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IEC TS 63066, which is a technical specification, has been prepared by subcommittee 23H: Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial and similar applications, and for electric vehicles, of IEC technical committee 23: Electrical accessories.

The text of this technical specification is based on the following documents:

Enquiry draft	Report on voting
23H/372/DTS	23H/361/RVC

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

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INTRODUCTION

Pluggable energy storage technology has a large demand and perspective in certain areas. With the advent of electric vehicles, energy storage units for renewable energy and other applications, guidance is needed to ensure safe and reliable operation, interoperability, environmental protection and energy efficiency. The industry needs such a document to promote the technology development and popularization of pluggable energy storage technology.

Compared to other accessories, several specific items are considered. The mating process may not have haptic support by the operator to find the correct position between the two parts of the connector. The mating process may have a mechanical feed which precludes the finding of the correct position between the two parts of the connector. To overcome these issues, the design of the accessories may consist partly of moveable parts to compensate a mechanical feed and tolerances.

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1 Scope

This document applies to docking connectors (hereinafter referred to as accessories) incorporated in or fixed to electrical equipment, intended to connect removable energy storage units to a dedicated electric power conversion unit, to an energy consuming unit or to another energy storage unit.

These accessories are intended for DC and may include an earth[1] contact and/or optional auxiliary contacts for signaling and data. These accessories have a rated current of up to 800 A and rated operating voltages not exceeding 1 000 V DC.

These accessories are not suitable for mating or unmating under load. These accessories are intended to be installed by instructed persons (IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-02) or skilled persons (IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-01) only.

The list of preferred ratings is not intended to exclude other ratings.

This document applies to accessories for use under environmental conditions as described in Clause 32.

These accessories are intended to be connected to current carrying parts in copper or copper alloy only, plated or not plated.

This document also applies to accessories intended to be used at extra-low voltage.

In locations where special conditions prevail, for example on board vehicles, additional requirements may apply.

These accessories are intended to be used with a specific charging system.

NOTE For conditions other than operation, additional requirements could be applicable, for instance IEC 62133 and the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods section 38.338.3.

2 Normative references

Clause 3 of IEC 60309-1:1999, IEC 60309-1:1999/AMD1:2005 and IEC 60309-1:1999/AMD2:2012 applies, except as follows:

Addition of the following new references:

IEC 60068-2-1, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

[1] In some countries, the term ground is used instead of earth.