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The objective of this Standard is to specify safety and performance requirements for capacitors.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from IEC 61048:2006+AMD1:2015 CSV (ED. 2.1), *Auxiliaries for lamps — Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits — General and safety requirements*. The modifications are additional requirements and are set out in Appendix ZZ.

Appendix ZZ lists the variations to IEC 61048:2015 (ED. 2.1) for the application of this Standard in Australia.

The major changes in this edition are as follows:

- (a) Addition of particular requirements for built-in capacitors having insulation equivalent to double or reinforced insulation (see Annex E).
- (b) Addition of information for luminaire design (see Annex F).

This Standard is structured as follows:

- (i) Preface.
- (ii) IEC 61048:2015 (ED. 2.1) (unedited from the contents page to the final clause of the source document).
- (iii) Appendix ZZ — Australian variations to the source document.

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INTRODUCTION

This International Standard covers general and safety requirements for certain capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits.

Performance requirements for these capacitors are the subject of IEC 61049.

NOTE Safety requirements ensure that electrical equipment constructed in accordance with these requirements, does not endanger the safety of persons, domestic animals or property when properly installed and maintained and used in applications for which it was intended.

AUXILIARIES FOR LAMPS – CAPACITORS FOR USE IN TUBULAR FLUORESCENT AND OTHER DISCHARGE LAMP CIRCUITS – GENERAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1 Scope

This International Standard states the requirements for both self-healing and non-self-healing continuously rated a.c. capacitors of up to and including 2,5 kVAr, and not less than 0,1 μF , having a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, which are intended for use in discharge lamp circuits operating at 50 Hz or 60 Hz and at altitudes up to 3 000 m.

NOTE These lamps and associated ballasts are covered by IEC 60081, IEC 60901, IEC 60188, IEC 60192, IEC 60662, and IEC 61167 and by IEC 61347-2-8 and IEC 61347-2-9, respectively.

It covers capacitors intended for connection in shunt or in series with the lamp circuit or an effective combination of these.

It covers only impregnated or unimpregnated capacitors, having a dielectric of paper, plastic film or a combination of both, either metallized or with metal foil electrodes.

This standard does not cover radio-interference suppressor capacitors the requirements for which are found in IEC 60384-14.

Tests given in this standard are type tests. Requirements for testing individual capacitors during production are not included.

Particular requirements for built-in capacitors having an insulation equivalent to double or reinforced insulation are given in Annex E.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60269 (all parts), *Low-voltage fuses*

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

IEC 60598-1, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle flame method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 61049:1991, *Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits – Performance requirements*

ISO 4046-4:2002, *Paper, board, pulps and related terms – Vocabulary – Paper and board grades and converted products*