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Part 21: Framework for standardization

Part 31: Static payment meters for active energy (Classes 1 and 2)

Part 41: Standard Transfer Specification – Application layer protocol for one-way token carrier systems<sup>1</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION

Payment meters are used in situations where the supply of electrical energy to the load may be interrupted or its restoration enabled under the control of the payment meter in relation to a payment tariff agreed between the customer and the supplier. The payment meter is part of a system that uses token carriers to pass payment information as tokens between a vending network and the payment meters that include the meter accounting process.

The functions of a payment meter are to measure electrical energy consumed and to decrement the available credit value in accordance with the metered consumption, and possibly in accordance with the passing of time. This available credit value is incremented as the result of payments made to the electricity supplier, and the meter accounting process continuously calculates the balance of available credit held by the customer. When the available credit value has been decremented to a predetermined value that is related to the payment mode in use, a switch is used to interrupt the supply to the customer's load. However, additional features may be present in the payment meter, which prevent or delay the opening of the switch, or limit further consumption to a low load level. Such "social" features may include the provision of an emergency credit facility, the possibility of operation in a fixed-payment mode, and the inhibiting of interruptions for certain periods of time.

In return for the payment (usually in cash) and depending on the particular type of system, the customer may be issued with a single-use token on a disposable token carrier for the equivalent value, or a reusable token carrier may be credited with that value, or the token may be transmitted directly to the meter via a communications network (a so-called virtual token carrier). "One-way" and "two-way" data transfer systems may be used, and the token carriers may be: physical devices such as smart cards, or other electronic devices, or magnetic cards; virtual token carriers where the token information is transferred by a remote communications system; or numeric token carriers where sequences of digits are issued on a paper receipt and entered via a keypad on the meter.

IEC 62051 provides some details of payment metering terminology in Clause 17.

## ELECTRICITY METERING – PAYMENT SYSTEMS –

### Part 31: Particular requirements – Static payment meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62055 applies to newly manufactured, static watt-hour payment meters of accuracy classes 1 and 2 for direct connection, for the measurement of alternating current electrical energy consumption of a frequency in the range 45 Hz to 65 Hz that include a load switch for the purpose of interruption or restoration of the electricity supply to the load in accordance with the current value of the available credit maintained in the payment meter. It does not apply to static watt-hour payment meters where the voltage across the connection terminals exceeds 600 V (line-to-line voltage for meters for polyphase systems).

It applies to payment meters for indoor application only, where the payment meter shall be mounted as for normal service (i.e. together with a specified matching socket where applicable).

Payment meters are implementations where all the main functional elements are incorporated in a single enclosure, together with any specified matching socket. There are also multi-part installations where the various main functional elements, such as the measuring element, the user interface unit, token carrier interface, and the load switch are implemented in more than one enclosure, involving additional interfaces. This part of IEC 62055 does not apply to multi-part payment metering installations.

Functional requirements that apply to payment meters are also defined in this part of IEC 62055, and include informative basic functional requirements and tests for the prepayment mode of operation in Annex 7. Allowances are made for the relatively wide range of features, options, alternatives and implementations that may be found in practice. The diverse nature and functionality of payment meters prevent the comprehensive specification of detailed test methods for all of these requirements. However, in this case, the requirements are stated in such a way that tests can then be formulated to respect and validate the specific functionality of the payment meter being tested.

This part of IEC 62055 does not cover specific functionality or performance requirements for safety, circuit protection, isolation or similar purposes that may be specified through reference to other specifications or standards.

This part of IEC 62055 does not cover software requirements. Software requirements for basic energy meter metrology are under consideration for the IEC 62059 series of standards, and in other organisations.

This part of IEC 62055 covers type-testing requirements only. For acceptance testing, the concepts given in IEC 61358 may be used as a basic guideline.

Dependability aspects are addressed in the IEC 62059 series of standards.

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## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 62051:1999, *Electricity metering – Glossary of terms.*

IEC 61358:1996, *Acceptance inspection for direct-connected alternating current static watt-hour meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)*

IEC 62052-11:2003, *Electricity metering equipment (AC) – General requirements, tests and test conditions – Part 11: Metering equipment*

IEC 62053-21:2003, *Electricity metering equipment (AC) – Particular requirements – Part 21: Static meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)*

IEC 60050-300:2001, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Electrical and electronic measurements and measuring instruments – Part 311: General terms relating to measurements – Part 312: General terms relating to electrical measurements – Part 313: Types of electrical measuring instruments – Part 314: Specific terms according to the type of instrument*

IEC 61000-4-5:1995, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*

IEC 61008-1:1996, *Residual current operated circuit-breakers without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCCBs, –) Part 1: General rules*  
Amendment 1 (2002)

IEC 62055-21:2005, *Electricity metering – Payment systems – Part 21: Framework for standardisation*

IEC 62054-21:2004, *Electricity metering (a.c.) – Tariff and load control – Part 21: Particular requirements for time switches*