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COMMON RULES**

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## Foreword

The text of the International Standard IEC 60364-5-51:2001, prepared by IEC TC 64, Electrical installations and protection against electric shock, together with the common modifications prepared by SC 64B, Protection against thermal effects, of Technical Committee CENELEC TC 64, Electrical installations and protection against electric shock, was submitted to the formal vote and was approved by CENELEC as HD 60364-5-51 on 2005-09-01.

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## 510 Introduction

### 510.1 Scope

This part of HD 60364 deals with the selection of equipment and its erection. It provides common rules for compliance with measures of protection for safety, requirements for proper functioning for intended use of the installation, and requirements appropriate to the external influences.

### 510.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60068-2-11	1981	<i>Environmental testing - Part 2: Tests - Test Ka: Salt mist</i>	EN 60068-2-11	1999
IEC 60073	2002	<i>Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Coding principles for indicators and actuators</i>	EN 60073	2002
IEC 60079	series	<i>Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres</i>	EN 60079	series
IEC 60255-22-1	1988	<i>Electrical relays – Part 22: Electrical disturbance tests for measuring relays and protection equipment Section 1: 1 MHz burst disturbance tests</i>	-	-
IEC 60364-3 (mod)	1993	<i>Electrical installation of buildings Part 3: Assessment of general characteristics</i>	HD 384.3	1995
IEC 60364-4-41	2001 <sup>1)</sup>	<i>Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock</i>	HD 384.4.41 + A1	1996 2002
IEC 60364-4-42	2001 <sup>2)</sup>	<i>Part 4-42: Protection for safety - Protection against thermal effects</i>	HD 384.4.42 + A1	1985 1992
IEC 60364-4-44	2001	<i>Part 4-44: Protection for safety - Protection against voltages disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances</i>	-	-
IEC 60364-5-52	2001 <sup>3)</sup>	<i>Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems</i>	HD 384.5.52 + A1 + corr. September	1995 1998 1998
IEC 60364-5-54 (mod)	1980	<i>Part 5-54: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Earthing arrangements and protective conductors</i>	HD 384.5.54	1988

<sup>1)</sup> IEC 60364-4-41:1992 + A2:1999, mod., are harmonized as HD 384.4.41 S2:1996 + A1:2002.

<sup>2)</sup> IEC 60364-4-42:1980, mod., is harmonized as HD 384.4.42 S1:1985.

<sup>3)</sup> IEC 60364-5-52:1993, mod., is harmonized as HD 384.5.52 S1:1995.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60446 + corr. July	1999 2002	<i>Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Identification of conductors by colours or numerals</i>	EN 60446	1999
IEC 60447	1993	<i>Man-machine interface (MMI) – Actuating principles</i>	EN 60447	1993
IEC 60617	series	<i>Graphical symbols for diagrams</i>	EN 60617	series
IEC 60707	1999	<i>Flammability of solid non-metallic materials when exposed to flame sources List of test methods</i>	EN 60707	1999
IEC 60721-3-0 + A1	1984 1987	<i>Classification of environmental conditions Part 3-0: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Introduction</i>	EN 60721-3-0	1993
IEC 60721-3-3 + A1 A2	1994 1995 1996	<i>Part 3-3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Stationary use at weather-protected locations</i>	EN 60721-3-3 A2	1995 1997
IEC 60721-3-4 A1	1995 1996	<i>Part 3-4: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities - Stationary use at non-weather protected locations</i>	EN 60721-3-4 A1	1995 1997
IEC 61000	series	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)</i>	EN 61000	series
IEC 61000-2	series	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment -</i>	EN 61000-2	series
IEC 61000-2-1	1990	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment - Section 1: Description of the environment for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public power supply systems</i>	-	-
IEC 61000-2-2	2002	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment - Section 2: Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public power supply systems</i>	EN 61002-2-2	2002
IEC 61000-2-5	1995	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment - Section 5: Classification of electromagnetic environments – Basic EMC publication</i>	-	-
IEC 61000-4	series	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques</i>	EN 61000-4	Series
IEC 61000-4-2 A1 A2	1995 1998 2000	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques – Section 2: Electrostatic discharge immunity test</i>	EN 61000-4-2 A1 A2	1995 1998 2001
IEC 61000-4-3 A1	2002 2002	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Section 3: Radiated, radiofrequency, electromagnetic field immunity test</i>	EN 61000-4-3 A1	2002 2002

