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This document is applicable to eye, face and head *protectors* used in work where there is a risk of exposure to an *electric arc* hazard.

Such *protectors* consist of one or several *devices* (e.g. *hood, goggles, balaclavas, face shields, helmets*, etc.), which might need to be combined together in order to give protection to eye, face and head for the intended use.

This document covers the performance requirements for *protectors* and single protective *devices* considering thermal, optical and mechanical hazards of an *electric arc*.

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