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purposes –
Part 1: General requirements**

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The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment and has been prepared for user convenience.

It bears the edition number 3.1.

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Annexes A and B form an integral part of this standard.

Annex C is for information only.

IEC 60884-1 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Plugs, and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*:

- Part 1: General requirements
- Part 2-1: Particular requirements for fused plugs,
- Part 2-2: Particular requirements for socket-outlets for appliances
- Part 2-3: Particular requirements for switched socket-outlets without interlock for fixed installations
- Part 2-4: Particular requirements for plugs and socket-outlets for SELV
- Part 2-5: Particular requirements for adaptors
- Part 2-6: Particular requirements for switched socket-outlets with interlock for fixed installations

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- Explanatory matter: in smaller roman

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1. Scope

This part of GAMS IEC 60884 applies to plugs and fixed or portable socket-outlets for a.c. only, with or without earthing contact, with a rated voltage greater than 50 V but not exceeding 440 V and a rated current not exceeding 32 A, intended for household and similar purposes, either indoors or outdoors.

The rated current is limited to 16 A maximum for fixed socket-outlets provided with screwless terminals.

This standard does not cover requirements for flush mounting boxes: however, it covers only those requirements for surface-type mounting boxes which are necessary for the tests on the socket-outlet.

NOTE 1: General requirements for mounting boxes are given in IEC 60670.

This standard also applies to plugs incorporated in cord sets, to plugs and portable socket-outlets incorporated in cord extension sets and to plugs and socket-outlets which are a component of an appliance, unless otherwise stated in the standard for the relevant appliance.

This standard does not apply to

- plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes;
- appliance couplers;
- plugs, fixed and portable socket-outlets for ELV;

NOTE 2: ELV values are specified in IEC 60364-4-41.

- fixed socket-outlets combined with fuses, automatic switches, etc.

NOTE 3: Socket-outlets with pilot lights are allowed provided that pilot lights complies with the relevant standard, if any.

Plugs and fixed or portable socket-outlets complying with this standard are suitable for use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding 25 °C, but occasionally reaching 35 °C.

NOTE 4: Socket-outlets complying with this standard are only suitable for incorporation in equipment in such a way and in such a place that it is unlikely that the surrounding temperature exceeds 35 °C.

In locations where special conditions prevail, such as in ships, vehicles and the like and in hazardous locations, for example where explosions are liable to occur, special constructions may be required.

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 60050-151:2001, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

IEC 60050-442:1998, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 442: Electrical accessories*

IEC 60050-826:1982, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 826: Electrical installations of buildings*

IEC 60068-2-30:1980, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Db and guidance: Damp heat, cyclic (12 + 12-hour cycle)*

IEC 60068-2-32:1975, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ed: Free fall (Procedure 1)*

IEC 60112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions*

IEC 60227 (all parts), *Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60245 (all parts), *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V*

IEC 60417-2:1998, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Part 2: Symbol originals*

IEC 60423:1993, *Conduits for electrical purposes – Outside diameters of conduits for electrical installations and threads for conduits and fittings*

IEC 60529:2001, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60695-2-10:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60884-2-6:1997, *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes – Part 2-6: Particular requirements for switched socket-outlets with interlock for fixed electrical installations*

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 61140:2001, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

ISO 1456:1988, *Metallic coatings – Electrodeposited coatings of nickel plus chromium and of copper plus nickel plus chromium*

ISO 1639:1974, *Wrought copper alloys – Extruded sections – Mechanical properties* ¹⁾

ISO 2039-2:1987, *Plastics – Determination of hardness – Part 2: Rockwell hardness*

ISO 2081:1986, *Metallic coatings – Electroplated coatings of zinc on iron or steel*

ISO 2093:1986, *Electroplated coatings of tin – Specification and test methods*