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FOREWORD

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1995. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) Duplex and triplex are standardized.
b) Specification of insulation resistance is revised so that the user can choose the best product to fit for the purpose.
c) "Table 2 Recommended maximum operating temperatures" in the previous version is expanded significantly including newly developed sheath material and it is moved to Annex C.
d) Test items and their methods are expanded and a guide table (Table 4) is added for userfriendliness.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

This new edition of IEC 61515 reflects recent developments in production technology, sheath materials and insulation materials. It aims to be a flexible standard allowing suppliers to provide fit-for-purpose products at an acceptable cost.

It includes informative guidance to help users choose the products that meet their needs.

Annex A gives alternative adjacent conductor configurations for duplex and triplex MIMS thermocouple cables and thermocouples.

Annex B gives recommendations to suppliers with respect to insulation composition.

Annex C gives guidelines to users with regard to temperature limits of operation.

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1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the requirements for simplex, duplex and triplex mineral-insulated metal-sheathed thermocouple cables and thermocouples, which are intended for use in general industrial applications. The abbreviation MIMS (for “mineral-insulated metal-sheathed”) will be used hereafter. It covers thermocouple cables and thermocouples with only base-metal conductors of Types T, J, E, K and N. The specifications in this standard apply to new thermocouple cables and thermocouple units as delivered to the user. They do not apply to the product after use.

External seals, terminations, connections and other accessories are not within the scope of this International Standard.

This standard does not apply to precious metal thermocouple cables and thermocouples. The special requirements for nuclear primary loop applications are dealt with in the other standards.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples: Part 1 – EMF specifications and tolerances*

ISO 1302, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Indication of surface texture in technical product documentation*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60584-1 and the following apply.

3.1
mineral insulated metal-sheathed thermocouple cable
bendable cable consisting of one or more pairs of thermocouple conductors encapsulated in a metal protecting sheath, insulated from each other and from the sheath by a compacted mineral material

Note 1 to entry: Abbreviation MIMS for “mineral insulated metal-sheathed” is used hereafter.

3.2
MIMS thermocouple
thermocouple manufactured from mineral-insulated metal-sheathed thermocouple cable

Note 1 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.