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#### **Part 8-1: Heat release – General guidance**

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- a) a modified Introduction;
- b) reference to IEC 60695-1-12;
- c) updated normative references;
- d) revised terms and definitions;
- e) new text in 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 6.1 and 6.4, including several mandatory statements;
- f) mandatory statements in a new Subclause 6.5.

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Part 8-2: *Heat release – Summary of test methods*

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## INTRODUCTION

In the design of any electrotechnical product, the risk of fire and the potential hazards associated with fire need to be considered. In this respect the objective of component, circuit and equipment design as well as the choice of materials is to reduce the risk of fire to a tolerable level even in the event of reasonably foreseeable (mis)use, malfunction or failure. IEC 60695-1-10 [1]<sup>1</sup> provides guidance on how this is to be accomplished.

Fires involving electrotechnical products can be initiated from external non-electrical sources. Considerations of this nature are dealt with in an overall risk assessment.

The aim of the IEC 60695 series of standards is to save lives and property by reducing the number of fires or reducing the consequences of the fire. This can be accomplished by:

- trying to prevent ignition caused by an electrically energised component part and, in the event of ignition, to confine any resulting fire within the bounds of the enclosure of the electrotechnical product;
- trying to minimise flame spread beyond the product's enclosure and to minimise the harmful effects of fire effluents including heat, smoke, and toxic or corrosive combustion products.

Fires are responsible for creating hazards to life and property as a result of the generation of heat (thermal hazard), toxic and/or corrosive compounds and obscuration of vision due to smoke. Fire risk increases as the heat released increases, possibly leading to a flash-over fire.

One of the most important measurements in fire testing is the measurement of heat release, and it is used as an important factor in the determination of fire hazard; it is also used as one of the parameters in fire safety engineering calculations.

The measurement and use of heat release data, together with other fire test data, can be used to reduce the likelihood of (or the effects of) fire, even in the event of reasonably foreseeable (mis)use, malfunction or failure of electrotechnical products.

When a material is heated by some external source, fire effluent can be generated and can form a mixture with air, which can ignite and initiate a fire. The heat released in the process is carried away by the fire effluent-air mixture, radiatively lost or transferred back to the solid material, to generate further pyrolysis products, thus continuing the process.

Heat may also be transferred to other nearby products, which may burn, and then release additional heat and fire effluent.

The rate at which thermal energy is released in a fire is defined as the heat release rate. Heat release rate is important because of its influence on flame spread and on the initiation of secondary fires. Other characteristics are also important, such as ignitability, flame spread and the side-effects of the fire (see the IEC 60695 series of standards).

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.



## FIRE HAZARD TESTING –

### Part 8-1: Heat release – General guidance

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695-8 provides guidance on the measurement and interpretation of heat release from electrotechnical products and materials from which they are constructed.

Heat release data can be used as part of fire hazard assessment and in fire safety engineering, as described in IEC 60695-1-11 [2] and IEC 60695-1-12 [3].

This basic safety publication is intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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IEC 60695-8-2, *Fire hazard testing – Part 8-2: Heat release – Summary and relevance of test methods*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

ISO 13943:2008, *Fire safety – Vocabulary*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13943:2008 and IEC 60695-4:2012 (some of which are reproduced below), as well as the following, apply.

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##### **combustion**

exothermic reaction of a substance with an oxidizing agent

Note 1 to entry: Combustion generally emits fire effluent accompanied by flames and/or glowing.

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