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Part 1: Welding power sources**

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## ARC WELDING EQUIPMENT –

### Part 1: Welding power sources

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to power sources for arc welding and allied processes designed for **industrial and professional use**, and supplied by a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, battery supplied or driven by mechanical means.

This document specifies safety and performance requirements of welding power sources and **plasma cutting systems**.

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This document includes requirements for battery-powered welding power sources and battery packs, which are given in Annex O.

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IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available at: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

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