



IEC 60335-2-27

Edition 7.0 2024-01
REDLINE VERSION

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Corrected version
2025-12

Corrected version
2026-01



**Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety –
Part 2-27: Particular requirements for appliances for skin exposure to optical
radiation**



THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED

Copyright © 2024 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

IEC Secretariat
3, rue de Varembe
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
info@iec.ch
www.iec.ch

About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigendum or an amendment might have been published.

IEC publications search - webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform

The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee, ...). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

IEC Just Published - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and once a month by email.

IEC Customer Service Centre - webstore.iec.ch/csc

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: sales@iec.ch.

IEC Products & Services Portal - products.iec.ch

Discover our powerful search engine and read freely all the publications previews, graphical symbols and the glossary. With a subscription you will always have access to up to date content tailored to your needs.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary on electrotechnology, containing more than 22 500 terminological entries in English and French, with equivalent terms in 25 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.



IEC 60335-2-27

Edition 7.0 2024-01
REDLINE VERSION

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Corrected version
2025-12

Corrected version
2026-01



**Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety –
Part 2-27: Particular requirements for appliances for skin exposure to optical
radiation**

INTERNATIONAL
ELECTROTECHNICAL
COMMISSION

ICS 13.120, 97.170

ISBN 978-2-8322-8212-0

Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.

CONTENTS

FOREWORD.....	4
INTRODUCTION.....	2
1 Scope.....	8
2 Normative references	9
3 Terms and definitions	9
4 General requirement.....	10
5 General conditions for the tests	10
6 Classification.....	11
7 Marking and instructions.....	11
8 Protection against access to live parts.....	17
9 Starting of motor-operated appliances	18
10 Power input and current.....	18
11 Heating.....	18
12 Void Charging of metal-ion batteries	20
13 Leakage current and electric strength at operating temperature.....	20
14 Transient overvoltages	20
15 Moisture resistance	20
16 Leakage current and electric strength.....	20
17 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits	20
18 Endurance.....	21
19 Abnormal operation	21
20 Stability and mechanical hazards.....	21
21 Mechanical strength	22
22 Construction	22
23 Internal wiring.....	26
24 Components	26
25 Supply connection and external flexible cords	26
26 Terminals for external conductors.....	27
27 Provision for earthing	27
28 Screws and connections	27
29 Clearances, creepage distances and solid insulation	27
30 Resistance to heat and fire	27
31 Resistance to rusting	27
32 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards.....	27
Annexes	34
Annex B (normative) Battery-operated appliances, separable batteries and detachable batteries for battery-operated appliances	35
Annex R (normative) Software evaluation	36
Annex AA (normative) Measurement of luminance	37
Annex BB (informative) Detailed classification of UV appliances	38
Annex CC (informative) Fluorescent UV lamp equivalency code	40

Annex DD (informative normative) Guidelines for the development of an exposure time schedule for UV exposure UV exposure schedule	41
Annex EE (informative) Irradiance limits set by regional or national authorities	43
Bibliography	45
Figure 101 – Not for household use	31
Figure 102 – Probe for measuring surface temperatures	31
Figure 103 – Erythema action spectrum	32
Figure 101 104 – Measuring points for appliances that are arranged over a person	32
Figure 102 105 – Measuring points for appliances exposing a sitting person	33
Table 101 – Maximum temperature rises for specified external accessible surfaces under normal operating conditions	20
Table 101 102 – Maximum transmission of goggles	31
Table BB.1 – Limits of effective irradiance	39
Table EE.1 – Europe: EN 60335-2-27 limits	43
Table EE.2 – Australia and New Zealand: AS/NZS 60335.2.27 limits	43
Table EE.3 – USA: 21 CFR 1040.20 limits	44

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-27: Particular requirements for appliances for skin exposure to optical radiation

FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) IEC draws attention to the possibility that the implementation of this document may involve the use of (a) patent(s). IEC takes no position concerning the evidence, validity or applicability of any claimed patent rights in respect thereof. As of the date of publication of this document, IEC had not received notice of (a) patent(s), which may be required to implement this document. However, implementers are cautioned that this may not represent the latest information, which may be obtained from the patent database available at <https://patents.iec.ch>. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This redline version of the official IEC Standard allows the user to identify the changes made to the previous edition IEC 60335-2-27:2019. A vertical bar appears in the margin wherever a change has been made. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text.

IEC 60335-2-27 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances. It is an International Standard.

