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IEC 60967 cancelled and replaced IEC 335-17 published in 1974.

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

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This part 2 is to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 60335-1 and its amendments. It was established on the basis of the third edition (1991) of that standard.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: Safety requirements for electric blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances.

When a particular subclause of part 1 is not mentioned in this part 2, that subclause applies as far as is reasonable. When this standard states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text in part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 1 – The following print types are used:

- requirements: in roman type;
- *test specifications*: in italic type;
- notes: in small roman type.

Words in **bold** in the text are defined in clause 2. When a definition of part 1 concerns an adjective, the adjective and the associated noun are also in bold.

NOTE 2 – Subclauses, figures and tables which are additional to those in part 1 are numbered starting from 101. Additional annexes to those in part 1 are lettered AA, BB, etc.

The following additional differences exist in some countries:

- 6.1: Class 0 products are allowed (Japan and USA).
- 19.108: The fuse is not required to rupture (Australia).
- 22.102: Thermostats and thermal cut-outs are not allowed in the flexible part of underblankets (Australia and New Zealand).
- Annex AA: Felt is used for the thermal insulation (USA).

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SAFETY OF HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –

Part 2-17: Particular requirements for blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances

1 Scope

This clause of part 1 is replaced by:

This standard deals with the safety of electric **blankets, pads** and other flexible appliances which heat the bed or human body, for household and similar purposes, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V. It also applies to **control units** supplied with the appliance.

So far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances which are encountered by all persons in and around the home.

This standard does not in general take into account

- the use of appliances by young children or infirm persons without supervision;
- playing with the appliance by young children.

NOTE 1 – Children are considered to be old enough to use an appliance without supervision when they have been adequately instructed by a parent or guardian and are deemed competent to use the appliance safely.

NOTE 2 – Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- for appliances intended to be used in tropical countries, special requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 3 – This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- rigid bed warmers, such as those of metal or ceramic material;
- appliances specifically intended for use under medical supervision (IEC 60601-2-35)¹⁾;
- heating appliances for breeding and rearing of animals (IEC 60335-2-71);
- water bed heaters (IEC 60335-2-66);
- foot warmers and heating mats (IEC 60335-2-81).

2 Definitions

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

¹⁾ IEC 60335-2-35; *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2: Particular requirements for the safety of blankets, pads and mattresses intended for heating in medical use*

2.2.9 *Replacement:*

normal operation

operation of the appliance under the following condition

The **flexible part** is supported by a piece of plywood, 20 mm thick, situated not less than 300 mm above the floor.

Mattresses are covered by a sheet of thermal insulation.

Duvets are placed on a sheet of thermal insulation but not covered.

Other appliances are placed between sheets of thermal insulation.

The size of the plywood is such that the thermal insulation can be fully supported over its entire area. Unless otherwise specified, the size of the sheets of thermal insulation is such that the edges extend at least 100 mm beyond the outline of the **heated area**.

NOTE – The specification for the thermal insulation is given in annex AA.

2.10.4 *Replacement*

PTC heating element

heating element consisting of two conductors separated by a conductive material which has a rapid non-linear increase in resistance when the temperature is raised through a particular range

2.101

flexible part

all layers of material forming the permanent enclosure of the appliance together with the **heating element, thermostats** and all other current-carrying parts contained within it

NOTE – The **flexible part** may be inside a **detachable cover**.

2.102

blanket

appliance comprising a substantially flat **flexible part**, which is intended to form part of the bedding, for heating the bed

2.103

underblanket

blanket intended to be used under the occupant of the bed

2.104

ruck-resistant blanket

underblanket which has sufficient rigidity to prevent rucking of the **flexible part**

2.105

overblanket

blanket intended to be used over the occupant of the bed

2.106

duvet

quilted **overblanket** intended to be used without additional bedding over the occupant of the bed and in which a **heating element** provides supplementary heat

2.107**pad**

appliance comprising a **flexible part** having a **heated area** not exceeding 0,2 m² on each face and which is intended to heat part of the human body

2.108**mattress**

appliance for supporting the bedding and which incorporates an upholstered **flexible part** for heating the bed

2.109**controlled appliance**

appliance incorporating means in the **flexible part** for sensing changes in temperature when the appliance is operated under **normal operation**, thus automatically controlling the average power input

2.110**heating element**

heating conductor, including the core on which it is wound and the insulation, together with any other integrated conductor

2.111**heated area**

area of the **flexible part** enclosed within the outer perimeter of the **heating element**. It includes a margin outside the perimeter that has a width equal to 0,5 times the average distance between adjacent runs of the **heating element**.

NOTE 1 – The **heated area** includes the return length of the **heating element** if the average distance between this part and the adjacent **heating element** does not exceed the average distance between adjacent runs of the **heating element**.

NOTE 2 – If a **blanket** or **mattress** has two separate **heated areas**, the surface between the two areas is considered to be part of the **heated areas**, if at any place the distance between the two **heating elements** does not exceed 1,5 times the average distance between adjacent runs of the **heating element**.

2.112**moisture-proof appliance**

appliance having a **flexible part** which is suitable for use under moist conditions

2.113**bonded enclosure**

enclosure of the **flexible part** which has the opposite faces joined together by means of an adhesive or by welding

NOTE – The bonded enclosure may include several bonded layers of material.

