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

- a) Replacement of several reference standards.
- b) Several terms and abbreviated terms are introduced;
- c) Table 2 – Voltage bands for France is moved to Annex B as Table B.1, Table 3 – Voltage bands for Italy is deleted;
- d) Annex B and Annex C are introduced.
- e) Annex B includes special national conditions.

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INTRODUCTION

It is generally accepted that safety depends on human factors, based on the normal behaviour of the operators involved, as well as upon technical factors.

For these reasons, this document leaves a choice to the contracting parties between two alternatives in several instances. These alternatives consist of either the provision of operating rules, regulations and procedures, or the application of technical measures such as mechanical or electrical interlocking devices.

A list of the cases for which the contracting parties (e.g. user and manufacturer) shall reach agreement before signing the contract is included in Annex A.

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RAILWAY APPLICATIONS – ROLLING STOCK –

Protective provisions against electrical hazards

1 Scope

This document defines requirements applied in the design and manufacture of electrical installations and equipment to be used on rolling stock to protect persons from electric shocks.

This document is applicable to rolling stock of rail transport systems, road transport systems if they are powered by an external supply (e.g. trolley buses), magnetically levitated transport systems, and to the electrical equipment installed in these systems.

This document does not apply to:

- mine railways in mines,
- crane installations, moving platforms and similar transport systems on rails,
- funicular railways,
- temporary constructions.

The requirements for the fixed installations about the protection against the vehicles' potential are not covered in this document.

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IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC TS 60479-1, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 1: General aspects*

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

IEC 61140:2010, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 61310-1, *Safety of machinery – Indication, marking and actuation – Part 1: Requirements for visual, acoustic and tactile signals*

IEC 62128-1:2013, *Railway applications – Fixed installations – Electrical safety, earthing and the return circuit – Part 1: Protective provisions against electric shock*

IEC 62313, *Railway applications – Power supply and rolling stock – Technical criteria for the coordination between power supply (substation) and rolling stock*

IEC 62497-1, *Railway applications – Insulation coordination – Part 1: Basic requirements – Clearances and creepage distances for all electrical and electronic equipment*