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Part 2-23: Particular requirements for appliances for skin or hair care**

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This part of International Standard IEC 60335 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition published in 2003 including its Amendment 1 (2008) and its Amendment 2 (2012). This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the fourth edition of IEC 60335-2-23 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- added hair straighteners to the list of examples covered by the standard;
- modified 7.12 to apply to appliances, and not just to hairdryers.
- added new instructions in 7.12 for hair straighteners and curling irons
- exempted fixed hairdryers and fixed hand dryers from alternative format of instructions;
- excluded detachable curler surfaces from temperature rise requirement in Subclause 11.8;

- clarified in Subclause 19.7 that the appliance shall not emit flame after the test;
- clarified method of test and compliance criteria in Subclause 21.101;
- added requirement in 22.13 to delineate handles on curling irons and hair straighteners;
- in 22.103, added a requirement for protection against hair being pulled into hair dryer intake;
- revised Subclause 24.101 to indicate that protective devices shall not be self-resetting;
- reviewed and converted notes to normative text in Subclauses 19.7, 22.32, and 25.14.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
61/5135/FDIS	61/5171/RVD

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the fifth edition (2010) 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: Safety requirements for appliances for skin or hair care.

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NOTE 3 The following print types are used:

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The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 3.1.9: Normal operation is different (USA).
- 6.1: Appliances fitted with a supply cord may be of class 0 (USA).
- 6.2: The addition does not apply (USA).
- Clause 7: Additional markings and instructions are required (USA).
- 11.7: Rest periods are not allowed (USA).
- 11.8: Surface temperature requirement is different (USA).
- 11.101: The test is not carried out (USA).
- 19.2: Different methods are used to restrict heat dissipation (USA).
- 19.101: The test is different (USA).
- 19.102: The test is different (USA).
- 21.101: The test is different (USA).
- Clause 22: Hand-held hairdryers are required to incorporate a protective device to comply with an immersion test (USA).
- 22.36: The requirement does not apply (USA).
- 22.102: The requirement does not apply (USA).
- 24.1.3: The number of cycles of operation is different (USA).
- 24.101: The requirement does not apply (USA).
- 25.7: PVC sheathed cords are not allowed if they could contact surfaces over 121 °C (USA).
- 25.14: The test is different (USA).
- 25.101: The test is different (USA).

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## 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.

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 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.

NOTE 1 For example, if appliances within the scope of this Part 2 include an ion generator, then IEC 60335-2-65 is applicable as far as is reasonable.

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

NOTE 2 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 3 Horizontal and generic standards 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.