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INTRODUCTION

This document contains the provisions for conductive fabrics and insulation materials used for electronic textiles and measurement methods for their properties. When a conductive fabric becomes a wearable electronics product, it plays the role of conductive traces, electrodes and the like in clothes-type wearable devices. Therefore, measurement methods are defined for the characteristics of such conductive fabrics.

The IEC 63203-2 series relates mainly to measurement methods for electronic textile (e-textile) of wearable electronics.

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The IEC 63203-2 series consists of the following parts:

IEC 63203-201: E-textile materials

IEC 63203-201-1: E-textile materials – Conductive yarn

IEC 63203-201-2: E-textile materials – Conductive fabrics and insulation materials

IEC 63203-202: Passive electric parts for e-textiles

IEC 63203-202-1: Passive e-textile parts – Connectors for e-textile applications

IEC 63203-203: E-textile functional elements

IEC 63203-204: E-textile systems (evaluation method for garment-type wearable systems)

IEC 63203-204-1: E-textile systems – Test method for assessing washing durability of leisurewear and sportswear e-textile systems

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 63203-201 specifies the provisions for conductive fabrics and insulation materials used for electronic textiles and measurement methods for their properties.

Conductive fabrics covered by this document are basic materials in electronic textiles and are mainly used as conductive traces, electrodes and the like in clothes-type wearable devices. This document does not cover high-resistance conductive fabrics used for aesthetic purposes and heater applications.

Insulating materials handled in this document are materials used for electrical insulation of conductive parts in electronic textiles. They include materials for covering the conductive parts, and general fabrics constituting the basic structure of clothes-type wearable devices.

This document does not define the required characteristics of the conductive fabric and insulation materials; rather, it specifies measurement methods for general and electrical properties of the conductive fabric and insulation materials.

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IEC 60243-1:2013, *Electric strength of insulating materials – Test methods – Part 1: Tests at power frequencies*

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EN 16812:2016, *Textiles and textile products – Electrically conductive textiles – Determination of the linear electrical resistance of conductive tracks*