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Part 2-13: Particular requirements for humidity sensing controls**

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Partie 2-13: Exigences particulières pour les dispositifs de commande sensibles  
à l'humidité**



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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2017. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) adoption to IEC 60730-1:2022 with all of its significant changes to IEC 60730-1:2013, IEC 60730-1:2013/AMD1:2015 and IEC 60730-1:2013/AMD2:2020.

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

Draft	Report on voting
72/1487/FDIS	72/1503/RVD

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

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This part 2-13 is intended to be used in conjunction with IEC 60730-1. It was established on the basis of the sixth edition of that standard (2022). Consideration may be given to future editions of, or amendments to, IEC 60730-1.

This part 2-13 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60730-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for humidity sensing controls.

Where this part 2-13 states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant requirement, test specification or explanatory matter in Part 1 should be adapted accordingly.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this Part 2, that subclause applies.

In the development of a fully international standard it has been necessary to take into consideration the differing requirements resulting from practical experience in various parts of the world and to recognize the variations in national electrical systems and wiring rules.

The reader's attention is drawn to the fact that Annex Q, Annex R, Annex S and Annex T list all of the "in-some-country" clauses on differing practices of a less permanent nature relating to the subject of this document.

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## 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following:

This document applies to automatic **electrical humidity sensing controls**

- for use in, on, or in association with equipment for household appliance and similar use;

NOTE 1 Throughout this document, the word "equipment" means "appliance and equipment" and "controls" means "**humidity sensing control**".

- for building automation within the scope of ISO 16484 series and IEC 63044 series (HBES/BACS);
- for equipment that is used by the public, such as equipment intended to be used in shops, offices, hospitals, farms and commercial and industrial applications;

EXAMPLE 1 **Humidity sensing controls** for commercial catering, heating and air-conditioning equipment.

- that are **smart enabled controls**;

EXAMPLE 2 Smart grid control, remote interfaces/control of energy-consuming equipment including computer or smart phone.

- that are AC or DC powered controls with a rated voltage not exceeding 200 V AC or 600 V DC;
- used in, on, or in association with equipment that use electricity, gas, oil, solid fuel, solar thermal energy, etc., or a combination thereof;
- utilized as part of a control system or controls which are mechanically integral with multifunctional controls having non-electrical outputs;
- using NTC or **PTC thermistors** and to discrete **thermistors**, requirements for which are contained in Annex J;
- that are mechanically or electrically operated, responsive to or controlling such characteristics as temperature, pressure, passage of time, humidity, light, electrostatic effects, flow, or liquid level, current, voltage, acceleration, or combinations thereof;
- as well as manual controls when such are electrically and/or mechanically integral with automatic controls.

NOTE 2 Requirements for manually actuated mechanical switches not forming part of an automatic control are contained in IEC 61058-1-1.

This document applies to

- the inherent safety of automatic **electrical humidity sensing controls**, and
- functional safety of automatic **electrical humidity sensing controls** and safety related systems,
- **humidity sensing controls** where the performance (for example the effect of EMC phenomena), of the product can impair the overall safety and performance of the controlled system,
- the operating values, operating times, and operating sequences where such are associated with equipment safety.

This document specifies the requirements for construction, operation and testing of automatic electrical **humidity sensing controls** used in, on, or in association with an equipment.

This document does not

- apply to automatic **electrical humidity sensing controls** intended exclusively for industrial process applications unless explicitly mentioned in the relevant part 2 or the equipment standard. However, this document can be applied to evaluate **humidity sensing controls** intended specifically for industrial applications in cases where no relevant safety standard exists;
- take into account the response value of an automatic action of a **humidity sensing control**, if such a response value is dependent upon the method of mounting the **humidity sensing control** in the equipment. Where a response value is of significant purpose for the protection of the user, or surroundings, the value defined in the appropriate equipment standard or as determined by the manufacturer will apply;
- address the integrity of the output signal to the network devices, such as interoperability with other devices unless it has been evaluated as part of the control system.

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

## 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

### 3.2 Definitions of types of control according to purpose

*Additional definitions:*

#### 3.2.101

##### **humidity sensing control**

automatic **electrical control** which is either intended to keep the controlled humidity above, below or between a particular value(s)

#### 3.2.102

##### **room humidistat**

independently mounted or incorporated **humidity sensing control** intended to control the humidity of habitable space

### 3.3 Definitions relating to the function of controls

#### 3.3.101

##### **permanent operation**

continuous monitoring of the protective function during the **operation** of the appliance or system for longer than 24 h

Note 1 to entry: 24 h is considered the typical time interval between a first and a second **fault**.

#### 3.3.102

##### **non-permanent operation**

continuous monitoring of the protective function during the **operation** of the appliance or system for less than 24 h

Note 1 to entry: 24 h is considered the typical time interval between a first and a second **fault**.

## 4 General

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.