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## PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-002, Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances and Small Power Transformers to supersede AS/NZS 60335.2.98:2005 3 years from the date of publication of this standard. During this period, AS/NZS 60335.2.98:2005 and its amendments will remain current. Regulatory authorities that reference this standard in regulation may apply these requirements at a different time. Users of this standard should consult these authorities to confirm their requirements.

The objective of this standard is to provide manufacturers, designers, regulatory authorities, testing laboratories, and similar organisations with safety requirements designed to give the user protection against hazards that might occur during normal operation and abnormal operation of the appliance, and which may be used as the basis for approval for sale or for connection to the electricity supply mains in Australia and New Zealand.

The text of IEC 60335-2-98, Ed. 3.0, prepared by IEC Technical TC 61, was submitted to the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Combined Procedure (dual public comment and committee vote) for adoption of the IEC standard as a Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand joint standard.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the 2005 edition of AS/NZS 60335.2.98 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- (a) Alignment with AS/NZS 60335.1:2022;
- (b) Additional requirements for a humidifier shaped or decorated like a toy (7.12, 8.1.1, 21.101, 22.12, 22.44, 22.54, 22.105);
- (c) Additional requirements are included for the temperature of accessible surfaces (11.8);
- (d) Application of test probes 18 and 19 has been introduced (clause 8, 20.2, B.22.3, B.22.4);
- (e) Additional guidance is provided for humidifiers for remote operation.

This standard is an adoption with national modifications of the third edition of IEC 60335-2-98, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-98: Particular requirements for humidifiers*. It has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions.

This part 2 has to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of AS/NZS 60335.1, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements* and its amendments, unless that edition precludes it. In that case the latest edition that does not preclude it is used. It was established on the basis of AS/NZS 60335.1:2022.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of AS/NZS 60335.1 so as to convert it to the Australia/New Zealand standard: Safety requirements for humidifiers.

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

NOTE 1 The following numbering system is used:

- Subclauses, tables, and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- Unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, and so on;
- Subclauses, notes, and annexes that are additional to those in the IEC standard are prefixed with the letters AZ;
- To allow for additional material to be introduced by Australia, further clauses, subclauses, notes, tables and figures in this part 2 are numbered starting from A301 and additional annexes are lettered Z1AU, Z2AU and so on.

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NOTE 2 The following print types are used:

- Requirements: in roman type;
- *Test specifications: in italic type;*
- Notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and associated noun are also in bold.

p NOTE 3 In this document, p is used in the margin to indicate instructions for preparing a consolidated version.

The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820<sup>1</sup> that could be applicable to requirements for humidifiers are covered by this standard.

The national variations to IEC 60335-2-98, Ed. 3.0 form the Australian and New Zealand national variations for purposes of the IECEE scheme for recognition of results of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme).

The text of the international standard IEC 60335-2-98, Ed. 3.0 was approved as a joint Australian/New Zealand standard with the agreed national variations as given below.

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL VARIATIONS

The following national variations to this part 2 are additional to those listed in the national variations of AS/NZS 60335.1:2022.

### 1 Scope

In the sixth paragraph, *insert* the following variation:

- additional requirements for evaporative coolers intended for installation in Australia are given in Annex ZAU.

### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

AS 1530.8.1, *Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures – Part 8.1: Tests on elements of construction for buildings exposed to simulated bushfire attack – Radiant heat and small flaming sources*

AS 1530.1, *Fire dampers – Part 1: Specification*

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<sup>1</sup> AS/NZS 3820 *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*

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## Annexes

Replace the text with the following:

The annexes of Part 1 are applicable except as follows:

### **ANNEX Z1AU**

(Normative)

#### **Evaporative coolers for installation in Australia**

The requirements in the main part of this standard along with the following additions to this standard are applicable to evaporative coolers intended to be installed in Australia.

## **3 Terms and definitions**

### **3.5 Definitions relating to types of appliances**

*Addition:*

#### **3.5.A301**

##### **fire damper**

movable closure in a duct or opening for the passage of air, which operates automatically to restrict the passage of fire or products of combustion past it

Note 1 to entry: The term **fire damper** includes smoke damper.

## **5 General conditions for the tests**

### **5.5 Addition:**

For evaporative coolers supplied with a **fire damper**, the tests shall be conducted with the **fire damper** in the open position.

### **5.7 Addition:**

For evaporative coolers, the tests of clauses 10, 11, and 13 are carried out at an ambient temperature of  $40^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

### **5.9 Addition:**

If a **fire damper** is required for the evaporative cooler to comply with this standard, the **fire damper** shall be installed in accordance with the evaporative cooler's installation instructions.