2.114**control unit**

device, external to the **flexible part**, by means of which the average power input of the appliance can be adjusted or regulated

NOTE 1 – **Control units** may be incorporated in the **supply cord** or at the end of an **interconnection cord**.

NOTE 2 – Multi-position cord switches are not considered to be **control units** unless they incorporate components for regulating the power input.

3 General requirement

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

4 General conditions for the tests

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

4.2 Modification:

The tests are carried out on two appliances which are named appliance A and appliance B.

*For appliances having a **bonded enclosure**, an additional appliance is required for the tests of 21.108 and 21.111. For other appliances, a length of 15 m of **heating element** is required for the tests of 21.111.*

*If heat-shrink material is used to insulate connections in the **flexible part**, a sample at least 150 mm in length is required for the test of 30.102.*

*For **moisture-proof pads** subjected to the tests of 21.110, five additional appliances and 1 m² of enclosure material are required.*

NOTE 1 – An additional appliance may be required for the test of 19.110.

NOTE 2 – Additional samples of **pads** may be required for the test of 30.101.

NOTE 3 – If a further appliance is required in order to continue testing after a test of clause 19, it has to be adequately preconditioned taking into account 21.102 to 21.107.

NOTE 4 – **Duvets** are tested as **overblankets**.

4.3 Replacement:

The order in which the tests are carried out is as follows:

Appliance A: 7, 22.11, 8, 22.114, 10, 11.101, 21.102 to 21.107, 22.108, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 25.15, 25.16, 19, 21.108, 22.18, 30, 31 and 32.

Appliance B: 10, 11 (remainder), 21, 21.101, 22 (remainder), 23, 24, 25 (remainder), 26, 27, 28 and 29.

*The **flexible part** of washable appliances is laundered twice in accordance with instructions for use before testing is started.*

If it is evident from the construction of the appliance that a particular test is not applicable, the test is not carried out.

4.5 Addition:

*If the **flexible part** of the appliance is provided with a **detachable cover**, the tests are carried out with or without this cover, whichever is more unfavourable.*

Duvets are tested without a **detachable cover**.

If the **heating element** can move in the channels, it is manipulated so that the individual runs are placed in the most unfavourable position.

4.6 Addition:

When testing appliances for d.c. only, the possible influence of polarity on the operation of the appliance is taken into account.

4.7 Addition:

The tests of clauses 10, 11 and 19 performed on **flexible parts** incorporating **PTC heating elements** are carried out at the most unfavourable ambient temperature within the range of 0 °C to 25 °C.

For other **controlled blankets** and **mattresses**, the tests of clauses 10, 11 and 19 are carried out at the most unfavourable ambient temperature within the range of 0 °C to 15 °C.

4.8.1 Addition:

Appliances for d.c. only are tested with d.c.

4.8.2 Addition:

Controlled appliances are supplied as specified for **motor-operated appliances**.

NOTE – Appliances incorporating PTC heating elements within the **flexible part** are considered to be **controlled appliances**.

5 Void

6 Classification

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

6.1 Modification:

Appliances shall be of **class II** or **class III**. **Class III** appliances shall have a **rated voltage** not exceeding 24 V.

7 Marking and instructions

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

7.1 Modification:

Appliances shall be marked with the **rated power input**.

Addition:

Flexible parts and **detachable covers** shall be marked with the name, trademark or identification mark of the manufacturer or responsible vendor.

Detachable covers shall be marked with the model or type reference of the appliance with which they are intended to be used.

The **flexible part** of appliances to be used with a **detachable control unit** shall be marked with the reference of the **control unit** to be used.

The **flexible part** of appliances to be used with a **detachable transformer** shall be marked with the reference of the transformer to be used.

Flexible parts and detachable covers shall be marked with the substance of the following:

- read the instructions;
- NOTE 1 – This marking may be replaced by symbol 1641 of ISO 7000 (see figure 101).
- do not use folded (this marking is not required for **duvets, mattresses** and appliances with **PTC heating elements**);
- do not use rucked (this marking is required only for **underblankets**, other than those with **PTC heating elements**);
- do not insert pins;

NOTE 2 – These markings may be replaced by the relevant symbols shown in figures 101 to 103 for which the rules of ISO 3864 apply.

- underblanket or overblanket, as appropriate;
- do not use if wet (this marking is not required for **moisure-proof appliances**);
- do not use with a helpless person, an infant or a person insensitive to heat;
- overlong application at high setting can result in skin burns (this marking is required only for **pads**, other than those having a timer which switches off the supply after a period not exceeding 1 h).

NOTE 3 – The words "at high setting" are not required on **pads** without temperature adjustment.

The **flexible part of blankets and detachable covers** shall be marked with the appropriate laundering symbols specified in ISO 3758.

Detachable control units shall be marked with a reference number or by other means of identification.

Parts of **class III construction** shall not be marked with the **rated voltage** of the appliance.

7.12 *Addition:*

The instructions for use shall contain the following:

Important instructions
Retain for future use

The instructions for use shall contain the substance of the instructions required in 7.1. If symbols are used, they shall be explained.

