

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE

**Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety –
Part 2-7: Particular requirements for washing machines**

**Appareils électrodomestiques et analogues – Sécurité –
Partie 2-7: Règles particulières pour les machines à laver le linge**



THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED
Copyright © 2012 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.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de la CEI ou du Comité national de la CEI du pays du demandeur.
Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de la CEI ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de la CEI de votre pays de résidence.

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

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00
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 corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

Useful links:

IEC publications search - www.iec.ch/searchpub

The advanced search enables you 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It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.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 on-line and also once a month by email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing more than 30 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) on-line.

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: csc@iec.ch.

A propos de la CEI

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (CEI) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

A propos des publications CEI

Le contenu technique des publications de la CEI est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente. un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

Liens utiles:

Recherche de publications CEI - www.iec.ch/searchpub

La recherche avancée vous permet de trouver des publications CEI en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...).

Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

Just Published CEI - webstore.iec.ch/justpublished

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications de la CEI. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et aussi une fois par mois par email.

Electropedia - www.electropedia.org

Le premier dictionnaire en ligne au monde de termes électroniques et électriques. Il contient plus de 30 000 termes et définitions en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans les langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (VEI) en ligne.

Service Clients - webstore.iec.ch/csc

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: csc@iec.ch.

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

NORME INTERNATIONALE



**Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety –
Part 2-7: Particular requirements for washing machines**

**Appareils électrodomestiques et analogues – Sécurité –
Partie 2-7: Règles particulières pour les machines à laver le linge**

INTERNATIONAL
ELECTROTECHNICAL
COMMISSION

COMMISSION
ELECTROTECHNIQUE
INTERNATIONALE

ICS 13.120; 97.060

ISBN 978-2-88912-906-5

**Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.
Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.**

CONTENTS

FOREWORD.....	3
INTRODUCTION.....	6
1 Scope.....	7
2 Normative references	8
3 Terms and definitions	8
4 General requirement.....	9
5 General conditions for the tests	9
6 Classification.....	9
7 Marking and instructions.....	9
8 Protection against access to live parts.....	10
9 Starting of motor-operated appliances	10
10 Power input and current	10
11 Heating	10
12 Void.....	11
13 Leakage current and electric strength at operating temperature.....	12
14 Transient overvoltages	12
15 Moisture resistance	12
16 Leakage current and electric strength.....	13
17 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits	13
18 Endurance.....	13
19 Abnormal operation.....	14
20 Stability and mechanical hazards.....	16
21 Mechanical strength.....	18
22 Construction.....	18
23 Internal wiring.....	20
24 Components.....	20
25 Supply connection and external flexible cords	21
26 Terminals for external conductors.....	21
27 Provision for earthing	21
28 Screws and connections.....	21
29 Clearances, creepage distances and solid insulation	21
30 Resistance to heat and fire.....	21
31 Resistance to rusting.....	21
32 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards.....	21
Annexes	22
Annex R (normative) Software evaluation	23
Annex AA (normative) Detergent and rinsing agent.....	24
Annex BB (normative) Ageing test for elastomeric parts.....	26
Annex CC (normative) Detergent free electrolyser washing machines.....	28
Annex DD (informative) Washing machines incorporating a power driven wringer	32
Bibliography.....	34

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –
SAFETY –****Part 2-7: Particular requirements for washing machines**

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) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This consolidated version of IEC 60335-2-7 consists of the seventh edition (2008) [documents 61/3564/FDIS and 61/3653/RVD] and its amendment 1 (2011) [documents 61/4279/FDIS and 61/4302/RVD]. It bears the edition number 7.1.

The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment and has been prepared for user convenience. A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendment 1. Additions and deletions are displayed in red, with deletions being struck through.

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

The principal changes in this edition as compared with the sixth edition of IEC 60335-2-7 are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- the text of some notes in the identified subclauses has been converted to normative text (3.1.9, 5.7, 10.1, 10.2, 11.7, 18.101, 19.101, 20.101, 20.103, 22.6, 22.101, 22.103, 22.104, 23.101, AA.1, AA.2 and Clause 4 of Annex BB);
- the spillage test has been made applicable to all washing machines (15.2);
- additional requirements concerning the accessibility of mechanical release mechanisms have been added (22.105);
- requirements for washing machines employing an electrolyte, instead of detergent, have been introduced in Annex CC;
- the requirements for power driven wringers have been moved to informative Annex DD.

