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## Foreword

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### Supersession

This part of BS 1363 supersedes BS 1363-4:1995+A4:2012, which remains current and will be withdrawn on 31 August 2019.

### Information about this document

BS 1363 comprises five parts covering the following:

- *Part 1: Specification for rewirable and non-rewirable 13 A fused plugs;*
- *Part 2: Specification for 13 A switched and unswitched socket-outlets;*
- *Part 3: Specification for adaptors;*
- *Part 4: Specification for 13 A fused connection units switched and unswitched;*
- *Part 5: Specification for fused conversion plugs.*

*NOTE* In order to prevent confusion with BS 1363:1984, the figure and clause numbers have been retained.

The structure of BS EN 50525 and its derivation from British Standards and HD 21 and HD 22 is set out in BS EN 50525-1:2011, National Annex NA. This is reproduced in Annex G for the convenience of users of this part of BS 1363.

This new edition of BS 1363-4 incorporates technical changes only. It does not represent a full review or revision of the standard, which will be undertaken in due course.

### Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its requirements are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is "shall".

*Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.*

Requirements in this standard are drafted in accordance with *Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards*, subclause J.1.1, which states, "Requirements should be expressed using wording such as: "When tested as described in Annex A, the product shall ...". This means that only those products that are capable of passing the specified test will be deemed to conform to this standard.

### Contractual and legal considerations

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

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Particular attention is drawn to the following specific regulations:

The Plugs and Sockets etc. (Safety) Regulations 1994. SI No. 1768.

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## 1 Scope

This part of BS 1363 specifies requirements for 13 A fused fixed connection units for household, commercial and light industrial purposes, with particular reference to safety in normal use. The connection units are suitable for the connection of appliances, in a.c. circuits only, operating at voltages not exceeding 250 V r.m.s. at 50 Hz.

Requirements are specified for connection units incorporating a fuse-link conforming to BS 1362:1973.

Requirements are specified for 13 A connection units with or without associated controlling switches, for flush mounting in suitable enclosures, e.g. boxes conforming to BS 4662:2006+A1:2009, or for surface or panel mounting. Connection units are intended for use with cables conforming to BS 6004:2012 having copper conductors. Connection units with cable outlets are additionally intended for use with flexible cables, conforming to the relevant part of BS EN 50525 (see Annex G), on the load (output) side.

This standard does not apply to connection units incorporating screwless terminals for the connection of external conductors of the following types:

- flat quick-connect terminals;
- insulation-piercing connecting devices; and
- twist-on connecting devices.

*NOTE 1* The titles of the publications referred to in this part of BS 1363 are listed in the bibliography.

*NOTE 2* Requirements for electromagnetic compatibility are not given for the following reason.

*A connection unit is mechanical by nature of construction. A connection unit does not emit intolerable electromagnetic interference and the product is immune from electromagnetic interference.*

## 2 Conditions of use

Fused connection units shall be suitable for use under the following conditions:

- a) an ambient temperature in the range  $-5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the average value over 24 h not exceeding  $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;

*NOTE* Under normal conditions of use, the available cooling air is subject to natural atmospheric variations of temperature and hence the peak temperature occurs only occasionally during the hot season, and on those days when it does occur it does not persist for lengthy periods.

- b) a situation not subject to exposure to direct radiation from the sun or other source of heat likely to raise temperatures above the limits specified in a);
- c) an altitude not exceeding 2 000 m above sea level;
- d) an atmosphere not subject to abnormal pollution by smoke, chemical fumes or other abnormal conditions. This is equivalent to pollution degree 2 (see Annex E) and Overvoltage Category III (see Annex D).