The instructions for use for **underblankets**, other than **blankets** having a ruck-resistance greater than 1,2 as determined in 22.106, shall state how the **blanket** is to be secured to the bed.

The instructions for use shall specify the appropriate settings of the control for all night use of the appliance.

The instructions for use for **pads** shall contain a warning that the user should not fall asleep when the appliance is in use.

NOTE – The requirement does not apply to **pads** fitted with a timer which switches off the supply after a period not exceeding 1 h.

The instructions for use for appliances provided with **detachable control units** or **detachable transformers** shall state that the appliance is only to be used with the types which are marked on the appliance.

The instructions for use for **duvets** shall state the length and width of the **detachable cover**.

The instructions for use for appliances containing a fuse link or **thermal link**, shall state that the appliance must be returned to the manufacturer or his agent if the link has ruptured.

The instructions for use shall state the substance of the following:

- when not in use, store as follows (quote necessary instructions);
- avoid creasing the appliance (for **blankets** and **pads** only);
- examine the appliance frequently for signs of wear or damage. If there are such signs or if the appliance has been misused, return it to the supplier prior to any further use;
- this appliance is not intended for medical use in hospitals.

The instructions for use for **blankets** shall state the substance of the following:

- do not tuck in;
- do not use on an adjustable bed, or if used on an adjustable bed, check that the blanket or cord cannot become trapped or rucked;
- this blanket is not to be used by young children unless the controls have been preset by a parent or guardian or unless the child has been adequately instructed on how to operate the controls safely.

7.14 Addition:

The height of lettering on the **flexible part** shall be at least 2,5 mm.

The words "Important instructions – Retain for future use" shall be in lettering having a height of at least 6 mm.

Modification:

*Instead of petroleum spirit, liquid detergent is used to check the marking on **flexible parts** and **detachable covers**.*

8 Protection against access to live parts

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

9 Starting of motor-operated appliances

This clause of part 1 is not applicable.

10 Power input and current

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

10.1 Addition:

The negative deviation is increased to 20 %.

10.101 The power input of appliances incorporating **PTC heating elements** shall significantly decrease with an increase in temperature.

Compliance is checked by the following test:

*The appliance is supplied at **rated voltage** and operated under **normal operation**. The power input shall have decreased by at least 50 % from the initial value when steady conditions are established, any control operating during this period being rendered inoperative.*

11 Heating

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

11.2 Modification:

The appliance is placed away from the walls of the test corner.

*Control units held in the hand when they are actuated and cord switches are allowed to hang in still air, away from the test bed. Other **control units** are placed on a supporting surface.*

Addition:

*Duvets, other than those with **PTC heating elements**, are also tested folded. A single fold across the complete width of the **duvet** is made at a quarter of the length from one end. Controls are set to the maximum position intended for all night use.*

11.3 Addition:

*Thermocouples used for determining the temperature of a **heating element** are tied to it with textile thread over a length of at least 10 mm.*

Thermocouples used for determining the temperature of the surface of **pads** are soldered to plates of copper or brass measuring 65 mm × 65 mm × 0,5 mm. The plates are positioned to cover as many **heating element** runs as possible, with one side parallel to the direction of the run. The temperatures are determined at least at six places, three on each outer surface of the **flexible part**.

11.4 Addition:

Controlled appliances and appliances having a **flexible part** of **class III** construction are supplied with the most unfavourable voltage between 0,94 and 1,06 times **rated voltage**.

11.7 Replacement:

Appliances are operated until steady conditions are established.

11.8 Addition:

For **controlled appliances**, the temperatures shall not exceed the values shown in table 101.

Table 101 – Maximum temperatures

Part	Temperature °C
Heating element of blankets and mattresses	
– before second operation of the thermal control	115
– under steady conditions	95
Heating element of pads	
– before second operation of the thermal control	120 ¹⁾
– under steady conditions	100
Surface of pads	60 ²⁾
1) A maximum temperature of 140 °C is allowed for a period of 10 min.	
2) A maximum temperature of 85 °C is permitted if the surface temperature does not exceed 60 °C at a lower setting of the control.	

For other appliances, the temperature rises specified shall not exceed the values shown in table 102.

Table 102 – Maximum temperature rises

Part	Temperature rise K ¹⁾
Heating element	80
Surface of pads	45
1) These values are based on the normal ambient temperature of the appliance and take into consideration the maximum permitted ambient temperatures during the test.	

NOTE – If the ends of the **heating element** of **pads** are contained in a plastic sheath attached to the **flexible part**, the temperature or temperature rise specified for the surface also applies to the **accessible surface** of the sheath.

11.101 It shall be possible to operate **blankets** and **mattresses** without risk of heatstroke to the user.

Compliance is checked by the following test:

*The appliance is operated under **normal operation** supplied as specified in 11.4. The ambient temperature is maintained at the most unfavourable temperature in the range from 0 °C to 15 °C. Any **control unit** or cord switch is adjusted to the highest setting recommended for all night use.*

*When steady conditions are established, but at least 1 h after switching on the appliance, the temperature of the surface of the **flexible part** is measured. The measurements are made using the resistance method by means of the grid shown in figure 104. The grid is 300 mm wide and of sufficient length to cover four runs of the **heating element**, but not less than 300 mm. The grid is placed in contact with the **flexible part** so that the wires of the grid are perpendicular to the runs of the **heating element**. For **overblankets** the grid is placed under the **flexible part**. For **underblankets** and **mattresses**, the grid is placed over the **flexible part**.*

The temperature shall not exceed 37 °C.

NOTE – If the ends of the **heating element** are contained in a plastic sheath attached to the **flexible part**, the temperature limit specified also applies to the **accessible surface** of the sheath.

12 Void

13 Leakage current and electric strength at operating temperature

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

13.1 Modification:

Controlled appliances are supplied at 1,06 times the **rated voltage**.

Addition:

*For **mattresses**, a sheet of metal foil, approximately 0,1 mm thick and of sufficient size to cover the area of that part of the **mattress** incorporating the current-carrying parts, is inserted between the **mattress** and the sheet of thermal insulation. For other appliances, two such sheets of metal foil are inserted, one above and one below the **flexible part**, these sheets being electrically connected together. A uniformly distributed load of approximately 35 kg/m² is placed on the top sheet of thermal insulation.*

The arrangement is shown in figure 105.

13.2 Modification:

*For the **flexible part**, the leakage current is measured between any pole of the supply and the sheets of metal foil.*

*Instead of the values specified, the leakage current for the **flexible part** shall not exceed:*

- for **pads** 0,5 mA
- for **blankets** and **mattresses** 1 mA/m² of the **heated area** with a maximum of 2,5 mA

13.3 Modification:

For the **flexible part**, the test voltage is applied between **live parts** and the metal foil.

14 Void

15 Moisture resistance

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

15.1 Addition:

For the **flexible part**, compliance is checked without the appliance being connected to the supply as follows:

- for **blankets and pads**, by the test of 15.101;
- for **moisture-proof appliances**, by the tests of 15.101 and 15.102. However **pads** subjected to the tests of 21.109 and 21.110 are not subjected to the tests of 15.102;
- for **mattresses**, by the tests of 15.103.

NOTE 1 – The tests of clause 16 are carried out with the appliance still immersed or in contact with the saline solution.

NOTE 2 – **Flexible parts of class III construction** are not subjected to the tests.

15.3 Addition:

The **flexible part** is not subjected to the test.

15.101 Washable appliances are laundered according to the instructions for use.

The **flexible part** is then immersed for 1 h in water containing approximately 1 % NaCl at a temperature of $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ after removing **detachable parts**. All of the **flexible part** is immersed except appliance inlets. The point of entry of the flexible cord is not immersed unless it is a **moisture-proof appliance**.

NOTE 1 – The connections of the **heating element** or internal wiring to the appliance inlet are not immersed, however during laundering all parts are immersed.

After the tests of clause 16, inspection shall show that there is no trace of water on insulation which could result in a reduction of **clearances** and **creepage distances** below the values specified in clause 29.

NOTE 2 – The inspection is not carried out on appliances subjected to the test of 15.102.

15.102 An incision is made in the outer layer of the permanent enclosure and the appliance is then immersed in the saline solution which is allowed to penetrate freely into the interior.

After a period of 1 h, the electric strength test of 16.3 is carried out, the test voltage being 1 250 V. Inspection shall show that water has not penetrated into the **flexible part** to such an extent that it could come into contact with **heating elements** and other current-carrying parts.

15.103 Mattresses are supported on a piece of plywood. A quantity of water, containing approximately 1 % NaCl, corresponding to 1 l/m² of the upper surface area, is poured uniformly over the **mattress** at the rate of 1 l/min.

The saline solution is allowed to soak into the **mattress** for a period of 30 min.

16 Leakage current and electric strength

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

16.2 Addition:

The **flexible part of blankets and pads** is tested with the voltage applied between **live parts** and an electrode immersed in the saline solution.

The **flexible part of mattresses** is covered with metal foil.

The leakage current of **flexible parts** shall not exceed:

- for **pads** 1 mA
- for **blankets and mattresses** 5 mA

16.3 Modification:

The **flexible part of blankets and pads** is tested with the voltage applied between **live parts** and an electrode immersed in the saline solution. However, when the test is carried out on **blankets and pads** without first carrying out the tests of clause 15, the **flexible part** is covered with metal foil.

Addition:

After the test, the **flexible part of blankets and pads** is thoroughly rinsed in water and then allowed to dry for at least 24 h at a temperature between 20 °C and 40 °C. During the drying period, the appliance is stretched in an attempt to regain the original dimensions.

Mattresses are rinsed with a quantity of water corresponding to 0,5 l/m² of the upper surface. The water is poured evenly over the upper surface and then wiped with a sponge, soaking up as much water as possible. This treatment is carried out three times and the **mattress** is then wiped with a dry cloth.

17 Overload protection of transformers and associated circuits

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

18 Endurance

This clause of part 1 is not applicable.

19 Abnormal operation

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

19.1 Modification:

Instead of the tests specified, the following applies:

Blankets, other than **ruck-resistant blankets**, are subjected to the tests of 19.101 to 19.103 and 19.107.

Ruck-resistant blankets are subjected to the tests of 19.104, 19.105 and 19.107.

Pads are subjected to the tests of 19.104, 19.106 and 19.107.

Mattresses are subjected to the tests of 19.104 and 19.107.

Appliances incorporating a fuse-link or intentionally weak part which ruptures due to a short circuit are also subjected to the test of 19.108.

NOTE – Fuse-links which are incorporated in an appliance for compliance with 19.102 to 19.107 are not subjected to the tests of 19.12.

*Appliances incorporating **electronic circuits** are also subjected to the tests of 19.11 and 19.12.*

Unless otherwise specified, the appliance is supplied with a voltage

- between 0,9 times and 1,1 times the **rated voltage**, for **controlled appliances**,
- resulting in a power input between 0,85 times and 1,24 times the **rated power input**, for other appliances.

19.13 Addition:

NOTE – The test of 15.101 is carried out before the test of 16.3.

*The temperature of the **flexible part** in contact with the thermal insulation shall not exceed 165 °C for **controlled appliances** and for other appliances, the temperature rise shall not exceed 150 K.*

*Unless the appliance is no longer in an operating condition after the tests, the temperature of **heating elements** shall not exceed 160 °C for **controlled appliances** and for other appliances, the temperature rise shall not exceed 145 K.*

19.101 Blankets, other than **ruck-resistant blankets**, incorporating **thermostats** or **thermal cut-outs** are operated under **normal operation** except that the **flexible part** is folded at the most unfavourable place with a three-thickness fold. The fold is 40 mm wide, 400 mm long and is fanned out at the ends, as shown in figure 106. The upper sheet of thermal insulation having dimensions 300 mm × 450 mm × 36 mm is placed on the folded **blanket** at the most unfavourable location.

*For all **underblankets**, other than **ruck-resistant blankets**, the test is also carried out with the **flexible part** completely covered, as specified for **normal operation**.*

19.102 Underblankets, other than **ruck-resistant blankets**, are operated under **normal operation** except that the **flexible part** is folded at the most unfavourable place with a five-thickness fold. The fold is 100 mm wide, 400 mm long and is fanned out at the ends. The upper sheet of thermal insulation having dimensions 300 mm × 450 mm × 90 mm is placed on the folded **blanket** at the most unfavourable location. An evenly distributed mass of 5 kg is placed on the upper sheet of thermal insulation.

NOTE – A sandbag may be used as the mass.

The appliance is supplied with a voltage at the upper limit of the range specified in 19.1.

19.103 Overblankets are operated under **normal operation** except that the **flexible part** is folded at the most unfavourable place with a five-thickness fold. The fold is of any equal width up to 75 mm, it is 400 mm long and is fanned out at the ends. The upper sheet of thermal insulation having dimensions 300 mm × 450 mm × 36 mm is placed on the folded **blanket** at the most unfavourable location.

*The test is carried out with the **flexible part** uncovered, if this is more unfavourable.*

19.104 If **thermostats** are incorporated in **ruck-resistant blankets**, **pads** and **mattresses**, the appliance is operated under **normal operation** except that the upper sheet of thermal insulation covers only one-third of the **flexible part**. This test is carried out eight times, the boundary of the area covered being in turn parallel to each of the sides and to the diagonals of the **flexible part**, as shown in figure 107.

19.105 Ruck-resistant blankets are operated under **normal operation** except that the **flexible part** is folded at the most unfavourable place with a three-thickness fold having the most unfavourable dimensions. The upper sheet of thermal insulation having dimensions 300 mm × 450 mm × 90 mm is placed on the folded **blanket** at the most unfavourable location. An evenly distributed mass of 5 kg is placed on the upper sheet of thermal insulation.

NOTE – A sandbag may be used as the mass.

19.106 Pads are operated under **normal operation** except that the **flexible part** is folded with a double-thickness fold. The fold is parallel to one of the edges of the **flexible part**, the place and the width of the fold being chosen to produce the most unfavourable result. The upper surface of the **flexible part** is uncovered or partially covered by a sheet of thermal insulation whichever is more unfavourable. The thermal insulation is 36 mm thick, has a length equal to the length of that edge which is parallel to the fold and a width equal to one-third of the length of the adjacent edge. The thermal insulation is placed in the most unfavourable position that completely covers the **flexible part** in the direction parallel to the fold and partially covers it in the direction across the fold.

NOTE – Examples of the position of the thermal insulation on **pads** are shown in figure 108.

19.107 Appliances are operated under the conditions specified in clause 11. Any control which limits the temperature during the test of clause 11 is short-circuited.

NOTE – If the appliance incorporates more than one control, they are short-circuited in turn.

19.108 If compliance with 19.101 to 19.107 depends on the rupturing of a fuse-link or intentionally weak part, the test is repeated with the **flexible part** arranged as specified but with the point of maximum impedance of the protection circuit included in the most unfavourable part of the fold. The appliance is supplied with a voltage at the lower limit of the range specified in 19.1.

19.109 **Blankets** and **mattresses** shall be constructed so that failure of a component does not give rise to a temperature which could be hazardous to the human body.

Compliance is checked by carrying out the test of 11.101 but simulating failure of components which might reasonably be expected to occur in normal use, however switching contacts are not short circuited. Only one fault condition is applied at a time.

*During the test, the temperature of the surface of the **flexible part** shall not exceed 60 °C.*

NOTE – **Heating elements** and internal wiring are not considered to be components.

19.110 Appliances incorporating **heating elements** or internal wiring consisting of stranded conductors shall not attain excessive temperatures in normal use if one or more strands are broken.

Compliance is checked by the tests of 19.110.1 to 19.110.3 as appropriate or by assessment of the protection system.

NOTE – Any unsheathed core of a flexible cord within the **flexible part** and which extends more than 100 mm from the cord anchorage is considered to be internal wiring.

19.110.1 *If internal wiring or **heating elements** do not have integral insulation and have individual strands which are not electrically insulated from each other, the enclosure of the **flexible part** is opened at the most unfavourable place and a short length of the bare conductor is exposed. All but one of the strands are cut and folded back to leave a gap of approximately 15 mm. The enclosure is then closed and the appliance operated under **normal operation** for 4 h.*

If the single strand ruptures before any damage occurs, the test is repeated with the number of uncut strands increased to the minimum necessary to prevent rupturing.

After the test, there shall be no scorching of the enclosure or of any material in contact with the uncut strands.

19.110.2 *If internal wiring or **heating elements** have integral insulation and individual strands which are not electrically insulated from each other, the enclosure of the **flexible part** is opened at the most unfavourable place and a short length of the insulated conductor is exposed. A single identical strand 100 mm long is wrapped for one complete turn around the insulation of the conductor, the ends of the turn being spaced 1 mm apart. The strand is connected in series with the conductor, the enclosure is then closed and the appliance operated under **normal operation** for 4 h.*

If the single strand ruptures before any damage occurs, the test is repeated with the number of strands increased to the minimum necessary to prevent rupturing.

*After the test, there shall be no damage to the insulation of the conductor or to other material of the **flexible part**.*

NOTE – A slight indentation of the insulation of the conductor is neglected.

19.110.3 *If internal wiring or **heating elements** have individual strands which are electrically insulated from each other, the wiring or **heating element** is disconnected from its terminals. A d.c. voltage of approximately 500 V is applied for 1 min between any two strands.*

The insulation resistance is measured and shall not be less than:

- for **class III appliances** $0,1\text{ M}\Omega$
- for other appliances $1\text{ M}\Omega$

20 Stability and mechanical hazards

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

20.1 Addition:

*The test is only applied to **control units** intended to be placed on a surface.*

21 Mechanical strength

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

Control units intended to be placed on a surface are also subjected to the test of 21.101.

Compliance for the **flexible part** is checked as follows:

- for **blankets**, by the tests of 21.102, 21.105 and 21.106;
- for **mattresses**, by the tests of 21.104 to 21.106;
- for **pads**, by the tests of 21.103 and 21.105 to 21.107.

After these tests, inspection of the **flexible part** shall not show

- damage to the enclosure or displacement of the **heating element** to such an extent that compliance with the standard is impaired;
- breakage of the conductors of the **heating element**;
- breakage of more than 10 % of the strands of internal wiring;
- failure of constructional stitching, or breakage of glued or welded joints, to such an extent that compliance with the standard is impaired;
- loosening of a **non-detachable flexible cord** from the **flexible part**;
- loosening or breakage of electrical connections;
- open-circuiting of controls incorporated in the **flexible part**.

NOTE – An example of damage to the enclosure which would impair compliance with the standard is cracking or tearing of the covering but small holes in textiles are ignored unless the enclosure provides electrical insulation or protection against moisture. Compliance with the standard is also considered to be impaired if the **heating element** has moved in its pockets for two runs to come into contact with each other.

21.101 The **control unit** is dropped on its base 100 times from a height of 40 mm onto a rigidly mounted steel plate having a thickness of at least 15 mm and a mass of at least 15 kg.

The **control unit** is then dropped three times from a height of 500 mm onto a hardwood floor by pulling it from a horizontal support by means of its cord so that it falls freely.

After the test, the **control unit** shall not be damaged to such an extent that compliance with this standard is impaired. If the **control unit** still operates, the appliance shall withstand the tests of clause 11.

21.102 **Blankets** are securely attached to the apparatus described in annex BB.

The **blanket** is pulled by the driving bar, the driving sprocket operating at a speed of 33 rev/min.

The **blanket** is rotated 1 000 times with an end attached to the driving bar. It is then turned through 90° and rotated another 1 000 times.

NOTE 1 – The test is carried out with the same face of the **blanket** adjacent to the drum.

NOTE 2 – When it is obvious which end of the **blanket** is intended to be positioned at the head of the bed, that end is attached to the driving bar. When this is not obvious, the end opposite the cord entry is attached to the driving bar.

NOTE 3 – When the **blanket** is turned through 90°, the side opposite the cord entry is attached to the driving bar.

21.103 **Pads**, with any **detachable cover** removed, are driven backwards and forwards over a smooth horizontal roller having a diameter of 25 mm. The **pad** is arranged so that one end hangs vertically over the roller while the full length of the other end is clamped to the driving means, which moves in a horizontal plane.

A clamp is attached to the end of the vertical part of the **pad** over its full length. A mass of 0,5 kg or equivalent to 3 g/mm of the length of the attached end, whichever is greater, is attached to the clamp.

The stroke of the driving means is such that the greatest possible area is subjected to flexing.

The driving means is operated at a rate of approximately 125 mm/s for 2 000 cycles. The **pad** is then turned through 90° and subjected to a further 2 000 cycles.

NOTE 1 – The test is carried out with the same face of the **pad** adjacent to the roller.

NOTE 2 – A cycle is two movements, one in each direction.

21.104 **Mattresses** are laid flat on a horizontal plywood support. A roller of similar construction to the drum specified in annex BB, having a mass of 61,5 kg and a length of 1 m is rolled slowly forwards and backwards over the upper surface of the **flexible part** in the most unfavourable place. The roller is applied in the direction of the major axis over the same path for 1 000 cycles.

NOTE – A cycle is two movements, one in each direction.

21.105 Appliances are operated for 500 h continuously under the conditions specified in clause 11. The surface temperature of the **flexible part** of **controlled appliances** is measured under steady conditions at the beginning and at the end of this period. It shall not have increased by more than 5 K.

For appliances where the operation of the **protective device** is likely to be adversely affected by ageing of the temperature-sensing system, the duration of the test is increased to 1 000 h.

For appliances with **PTC heating elements**, the test is carried out for 1 000 h but with the **flexible part** fully covered with a sheet of thermal insulation 90 mm thick.

After 100 h and at the end of the test, the temperature of the **PTC heating element** is measured under the conditions specified in clause 11. It shall not have increased by more than 5 K.

21.106 After the test of 21.105 the **flexible part** is subjected to the following test:

- for **blankets**, the test of 21.102 is repeated but with the other face of the **flexible part** adjacent to the drum;
- for **pads**, the test of 21.103 is repeated but with the other face of the **flexible part** adjacent to the roller;
- for **mattresses**, the test of 21.104 is repeated but with the roller moved in the direction of the minor axis. In this case 2 000 cycles are carried out, 1 000 in each of two non-overlapping paths.

21.107 **Pads** are subjected to a test in a tumbling barrel as shown in figure 109, their **supply cords** having been cut off at a distance of 100 mm from the **flexible part**. The barrel is turned at a rate of 6 rev/min to 7 rev/min, so that the **pad** falls onto a steel plate twice in each revolution, the number of revolutions being 500.

21.108 Appliances having **heating elements** which are retained in position by bonded layers shall have adequate mechanical strength.

Compliance is checked by the following test:

Six samples of the bonded material, each having dimensions of 100 mm × 130 mm, are cut from the **flexible part**. Three of the samples are cut in the direction of the runs of the **heating element** and the other three samples are cut perpendicular to this direction.

From the ends measuring 100 mm, a strip of the material retaining the **heating element** in position and having a width of 25 mm is cut away from one face at one end of each sample. Another similar strip is removed from the opposite face and at the opposite end of the sample. Any **heating element** situated under the removed strips is also cut away.

NOTE – It may be necessary to cut away more than one layer in order to test the bonding of the layers retaining the heating element.

Clamps are attached to the full length of the remaining layers of material at both ends of the sample.

The sample is then suspended by one of the clamps and subjected to a total load of 1,25 kg by means of the other clamp. The test is carried out for 1 h at a temperature of 20 °C, and then for 1 h at a temperature of 80 °C.

The test is repeated on six samples taken from the **flexible part** of a new appliance.

The layers retaining the **heating element** in position shall not separate.

21.109 The enclosure of **moisture-proof appliances** consisting of plastic sheeting shall have adequate flexibility under cold conditions.

Compliance is checked by the following test:

The sheeting is cut into 10 rectangular samples, each being 145 mm long and 50 mm wide with the longer dimension perpendicular to any striations resulting from the manufacturing process.

Each sample is folded about its minor axis and allowed to form a loop without creases. It is stapled to a card twice, the staples being placed close together and approximately 30 mm from the edges, as shown in figure 110.

The test apparatus, which is also shown in figure 110, has a steel arm, which is freely pivoted at one end so that the other end can fall against a steel anvil on which the sample is placed. The mass of the arm assembly is $3,1 \text{ kg} \pm 0,03 \text{ kg}$, the arm and anvil being grooved to clear the staples fixing the samples to the card.

With its arm in the open position, the test apparatus is placed in a top-opening cabinet, the temperature of which is maintained at $-20^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$.

When steady conditions are established, all 10 samples are placed on the floor of the cabinet with their loops uppermost for 1 h. A sample is then placed with its loop uppermost on the anvil of the test apparatus.

NOTE 1 – Care is taken to ensure that the loop is not handled or comes into contact with other surfaces when the sample is placed on the anvil.

The arm of the test apparatus is then allowed to fall and strike the sample from an angle of 85° to the horizontal.

The test is carried out on the other samples as quickly as possible.

No more than two samples shall break into separate pieces.

NOTE 2 – The test is not carried out if the appliance has been subjected to the test of 15.102 or if the enclosure is made from reinforced plastic sheeting.

21.110 The enclosure of **moisture-proof appliances** shall have adequate resistance to tearing under normal conditions of use.

For enclosures of plastic sheeting, compliance is checked by the test of 21.110.1.

NOTE – The test is not carried out if the appliance has been subjected to the test of 15.102 or if the enclosure is made from reinforced plastic sheeting.