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 fourth edition (2001) 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 electric washing machines.

NOTE 2 The following annexes contain provisions suitably modified from other IEC or ISO standards.

Annex AA	Detergent and rinsing agent	IEC 60436 and IEC 60456
Annex BB	Ageing test for elastomeric parts	ISO 1817

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 3 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 4 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.

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.

NOTE 5 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may 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.

- 3.1.9: Different size cloths are used. The initial water temperature for machines without heating elements and without a wringer is 71 °C (USA).
- 6.1: Class 01 appliances are allowed (China and Japan).
- 6.2: IPX0 appliances are allowed (Canada and USA).
- 11.7: The test durations are different (USA).
- 15.101: The test is different (USA).
- 19.7: Appliances without a programmer are operated until steady conditions are established (USA).
- 19.101: A redundant set of contacts is not required (USA).
- 22.6: The test is different (USA).
- 22.101: The test is carried out at twice the permissible inlet pressure or 2,0 MPa, whichever is higher (Norway).
- 22.101: The test is not carried out (USA).
- Annex AA: The detergent and rinsing agent are different (USA).
- Annex BB: Different tests are carried out (USA).

The committee has decided that the contents of the base publication and its amendments will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

NOTE 6 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may 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 the amendment 1 be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

The contents of the corrigendum of September 2012 have been included in this copy.

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

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

- have a separate spin container for water extraction, IEC 60335-2-4 is also applicable as far as is reasonable;
- have a drying function, IEC 60335-2-11 is also 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.

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-7: Particular requirements for washing machines

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric washing machines for household and similar use, that are intended for washing clothes and textiles, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

This standard also deals with the safety of electric washing machines for household and similar use employing an electrolyte instead of detergent. Additional requirements for these appliances are given in Annex CC.

NOTE 101 Guidance is given in Annex DD for requirements that may be used to ensure an acceptable level of protection against electrical and thermal hazards for washing machines fitted with a power driven wringer.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.

NOTE 102 Examples of such appliances are washing machines for communal use in blocks of flats or in laundrettes.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by washing machines that are encountered by all persons in and around the 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 103 Attention is drawn to the fact that

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

NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to

- washing machines intended exclusively for industrial purposes (ISO 10472-2);
- 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 60456, *Clothes washing machines for household use – Methods for measuring the performance*

IEC 60730-2-12:2005, *Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use – Part 2: Particular requirements for electrically operated door locks*

ISO 1817:2005, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of the effect of liquids*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1.9 Replacement:

normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following conditions

The appliance is filled with dry textile material having a mass equal to the maximum mass stated in the instructions, and with the maximum quantity of water for which it is constructed. However, if the power input or current is higher when only 50 % of the textile material is used, the appliance is operated with this load instead if this gives more unfavourable conditions than the full load during the test of Clause 11.

NOTE 101 For some appliances incorporating a programmer, using the 50 % reduced load may result in automatic selection of a reduced wash programme.

The temperature of the water is

- 65 °C ± 5 °C for appliances without heating elements;
- 15 °C ± 5 °C for appliances without heating elements and intended for connection to the cold water supply only;
- 15 °C ± 5 °C for other appliances.

If the appliance does not incorporate a programmer, the water is heated to 90 °C ± 5 °C or as high as the construction will allow if lower, before starting the first washing period.

The textile material consists of pre-washed double-hemmed cotton sheets having dimensions approximately 700 mm × 700 mm and a specific mass between 140 g/m² and 175 g/m² in the dry condition.

For impeller type washing machines, if the textile material does not move properly during operation,

- the quantity of textile material may be reduced until the maximum power input of the motor is attained, or
- a textile material comprising pre-washed double-hemmed cotton sheets, having dimensions of approximately 900 mm × 900 mm and a mass between 90 g/m² and 110 g/m² in the dry condition, may be used.

However, for impeller type washing machines, in case of doubt, the test is carried out using the reduced quantity of textile material.