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

- a) Revision of [4.3](#) to add reference to new [Annex D](#);
- b) Addition of new normative [Annex D](#) on "Use of pyrometer for glow-wire test";
- c) Revision of [Clause 3](#) references to align with ISO 13943:2017.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at [www.iec.ch/members\\_experts/refdocs](http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs). The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at [www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications](http://www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications).

It has the status of a basic safety publication in accordance with [IEC GUIDE 104:2019 \[1\]](#).

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60695-2-11, IEC 60695-2-12, and IEC 60695-2-13.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60695 series, published under the general title *Fire hazard testing*, can be found on the IEC website.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

## INTRODUCTION

In the design of any electrotechnical product, the risk of fire and the potential hazards associated with fire need to be considered. In this respect the objective of component, circuit, and product design, as well as the choice of materials, is to reduce to acceptable levels the potential risks of fire during normal operating conditions, reasonably foreseeable abnormal use, malfunction, and/or failure. IEC 60695-1-10 [2] was developed, together with its companion, IEC 60695-1-11 [3], to provide guidance on how this is accomplished.

The primary aims of IEC 60695-1-10 [2] and IEC 60695-1-11 [3] are to provide guidance on how:

- a) to prevent ignition caused by an electrically energized component part; and
- b) to confine any resulting fire within the bounds of the enclosure of the electrotechnical product in the event of ignition .

Secondary aims of these documents include the minimization of any flame spread beyond the product's enclosure and the minimization of harmful effects of fire effluents such as heat, smoke, toxicity and/or corrosivity.

Fires involving electrotechnical products can also be initiated from external non-electrical sources. Considerations of this nature should be dealt with in the overall fire risk assessment.

In electrotechnical equipment, overheated metal parts can act as ignition sources. In glow-wire tests, a glowing wire is used to simulate such an ignition source.

This part of IEC 60695 gives recommendations with regard to the glow-wire test apparatus and describes a common test procedure for tests applicable to end products and materials to be used with IEC 60695-2-11 which describes a glow-wire flammability test for end products (GWEPT), IEC 60695-2-12 which describes a glow-wire flammability index test for materials (GWFI), and IEC 60695-2-13 which describes a glow-wire ignition temperature test method for materials (GWIT).

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695 specifies the glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure to simulate the effects of thermal stresses which may be produced by heat sources such as glowing elements or overloaded resistors, for short periods, in order to assess the **fire hazard** by a simulation technique.

The test procedure described in this document is a common test procedure intended for the small-scale tests in which a standardized electrically heated wire is used as a source of **ignition**.

It is a common part of the test procedures applied to end products and to solid electrical insulating materials or other solid **combustible** materials.

A detailed description of each particular test procedure is given in IEC 60695-2-11, IEC 60695-2-12 and IEC 60695-2-13.

This basic safety publication focusing on safety test method(s) is primarily intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of safety publications in accordance with the principles laid down in **IEC GUIDE 104:2019 [1]** and **ISO/IEC Guide 51 [4]**.

One of the responsibilities of a technical committee is, wherever applicable, to make use of basic safety publications in the preparation of its publications.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 4046-4:2016, *Paper, board, pulps and related terms - Vocabulary - Part 4: Paper and board grades and converted products*

ISO 13943:2017, *Fire safety - Vocabulary*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples - Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability test method for end products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-2-12, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2-12: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability index (GWFI) test method for materials*

IEC 60695-2-13, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2-13: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire ignition temperature (GWIT) test method for materials*

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  - [3] IEC 60695-1-11, *Fire hazard testing - Part 1-11: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products - Fire hazard assessment*
  - [4] ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects — Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*
  - [5] IEC TR 60695-2-16:2025, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2-16: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Summary of the round robin tests related to the use of pyrometer for glow-wire temperature measurements according to IEC 60695-2-10*
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