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## LAMPHOLDERS FOR TUBULAR FLUORESCENT LAMPS AND STARTERHOLDERS

### 1 Scope

This document states the technical and dimensional requirements for lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and for starterholders, and the methods of test to be used in determining the safety and the fit of the lamps in the lampholders and the starters in the starterholders.

This document covers independent lampholders and lampholders for building-in, used with tubular fluorescent lamps provided with caps as listed in Annex A, and independent starterholders and starterholders for building-in, used with starters in accordance with IEC 60155, intended for use in AC circuits where the working voltage does not exceed 1 000 V r.m.s.

This document also covers lampholders for single-capped tubular fluorescent lamps integrated in an outer shell and dome similar to Edison screw lampholders (e.g. for G23 and G24 capped lamps). Such lampholders are tested in accordance with the following clauses and subclauses of IEC 60238: 9.4; 9.5; 9.6; 10.3; 11.7; 12; 13.2; 13.5; 13.6; 13.7; 14; 16.3; 16.4; 16.5 and 16.9.

This document also covers lampholders which are integral with a luminaire or intended to be built into appliances. It covers the requirements for the lampholder only. For all other requirements, such as protection against electric shock in the area of the terminals, the requirements of the relevant appliance standard are applicable and tested after building into the appropriate equipment, when that equipment is tested according to its own standard. Lampholders for use by luminaire manufacturers only are not for retail sale.

This document also applies, as far as is reasonable, to lampholders and starterholders other than the types explicitly mentioned above and to lamp connectors.

Where the term "holder" is used in this document, both lampholders and starterholders are intended.

Where the term "bi-pin lampholder" is used, lampholders for wedged caps are also intended.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60061-2, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 2: Lampholders*

IEC 60061-3, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 3: Gauges*

IEC 60068-2-75:2014, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60081, *Double-capped fluorescent lamps – Performance specifications*