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 61000-4-4 A1 A2	1995 2000 2001	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Section 4: Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test</i>	EN 61000-4-4 A1 A2	1995 2001 2001
IEC 61000-4-6 A1	1996 2000	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Section 6: Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields</i>	EN 61000-4-6 A1	1996 2001
IEC 61000-4-8 A1	1993 2000	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Section 8: Power frequency magnetic field immunity test</i>	EN 61000-4-8 A1	1993 2001
IEC 61000-4-12 A1	1995 2000	<i>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Section 12: Oscillatory waves immunity test</i>	EN 61000-4-12 A1	1995 2001
IEC 61024-1	1990	<i>Protection of structures against lightning Part 1: General principles</i>	–	–
IEC 61082	series	<i>Preparation of documents used in electrotechnology</i>	EN 61082	series
IEC 61140	2001	<i>Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment</i>	EN 61140	2002
IEC 61346-1	1996	<i>Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 1: Basic rules</i>	EN 61346-1	1996
IEC 62262	2002	<i>Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)</i>	EN 62262	2002
–	–	<i>Identification of cores in cables and flexible cords</i>	HD 308 S2	2001

### 510.3 General

Every item of equipment shall be selected and erected so as to allow compliance with the rules stated in the following clauses of this part of HD 384/60364 and the relevant rules in other parts of the HD 384/60364 series.

## 511 Compliance with standards

**511.1** Every item of equipment shall comply with the appropriate European Standards (EN) or Harmonization Documents (HD) or national standard implementing the HD. In absence of an EN or HD, the equipment shall comply with the appropriate national standard. In all other cases, reference should be made to the appropriate IEC standard or to an appropriate national standard of another country

**511.2** Where there are no applicable standards, the item of equipment concerned shall be selected by special agreement between the person specifying the installation and the installer.

## **512 Operational conditions and external influences**

### **512.1 Operational conditions**

#### **512.1.1 Voltage**

Equipment shall be suitable for the nominal voltage (r.m.s. value for a.c.) of the installation.

If, in IT installations, the neutral conductor is distributed, equipment connected between phase and neutral shall be insulated for the voltage between phases.

NOTE For certain equipment, it may be necessary to take account of the highest and/or lowest voltage likely to occur in normal service.

#### **512.1.2 Current**

Equipment shall be selected for the design current (r.m.s. value for a.c.) which it has to carry in normal service.

Equipment shall also be capable of carrying the currents likely to flow in abnormal conditions for such periods of time as are determined by the characteristics of the protective devices.

#### **512.1.3 Frequency**

If frequency has an influence on the characteristics of equipment, the rated frequency of the equipment shall correspond to the frequency of the current in the circuit concerned.

#### **512.1.4 Power**

Equipment selected for its power characteristics shall be suitable for the normal operational conditions taking account of the load factor.

#### **512.1.5 Compatibility**

Unless other suitable precautions are taken during erection, all equipment shall be selected so that it will not cause harmful effects on other equipment nor impair the supply during normal service, including switching operations.

NOTE Information on the parameters to be considered is given in Chapter 33 and Clause 444.

##### **512.1.Z1 Impulse voltage withstand**

Equipment shall be selected so that its rated impulse voltage withstand is at least equal to the prospective overvoltage at the point of installation as defined in Clause 443.

### **512.2 External influences**

(see Annex ZA)



## **513 Accessibility**

### **513.1 General**

All equipment, including wiring, shall be arranged so as to facilitate its operation, inspection and maintenance and access to its connections. Such facilities shall not be significantly impaired by mounting equipment in enclosures or compartments.