## **7 Marking and instructions**

### **7.12.1 Addition:**

For **fixed evaporative coolers**, the instructions shall include the substance of the following:

**WARNING:** If this evaporative cooler is installed in a BAL-12.5 to 29 area, the evaporative cooler dropper duct and flashings shall be adequately sealed at the roof to prevent gaps greater than 3 mm. The dropper duct and flashings shall be non-combustible.

If a **fire damper** is required for the evaporative cooler to comply with this standard, the instructions shall include:

- The substance of the following warning:  
WARNING: If this evaporative cooler is installed in a BAL-12.5 to 29 area, the evaporative cooler must be installed using XXX model YYY brand **fire damper** kit;
- Details of where to purchase the relevant **fire damper**; and
- Details of how to install the required **fire damper**.

## 11 Heating

### 11.8 Addition:

The temperature rise limits for evaporative coolers in Table 3 are reduced by 15 K.

## 19 Abnormal operation

**19.A301** *Fixed evaporative coolers incorporating or being supplied with fire dampers are operated under the conditions of clause 11. The fire damper is put in the closed position.*

**19.A302** *Fixed evaporative coolers are tested under the conditions of AS 1530.8.1 with all accessories installed as per the installation instructions. The appliance is tested in the off position and the water tank is empty.*

*After this test, if ignition of the evaporative cooler has occurred, no material from the evaporative cooler shall breach the fire damper system.*

*After this test, if ignition of the evaporative cooler has not occurred, it is deemed that the evaporative cooler is able to be used in BAL-12.5 to 29 areas without a fire damper.*

## 22 Construction

**22.A305** For a fixed evaporative cooler, if a **fire damper** is required to comply with this standard, components and fittings that form part of the **fire damper** other than the **fire damper** itself shall be constructed from metal.

*Compliance is checked by inspection.*

## 24 Components

**24.1.A301** *Fire dampers shall comply with AS 1682.1. If the fire damper operates during clause 11, it is subjected to 10 000 cycles of operation at an ambient temperature of 40°C ± 2°C prior to the tests of subclause 19.A302.*

## NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL VARIATIONS

There are no national variations to this part 2 other than those listed in the national variations in AS/NZS 60335.1:2022.

## ANNEX ANZ

(Normative)

### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding joint Australian/New Zealand publications

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.

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by national variations, the relevant joint Australian/New Zealand publication applies if the national variations are needed to ensure the safety of the appliance for Australian/New Zealand conditions. These international publications are indicated by (MOD). If an international publication is not so indicated, then either it or the listed Australian/New Zealand publication may be used.

Publication	Year	Title	AS/NZS	Year
IEC 60584-1		<i>Thermocouples – Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances</i>		

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### HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

#### Part 2-98: Particular requirements for humidifiers

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IEC 60335-2-98 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. It is an International Standard.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2002, Amendment 1:2004 and Amendment 2:2008. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

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

Draft	Report on voting
61/7013/FDIS	61/7086/RVD

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

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

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at [www.iec.ch/members\\_experts/refdocs](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs). The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at [www.iec.ch/publications](http://www.iec.ch/publications).

A list of all parts of the IEC 60335 series, under the general title: *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments unless that edition precludes it; in that case, the latest edition that does not preclude it is used. 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 electric humidifiers.

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The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under [webstore.iec.ch](http://webstore.iec.ch) in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

## 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.

Guidance documents concerning the application of the safety requirements for appliances can be accessed via TC 61 supporting documents on the IEC website

<https://www.iec.ch/tc61/supportingdocuments>

This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute a replacement for the normative text in this standard.

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 can 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 publications, basic safety publications and group safety publications 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.

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.

NOTE 3 Standards dealing with non-safety aspects of household appliances are:

- IEC standards published by TC 59 concerning methods of measuring performance;
- CISPR 11, CISPR 14-1 and relevant IEC 61000-3 series standards concerning electromagnetic emissions;
- CISPR 14-2 concerning electromagnetic immunity;
- IEC standards published by TC 111 concerning environmental matters.

## HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

### Part 2-98: Particular requirements for humidifiers

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric humidifiers for household and similar use, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances, including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and **battery-operated appliances**.

Examples of appliances that are within the scope of the standard are

- appliances that atomize water;
- appliances that evaporate water by heating;
- appliances that blow air through a moist element.

Appliances that are not intended for normal household use, but that nevertheless can be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
  - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
  - lack of experience and knowledgeprevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

This standard does not apply to

- appliances for heating liquids (IEC 60335-2-15);
- humidifiers intended for use with heating, ventilation or air-conditioning systems (IEC 60335-2-88);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601 series);
- appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas).