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INTRODUCTION

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CONTROLGEAR FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT SOURCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-8: Particular requirements – Ballasts for fluorescent lamps

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61347 specifies safety requirements for ballasts, excluding resistance types, for use on AC supplies up to 1 000 V at 50 Hz or 60 Hz, associated with fluorescent lamps with or without pre-heated cathodes operated with or without a starter or starting device and having rated powers, dimensions and characteristics as specified in IEC 60081 and IEC 60901.

This document applies to complete ballasts and to their component parts such as reactors, transformers and capacitors. Ballasts for conventional operation of lamps at mains frequency are covered, while AC supplied electronic ballasts for high-frequency operation are excluded.

NOTE 1 AC supplied electronic ballasts for high-frequency operation are specified in IEC 61347-2-3.

NOTE 2 Performance requirements are the subject of IEC 60921.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60317-0-1:2013, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 0-1: General requirements – Enamelled round copper wires*
IEC 60317-0-1:2013/AMD1:2019

IEC 61347-1:2015, *Lamp controlgear – Part 1: General and safety requirements*
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3.1 rated temperature rise of the ballast winding

Δt

temperature rise assigned by the manufacturer under the conditions specified in IEC 61347-2-8

Note 1 to entry: The specifications for the supply and mounting conditions of the ballast are given in IEC 61347-1:2015, Annex H.