## **514 Identification**

### **514.1 General**

Labels or other suitable means of identification shall be provided to indicate the purpose of switchgear and controlgear, unless there is no possibility of confusion.

Where the functioning of switchgear and controlgear cannot be observed by the operator and where this might cause a danger, a suitable indicator, complying where applicable with EN 60073 and EN 60447, shall be fixed in a position visible to the operator.

### **514.2 Wiring systems**

Wiring shall be so arranged or marked that it can be identified for inspection, testing, repairs or alteration of the installation.

### **514.3 Identification of neutral and protective conductors**

#### **514.3.1 General**

Unless otherwise stated in 514.3.1.Z1 to 514.3.Z5, the identification of conductors shall comply with EN 60446, Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Identification of conductors by colours or numerals.

#### **514.3.1.Z1 Neutral or mid-point conductor**

Neutral or mid-point conductors shall be identified by the colour blue throughout their length.

NOTE For certain type of wiring, see 514.3.Z2 up to 514.3.Z5.

#### **514.3.1.Z2 Protective conductor**

Protective conductors shall be identified by the bi-colour combination green-and-yellow and this combination shall be used for no other purposes.

NOTE For certain type of wiring, see 514.3.Z2, 514.3.Z3 and 514.3.Z5.

#### **514.3.2 PEN conductor**

PEN conductors shall, when insulated, be marked by one of the following methods:

- green-and-yellow throughout their length with, in addition, blue markings at the terminations; or
- blue throughout their length with, in addition, green-and-yellow markings at the terminations.

NOTE The choice of method, or methods, for identifying PEN conductors is intended to be made by National Committees, see Annex ZB.

**514.3.Z1 Other conductors**

Other conductors shall be identified by colours or numerals taking into account the requirements of 514.3.Z2 to 514.3.Z5.

**514.3.Z2 Identification of cores in multi-core cables and flexible cords**

The identification of insulated conductors in rigid and flexible cables and cords with 2 to 5 conductors shall comply with HD 308, see Annex ZC. The line conductors shall be identified, throughout their length, by the colours brown or black or grey, the neutral conductor by the colour blue and the protective conductor by the bi-colour combination green-and-yellow.

For cables and cords having more than 5 conductors, each conductor shall be identified by colours or by numerals according to EN 60446. Conductors identified by numerals and used as a protective conductor or neutral conductor shall be marked green-and-yellow or blue, respectively, at each termination.

**514.3.Z3 Identification of single-core cables and insulated conductors**

Line conductors shall be identified throughout their length by the colours brown or black or grey. The use of one of these colours for all of the line conductors in a circuit is permitted.

Sheathed single-core cables and insulated conductors in compliance with their relevant standard which are not available with green-and-yellow or blue insulation, e.g. in case of large cross-sectional areas, larger than 16 mm<sup>2</sup>, may be used as:

- protective conductor if a green-and-yellow marking is provided at each termination;
- PEN conductor if a green-and-yellow marking and a blue marking is provided at each termination;
- neutral conductor if a blue marking is provided at each termination.

**514.3.Z4 Use of a blue conductor for certain applications**

For certain applications, provided that confusion is not possible and there is no neutral conductor, a blue conductor may be used as a line conductor or for any other purpose, except as a protective conductor.

NOTE This could be the case, for example, in part of a circuit between a switch and current-using equipment.

**514.3.Z5 Omission of identification**

Identification by colour or marking is not required

- for concentric conductors of cables,
- for metal sheath or armour, of cables, that is used as a protective conductor,
- for bare conductors in cases where a permanent identification is not possible due to the external influences, e.g. aggressive atmosphere and pollution,
- for metal structural parts of the structure or extraneous conductive parts used as protective conductors,
- for bare overhead wiring.

Identification by colour is not required for the conductors of flat flexible cables without a sheath or cables having insulation materials which cannot be identified by colour, for example mineral insulated cables. For these cables the cores used as protective conductors or PEN or neutral conductors shall be provided with markings of the relevant colour (see 514.3.Z3, last paragraph) at their termination



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