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IEC 60050-851	-	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary - Part 851: Electric welding	-	-
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IEC 60417	-	Graphical symbols for use on equipment. Index, survey and compilation of the single sheets.	HD 243 S12	-
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 60664-1	2007	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2007
IEC 60664-3	-	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution	EN 60664-3	-
IEC 60695-11-10	-	Fire hazard testing -- Part 11-10: Test flames - 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods	EN 60695-11-10	-
IEC 60974-7	-	Arc welding equipment -- Part 7: Torches	EN 60974-7	-

IEC 61140	-	Protection against electric shock - Common aspects for installation and equipment	EN 61140	-
IEC 61558-2-4	-	Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V - Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating isolating transformers	EN 61558-2-4	-
IEC 61558-2-6	-	Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V -- Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers	EN 61558-2-6	-
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IEC 62133-2	-	Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary lithium cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications - Part 2: Lithium systems	EN 62133-2	-
ISO 7010	2011	Graphical symbols - Safety colours and safety signs - Registered safety signs	EN ISO 7010	2012

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1(c)	Clauses 1, 3, 4 Annex O.4 see also points 2 and 3 below	Testing during periodic maintenance or after repair is covered in separate standards
2(a)	Clauses 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 10, 11.1, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 12, 13 Annexes O.6.1, O.6.2, O.10	
2(b)	Clauses 7.3.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.3	Hazards arising from electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields, other ionizing and non-ionizing radiation are covered in separate standards
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2(d)	Clauses 6.1, 7.3.1 Annex O.6.1	
3(a)	Clause 14	



	Annex O.14	
3(b)	Clauses 4, 6.2.1, 10.9, 14.2.1, 17.1 r)	Functional safety is covered in separate standards Safety-related security is covered in separate standards
3(c)	Clause 9 Annex O.9	

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- improvement of Figure 1 (6.1.1);
- modification of Table 3 (6.1.4);
- description of energy efficiency measurements in Annex M;
- inclusion of battery supplied welding power sources in the scope. Requirements therefore are described in Annex O.

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## ARC WELDING EQUIPMENT –

### Part 1: Welding power sources

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to power sources for arc welding and allied processes designed for **industrial and professional use**, and supplied by a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, battery supplied or driven by mechanical means.

This document specifies safety and performance requirements of welding power sources and **plasma cutting systems**.

This document is not applicable to limited duty arc welding and cutting power sources which are designed mainly for use by laymen and designed in accordance with IEC 60974-6.

This document includes requirements for battery-powered welding power sources and battery packs, which are given in Annex O.

This document is not applicable to testing of power sources during periodic maintenance or after repair.

NOTE 1 Typical allied processes are electric arc cutting and arc spraying.

NOTE 2 AC systems having a nominal voltage between 100 V and 1 000 V are given in Table 1 of IEC 60038:2009.

NOTE 3 This document does not include electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-151, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices* (available at: <http://www.electropedia.org>)

IEC 60050-851, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 851: Electric welding* (available at: <http://www.electropedia.org>)

IEC 60245-6, *Rubber insulated cables – Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V – Part 6: Arc welding electrode cables*

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 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*