This seventh edition cancels and replaces the sixth edition published in 2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) alignment with IEC 60335-1:2020;
- b) modification or conversion of some notes to normative text (Clause 1, 7.1);
- c) clarification of product risk and liability (7.1);
- d) modification of Annex DD as a normative annex, and modification of relevant text (7.12, Annex DD);
- e) clarification of requirement for product use links provided (7.12.9);
- f) clarification of the application of test probe 18 for appliances for use in tanning salons, beauty parlours and similar premises (8.1.1, 20.2);
- g) introduction of accessible surface temperature limits (Clause 11);
- h) removal of redundancy between 22.113 and 22.114;
- i) clarification that 32.2 is not applicable for UV emitted for the tanning function of the appliance.

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

Draft	Report on voting
61/7071/FDIS	61/7094/RVD

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. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications.

A list of all parts of the IEC 60335 series, under the general title: *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments unless that edition precludes it; in that case, the latest edition that does not preclude it is used. It was established on the basis of the sixth edition (2020) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Particular requirements for appliances for skin exposure to optical radiation.

When a particular subclause of Part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 2 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.

NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in Clause 3. When a definition concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under webstore.iec.ch in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn, or
- revised.

NOTE 4 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations can need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 6.101: Commercial tanning sunbed services are illegal (Australia).
- Annex DD: Exposure doses are based on the Fitzpatrick Skin Phototype classification system (New Zealand).

IMPORTANT – The "colour inside" logo on the cover page of this document indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.

The content of the corrigendum 1 (2025-12) has been included in this copy.

This corrected version of IEC 60335-2-27:2024 incorporates the following correction:

- In Figure 103, alignment of symbol λ in Arial font.

INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

Guidance documents concerning the application of the safety requirements for appliances can be accessed via TC 61 supporting documents on the IEC website

<https://www.iec.ch/tc61/supportingdocuments>

This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute a replacement for the normative text in this standard.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules ~~may~~ can differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 ~~Horizontal and generic standards~~ Horizontal publications, basic safety publications and group safety publications covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. ~~For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.~~

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

NOTE 3 Standards dealing with non-safety aspects of household appliances are:

- IEC standards published by TC 59 concerning methods of measuring performance;
- CISPR 11, CISPR 14-1 and relevant IEC 61000-3 series standards concerning electromagnetic emissions;
- CISPR 14-2 concerning electromagnetic immunity;
- IEC standards published by TC 111 concerning environmental matters.

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-27: Particular requirements for appliances for skin exposure to optical radiation

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electrical appliances incorporating emitters for exposing the skin to optical radiation (wavelength 100 nm to 1 mm), for household and similar use, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances including direct current (DC) supplied appliances and **battery-operated appliances**.

~~NOTE 101—Battery-operated appliances and other DC-supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard. Dual-supply appliances, either mains-supplied or battery-operated, are regarded as **battery-operated appliances** when operated in the battery mode.~~

As far as practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons using the appliances in tanning salons, beauty parlours and similar premises or at home. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
 - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
 - lack of experience and knowledgeprevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

~~NOTE 102—Attention is drawn to the fact that~~

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements can be necessary;
- in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

~~— IEC 60598-1 is applicable as far as is reasonable.~~

~~NOTE 103—This standard does not apply to~~

- appliances for skin or hair care (IEC 60335-2-23);
- sauna heating appliances and infrared cabins (IEC 60335-2-53);
- cosmetic and beauty care appliances incorporating lasers and intense light sources (IEC 60335-2-113);
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601);
- appliances that use UV radiation for purposes other than tanning the skin;
- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas).

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

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

IEC 60598-1:2020, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61228, *Fluorescent ultraviolet lamps used for tanning – Measurement and specification method*

Bibliography

The bibliography of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

AS/NZS 60335.2.23, Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-23: Particular requirements for appliances for skin or hair care

EN 60335-2-23, Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-23: Particular requirements for appliances for skin or hair care

IEC 60335-2-23, Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-23: Particular requirements for appliances for skin or hair care

IEC 60335-2-53, Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-53: Particular requirements for sauna heating appliances and infrared cabins

IEC 60335-2-113, Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-113: Particular requirements for cosmetic and beauty care appliances incorporating lasers and intense light sources

ISO 3864-1, Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs and safety markings

21 CFR 1040.20, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21 – Food and Drugs, Chapter I – Food and Drug Administration Department of Health and Human Services, Subchapter J – Radiological Health, Part 1040 – Performance Standards for Light-Emitting Products
