for use in vehicles or on board of ships or aircraft.

NOTE 102 Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries additional requirements on the safe use of the equipment covered can be specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.