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## Annex ZA (normative)

### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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.

NOTE Where an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60061 (mod)	Series	Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety	EN 60061	Series
IEC 60061-1 (mod)	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 1: Lamp caps	EN 60061-1	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60061-2 (mod)	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 2: Lampholders	EN 60061-2	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60061-3 (mod)	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 3: Gauges	EN 60061-3	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60068-2-20	1979	Basic environmental testing procedures Part 2: Tests - Test T: Soldering	HD 323.2.20 S3 <sup>3)</sup>	1988
IEC 60068-2-32	1975	Part 2: Tests - Test Ed: Free fall	EN 60068-2-32 <sup>4)</sup>	1993
IEC 60068-2-75	1997	Part 2-75: Tests - Test Eh: Hammer tests	EN 60068-2-75	1997
IEC 60112	1979	Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions	HD 214 S2 <sup>5)</sup>	1980
IEC 60227 <sup>6)</sup>	Series	Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V	-	-
IEC 60245 <sup>7)</sup> (mod)	Series	Cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V and having cross-linked insulation	-	-

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<sup>1)</sup> Undated reference.

<sup>2)</sup> Valid edition at date of issue.

<sup>3)</sup> HD 323.2.20 S3 includes A1:1987 to IEC 60068-2-20.

<sup>4)</sup> EN 60068-2-32 includes A2:1990 to IEC 60068-2-32.

<sup>5)</sup> HD 214 S2 is superseded by EN 60112:2003, which is based on IEC 60112:2003.

<sup>6)</sup> The HD 21 series, which is related to, but not directly equivalent with the IEC 60227 series, applies instead.

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IEC 60335-1 (mod)	2001	Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety Part 1: General requirements	EN 60335-1 + A11	2002 2004
IEC 60352-1	1997	Solderless connections Part 1: Wrapped connections - General requirements, test methods and practical guidance	EN 60352-1	1997
IEC 60399	- <sup>1)</sup>	Barrel thread for lampholders with shade holder ring	EN 60399	2004 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60417	database	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529 + corr. May	1991 1993
A1	1999		A1	2000
IEC 60598 (mod)	Series	Luminaires	EN 60598	Series
IEC 60598-1	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 1: General requirements and tests	EN 60598	2004 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60664-1 + A1 + A2	1992 2000 2002	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	2003
IEC 60695-2-2	1991	Fire hazard testing – Part 2: Test methods – Section 2: Needle-flame test	EN 60695-2-2	1994
IEC 60695-2-10	2000	Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure	EN 60695-2-10	2001
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## **EDISON SCREW LAMPHOLDERS**

### **1 General**

#### **1.1 Scope**

This International Standard applies to lampholders with Edison thread E14, E27 and E40, designed for connection to the supply of lamps and semi-luminaires\* only.

It also applies to switched-lampholders for use in a.c. circuits only, where the working voltage does not exceed 250 V r.m.s.

This standard also applies to lampholders with Edison thread E5 designed for connection to the supply mains of series connected lamps, with a working voltage not exceeding 25 V, to be used indoors, and to lampholders with Edison thread E10 designed for connection to the supply mains of series connected lamps, with a working voltage not exceeding 60 V, to be used indoors or outdoors. It also applies to lampholders E10 for building-in, for the connection of single lamps to the supply. These lampholders are not intended for retail sale.

As far as it reasonably applies, this standard also covers lampholders other than lampholders with Edison thread designed for connection of series-connected lamps to the supply.

NOTE This type of lampholder is for example used in Christmas tree lighting chains.

As far as it reasonably applies, this standard also covers adapters.

This standard also covers lampholders which are, wholly or partly, integral with a luminaire or intended to be built into appliances. It covers the requirements for the lampholder only. For all other requirements, such as protection against electric shock in the area of the terminals or of the lamp cap, the requirements of the relevant appliance standard shall be observed and tested after building into the appropriate equipment, when that equipment is tested according to its own standard. Such lampholders as well as lampholders provided with a snap-on outer shell, for use by luminaire manufacturers only, are not for retail sale.

This standard applies to lampholders to be used indoors or outdoors in residential as well as in industrial lighting installations. It also applies to candle lampholders. In locations where special conditions prevail, as for street lighting, on board ships, in vehicles and in hazardous locations, e.g. where explosions are liable to occur, special constructions may be required.

NOTE 1 This standard does not apply to three-light lampholders E26d.

NOTE 2 This standard is based on the following data relative to lamps for general lighting service:

- caps E14 are used for lamps with a current not exceeding 2 A;
- caps E27 are used for lamps with a current not exceeding 4 A;
- caps E40 are used for lamps with a current not exceeding 16 A.

NOTE 3 If the nominal voltage of the supply does not exceed 130 V, the maximum current for caps E40 is 32 A (see 4.5 and 5.3).

NOTE 4 Where lampholders are used in luminaires, their maximum operating temperatures are specified in IEC 60598.

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