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- a) inclusion of a definition for "live part" based on IEC 61140;
- b) additional optional cross medial documentation, e.g. marking with QR-Code;
- c) corrections on the consistent use of the expressions "earth", "earthing contact", "earthing circuit" and "protective earth(ing)" throughout the document;
- d) addition of missing compliance provisions to 13.3;
- e) update of Figure D.1 of Annex D;
- f) inclusion of new Annex F for cold climate requirements.

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INTRODUCTION

AC and DC installation couplers according to this document may be used, for example, in prefabricated buildings, commercial showrooms, installation cavities, such as suspended floors and ceilings, in partition walls and in any similar applications, or cable tray systems, cable ladder systems, cable ducting systems and cable trunking systems or in furniture complying with IEC 60364-7-713.

This document may be used as a guide for installation couplers with additional contacts for voltages other than mains voltages.

Particular requirements for installation couplers, for example, for use at higher or lower ambient temperatures, with higher mechanical durability (e.g. metal housings), with higher fire resistance and for use in control circuits (e.g. SELV), are under consideration.

National rules can have requirements concerning the accessibility of installation couplers.

National rules can specify who is allowed to carry out the connection and disconnection of installation couplers.

National rules can have requirements concerning installation couplers with metal conduits.

INSTALLATION COUPLERS INTENDED FOR PERMANENT CONNECTION IN FIXED INSTALLATIONS

1 Scope

This document applies to two-wire, up to five-wire installation couplers, with or without earthing contact, if provided, with a rated voltage up to and including 500 V AC or 500 V DC and a rated connecting capacity up to and including 10 mm² and a rated current not exceeding 32 A for permanent connection in electrical installations. Installation couplers with additional contacts for voltages other than mains voltages are outside the scope of this document.

An installation coupler consists of an installation female connector and an installation male connector for permanent connection not intended to be engaged or disengaged under load nor to be engaged or disengaged other than during first installation or during reconfiguration or maintenance of the wiring system in which installation couplers have been installed. This means that installation couplers are intended for infrequent use only.

Installation couplers are not suitable for use in place of socket-outlet systems. Installation couplers are not suitable for use in place of devices for connecting luminaires (DCLs) according to IEC 61995 (all parts) or in place of luminaire supporting couplers (LSCs).

Installation couplers complying with this document are suitable for use at ambient temperatures not normally exceeding +40 °C, but their average over a period of 24 h does not exceed +35 °C, with a lower limit of the ambient air temperature of –5 °C, either for indoor or outdoor use.

NOTE 1 Additional tests for use in cold climates are shown in Annex F, which is normative in following countries: FI. Necessary information can be given in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

NOTE 2 For other temperatures, necessary information can be given in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

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

NOTE 3 Installation couplers are intended to be installed by instructed or skilled persons.

NOTE 4 As a guide to using installation coupler systems, see Annex D.

2 Normative references

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