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This Part 2-6 is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61058-1:2000, *Switches for appliances – Part 1: General requirements*, and its Amendments 1 (2001) and 2 (2007).

This Part 2-6 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61058-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements for switches used in electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery*.

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#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

##### 1.1 Addition:

This standard is a subset based on IEC 61058-1. The clauses outlined below are intended to address the specific requirements for switches incorporated into or integrated with electric motor-operated hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery.

This standard is intended for switches with an ambient temperature up to and including 55 °C.

Switches tested to IEC 61058-1 are considered to comply with this standard and additional testing is not required provided ratings, loads, and endurance are correct.

NOTE This Part 2-6 takes into account the fact that tests are conducted as part of the end product evaluation (e.g. products tested according to the IEC 60745 and IEC 62841 series, and lawn and gardening equipment tested according to the IEC 60335 series) and need not be conducted on the component switch.

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