

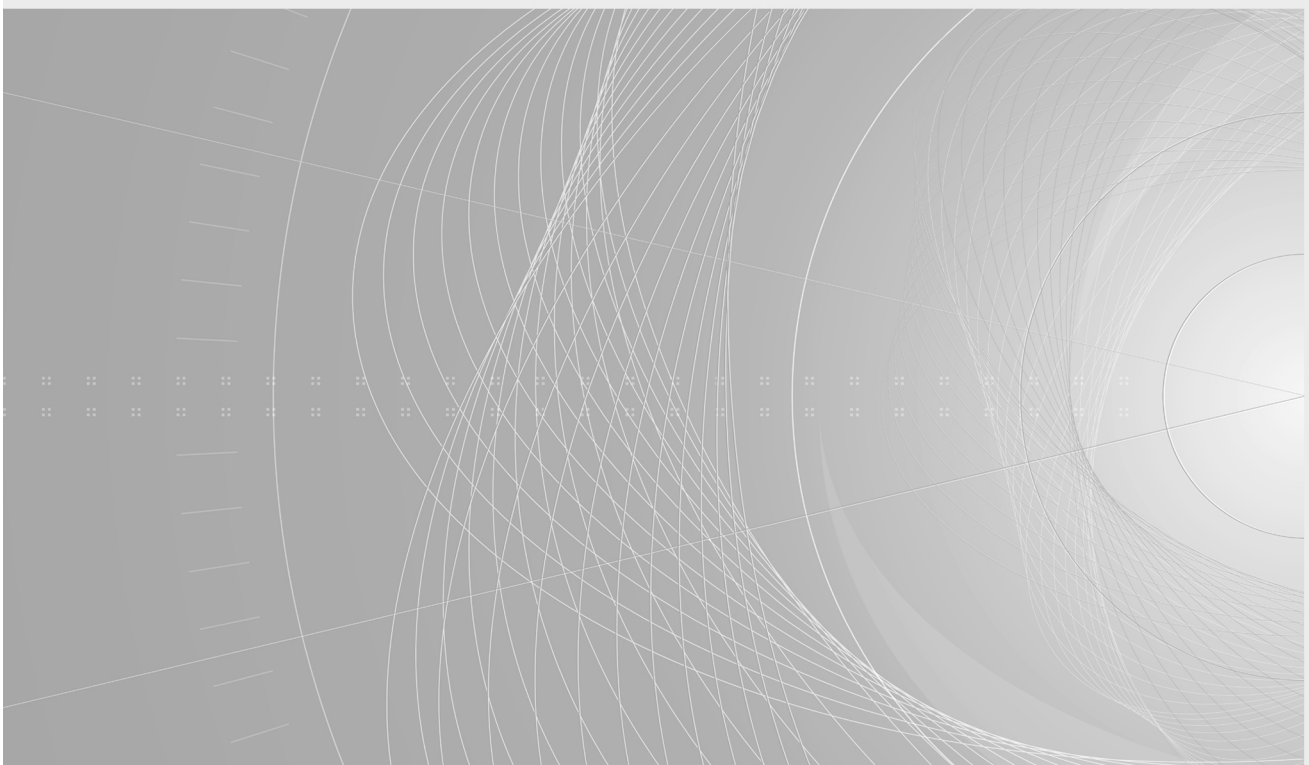
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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1994. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) its status as a basic safety publication has been removed, and it has become a horizontal publication in accordance with IEC Guide 108;
- b) the scope is extended to include the applicability of this document to product manufacturers;
- c) the addition of a provision that the visibility of the marking during normal operation should be considered;

- d) more detailed requirements where equipment has a set or range of rated values for a given characteristic;
- e) requirements regarding the provision of the markings also in the technical documentation have been added;
- f) some notes have been converted to normative text;
- g) normative references and references to other standards have been updated.

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

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

It has the status of a horizontal standard in accordance with IEC Guide 108.

The reader's attention is drawn to the fact that Table B.1 of Annex B lists all of the "in-some-country" clauses on differing practices of a less permanent nature relating to the subject of this standard.

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# MARKING OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WITH RATINGS RELATED TO ELECTRICAL SUPPLY – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

## 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes minimum requirements and general rules on marking electric equipment with ratings and other characteristics to enable the proper and safe selection and installation of electric equipment related to any supply of electricity.

The object of this document is to:

- provide general requirements for the marking of the characteristics related to any supply system, such as voltage, current, frequency and power, without any restrictions;
- provide technical committees with uniform methods for the marking of electrical ratings of products.

This document is primarily intended for application by technical committees when specifying minimum markings of ratings related to any electrical supply of equipment, sub-assemblies and components, but it is also for application by product manufacturers for marking their products.

NOTE For further markings see ISO/IEC Guide 51.

This horizontal standard is primarily intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 108.

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IEC 60027 (all parts), *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available at <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*

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

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams* (available at <http://std.iec.ch/iec60617>)

IEC 61082-1:2014, *Preparation of documents used in electrotechnology – Part 1: Rules*

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