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INTRODUCTION

This standard describes a system for classifying the degrees of protection provided by the enclosures of electrical equipment. Whilst this system is suitable for use with most types of electrical equipment, it should not be assumed that all the listed degrees of protection are applicable to a particular type of equipment. The manufacturer of the equipment should be consulted to determine the degrees of protection available and the parts of equipment to which the stated degree of protection applies.

The adoption of this classification system, wherever possible, will promote uniformity in methods of describing the protection provided by the enclosure and in the tests to prove the various degrees of protection. It should also reduce the number of types of test devices necessary to test a wide range of products.

This second edition of IEC 60529 takes account of experiences with the first edition, and clarifies the requirements. It provides for an optional extension of the IP Code by an additional letter A, B, C, or D if the actual protection of persons against access to hazardous parts is higher than that indicated by the first characteristic numeral.

In general, enclosures with an IP coding to the first edition would be eligible for the same code according to this edition.

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDMENT 2

This Amendment 2 introduces a new degree of protection IP X9 whereas no modifications of the existing degrees of protection are made.

Thus neither additional tests nor modifications of the existing certificates should be requested in case of enclosures providing a different IP code.

DEGREES OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY ENCLOSURES (IP Code)

1 Scope and object

This standard applies to the classification of degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment with a rated voltage not exceeding 72,5 kV.

2—Object

The object of this standard is to give:

- a) *Definitions* for degrees of protection provided by enclosures of electrical equipment as regards:
 - 1) protection of persons against access to hazardous parts inside the enclosure;
 - 2) protection of the equipment inside the enclosure against ingress of solid foreign objects;
 - 3) protection of the equipment inside the enclosure against harmful effects due to the ingress of water.
- b) *Designations* for these degrees of protection.
- c) *Requirements* for each designation.
- d) *Tests* to be performed to verify that the enclosure meets the requirements of this standard.

It will remain the responsibility of individual technical committees to decide on the extent and manner in which, the classification is used in their standards and to define “enclosure” as it applies to their equipment. However, it is recommended that for a given classification the tests do not differ from those specified in this standard. If necessary, complementary requirements may be included in the relevant product standard. A guide for the details to be specified in relevant product standards is given in annex B.

For a particular type of equipment, a technical committee may specify different requirements provided that at least the same level of safety is ensured.

This standard deals only with enclosures that are in all other respects suitable for their intended use as specified in the relevant product standard and which from the point of view of materials and workmanship ensure that the claimed degrees of protection are maintained under the normal conditions of use.

This standard is also applicable to empty enclosures provided that the general test requirements are met and that the selected degree of protection is suitable for the type of equipment to be protected.

Measures to protect both the enclosure and the equipment inside the enclosure against external influences or conditions such as

- mechanical impacts
- corrosion
- corrosive solvents (for example, cutting liquids)
- fungus
- vermin
- solar radiation
- icing
- moisture (for example, produced by condensation)
- explosive atmospheres