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**Annex ZZ**  
 (informative)

**Relationship between this European standard and the safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96] aimed to be covered**

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request relating to harmonized standards in the field of the Low Voltage Directive, M/511, to provide one voluntary means of conforming to safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits [2014 OJ L96].

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**Table ZZ.1 — Correspondence between this European standard and Annex I of Directive 2014/35/EU [2014 OJ L96]**

Safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU (Annex I)	Clause(s) / subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
<b>1. General conditions</b>		
1 (a) the essential characteristics, the recognition and observance of which will ensure that electrical equipment will be used safely and in applications for which it was made, shall be marked on the electrical equipment, or, if this is not possible, on an accompanying document	6	This standard only deals with accessories for measuring equipment.
1 (b) the electrical equipment, together with its component parts, shall be made in such a way as to ensure that it can be safely and properly assembled and connected	6.4	
1 (c) the electrical equipment shall be so designed and manufactured as to ensure that protection against the hazards set out in points 2 and 3 is ensured, providing that the equipment is used in applications for which it was made and is adequately maintained	6.4, Annex F See also the details in points 2 and 3	
<b>2. Protection against hazards arising from the electrical equipment</b> Measures of a technical nature shall be laid down in accordance with point 1, in order to ensure that:		
2 (a) persons and domestic animals are adequately protected against the danger of physical injury or other harm which might be caused by direct or indirect contact	5, 7, 9.1, 9.2, 11, Annex A, Annex D	

Safety objectives of Directive 2014/35/EU (Annex I)	Clause(s) / subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
2 (b) temperatures, arcs or radiation which would cause a danger, are not produced	5, 5.5.2, 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 9.2, 10, 12, 13	The products dealt with in this standard are all passive accessories.
2 (c) persons, domestic animals and property are adequately protected against non-electrical dangers caused by the electrical equipment which are revealed by experience	8, 11.2	The products dealt with in this standard are all passive accessories.
2 (d) the insulation is suitable for foreseeable conditions	5, 7.7, 9 Annex D	
<b>3. Protection against hazards which may be caused by external influences on the electrical equipment</b> Technical measures shall be laid down in accordance with point 1, in order to ensure that the electrical equipment:		
3 (a) meets the expected mechanical requirements in such a way that persons, domestic animals and property are not endangered	5, 8, 9.1, 11.2	
3 (b) is resistant to non-mechanical influences in expected environmental conditions, in such a way that persons, domestic animals and property are not endangered	5, 7.5, 9.2, 10	
3 (c) does not endanger persons, domestic animals and property in foreseeable conditions of overload	5, 9.1, 10, 12, 13	

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- a) the scope has been made succinct. General information from the scope of Edition 2 has been moved to a new Clause 4. Consequently, Clause 4 to Clause 8 of Edition 2 have been renumbered. Clause 9 of Edition 2 has been deleted;

- b) in Clause 2, normative references have been dated and new normative references have been added;
- c) in 3.1.4, the definition of PROBE TIP has been modified;
- d) in 4.1, there is no longer any differentiation between high voltage and low voltage probe assemblies. Type C probe assemblies have been merged with Type B probe assemblies;
- e) in 4.1 d) "Kelvin" probes have been added to the list of probe assemblies as a new Type E and a new Figure 5;
- f) in 4.1 e), probes for voltage measurement without electrical connection to conductors have been added to the list of probe assemblies as a new Type F and a new Figure 6;
- g) in 4.2.1, spread of fire is no longer considered as a HAZARD;
- h) Subclause 4.4.2.5 from Edition 2 has been deleted;
- i) Subclause 4.4.4.3 from Edition 2 has been deleted;
- j) in 5.4.4.1 consideration has been given to SPACINGS and impedance;
- k) in 6.1.1, removable parts of PROBE TIPS which bear markings are allowed;
- l) in 6.1.5, the voltage to be marked for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES is the AC line-to-neutral or DC voltage;
- m) in 7.4.2, requirements for unmated CONNECTORS have been modified as follows:
  - 1) Table 2 has been modified and expanded,
  - 2) a calculation method for CLEARANCES of CONNECTORS above 20 kV has been defined,
  - 3) CREEPAGE DISTANCES have been aligned with CLEARANCES;
- n) in 7.4.3.1 and 7.4.3.5, requirements for IP2X PROBE TIPS with retractable sleeve have been added;
- o) in 7.4.3.2, PROBE TIPS are now applicable to non-contact probe assemblies;
- p) in 7.5.2.3.2, the values of Table 5 have been modified;
- q) in 7.6.2, voltage tests of CLEARANCES are done without humidity preconditioning;
- r) pre-treatments for rigidity test from Clause 10 of Edition 2 have been moved to 9.2;
- s) Subclause 11.1 of Edition 2 has been deleted;
- t) addition of an exception for Type E probe assembly in 13.2. Removable parts of PROBE TIPS which bear markings are allowed;
- u) Figure F.1 has been modified;
- v) Annex G has been added, for determination of CLEARANCES for Table 2;
- w) Annex H has been added, covering line-to-neutral voltages for common mains supply systems.

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## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE –**

### **Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe assemblies for electrical test and measurement**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61010 specifies safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe assemblies for electrical test and measurement, and their related accessories. These probe assemblies are for non-contact or direct electrical connection between a part and electrical test and measurement equipment. They can be fixed to the equipment or be detachable accessories for the equipment.

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#### **2 Normative references**

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IEC 60027-1:1992/AMD1:1997  
IEC 60027-1:1992/AMD2:2005

IEC 60027-2:2019, *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology – Part 2: Telecommunications and electronics*

IEC 60027-4:2006, *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology – Part 4: Rotating electric machines*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*  
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