For enclosures of rubberised or similarly treated fabrics, compliance is checked by the tests of 21.110.2 to 21.110.4. For enclosures of seamed fabric, compliance is also checked by the test of 21.110.5.

21.110.1 Five samples of the plastic sheeting, as shown in figure 111, are conditioned at an ambient temperature of $23^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$. The longer dimension is perpendicular to any striations resulting from the manufacturing process.

The shorter edges of each sample are attached over their full length to the clamps of a tensile machine, the sample and the clamps being in the same plane. The clamps are separated at a rate of 50 mm/min until the sample tears. The maximum breaking load is measured.

The average breaking load of the five samples shall be not less than 12,5 N.

21.110.2 A sample of the treated fabric having a diameter of 76 mm is clamped between two disks, each having a diameter not less than 76 mm and a concentric aperture having a diameter of $26 \text{ mm} \pm 0,7 \text{ mm}$. This assembly is mounted in an apparatus so that water pressure can be applied to the untreated side of the fabric. The water pressure is gradually increased and is measured when leakage occurs through the fabric. It shall not be less than 410 kPa.

This test is carried out on three samples.

The average value of the pressure shall be at least 490 kPa.

21.110.3 Three sets of three samples, as specified in 21.110.2, are conditioned as follows:

The first set is immersed in boiling water for 1 h and then aged in a heating cabinet at a temperature of $100^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 000 h. The samples are then immersed again for 1 h in boiling water.

The second set is aged in an oxygen bomb for 168 h, the oxygen having a pressure of approximately 2,0 MPa and a temperature of $80^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$.

NOTE – The use of the oxygen bomb presents some danger unless handled with care. Precautions should be taken to avoid the risk of explosion due to sudden oxidization.

The third set is aged in an air bomb for 20 h, the air having a pressure of approximately 0,55 MPa and a temperature of $127^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$.

The test of 21.110.2 is then carried out on each sample.

The average value of the pressure for each set of samples shall be at least 70 % of the value obtained during the original test of 21.110.2.

21.110.4 Three samples, as specified in 21.110.2, are folded backwards and forwards 10 times.

This test is also carried out on three similar samples which have been conditioned as specified in 21.110.3 for the first set.

The samples shall show no crack, hard spot or other evidence of deterioration.

21.110.5 Twenty samples of seamed fabric, having dimensions of 75 mm \times 25 mm, are cut so that the seam lies along the minor axis. They are then divided into four sets of five samples and three of the sets are conditioned as specified in 21.110.3.

All four sets of samples are then subjected to a gradually increasing tensile force until the seam starts to separate.

The average value of the force necessary to separate the seams shall be at least 22 N.

21.111 The insulation of **heating elements** and internal wiring in the **flexible part** shall retain adequate flexibility and insulating characteristics throughout the life of the appliance.

Compliance is checked by the tests of 21.111.1 and by the tests of 21.111.2 and 21.111.3 when the insulation exceeds

- a temperature of 75°C for **controlled appliances** or a temperature rise of 50 K for other appliances during the test of clause 11, or
- a temperature of 135°C for **controlled appliances** or a temperature rise of 110 K for other appliances during the tests of clause 19.

*The tests are made on new samples of **heating element** or internal wiring. For appliances having a **bonded enclosure** the samples are taken from a new appliance.*

For the test of 21.111.1, one sample measuring approximately 4 m in length is required. For the tests of 21.111.2, at least 12 samples are required, each having a length of 300 mm. For the test of 21.111.3, 12 samples are required each having a length of 300 mm.

The test of 21.111.2 is also applied to the plastic sheath which protects the ends of the **heating element** and is attached to the **flexible part**.

21.111.1 The sample of **heating element** or internal wiring is attached to the apparatus shown in figure 112. This apparatus has a carrier C with two pulleys A and B, each having a groove with a radius of 4 mm, the diameter at the base of the groove being 25 mm. The pulleys are arranged so that the sample is horizontal where it passes between them.

NOTE 1 – For samples not having a circular cross-section, the form of the groove in the pulley is suitably modified.

The sample is stretched over the pulleys, each end being loaded with a mass of 0,25 kg. If necessary, the mass at each end is increased in steps of 0,1 kg in order to ensure that the wires leaving the pulleys are parallel to each other.

The restraining clamps D are positioned so that the pull is always applied by the mass in the opposite direction to which the carrier is moving.

The carrier moves over a distance of 1 m with a constant speed of approximately 0,33 m/s for 25 000 cycles.

NOTE 2 – A cycle is two movements, one in each direction.

The sample shall not break during the test.

NOTE 3 – A monitoring current not exceeding 50 mA may be passed through the sample during the test.

For **PTC heating elements**, the power input is measured before and after the test. The measurement is made with the **heating element** suspended vertically in free air and supplied at the **rated voltage** of the appliance. Both measurements are carried out at the same ambient temperature and when the power input has stabilised. The power input shall not increase during the test.

The sample is then immersed in water containing approximately 1 % NaCl. A d.c. voltage of approximately 500 V is applied between the conductor and the saline solution.

The insulation resistance measured 1 min after immersion shall be at least 1 M Ω .

21.111.2 The conductors are pulled out from 12 samples of **heating element** or internal wiring. If this is not possible, the insulation is slit longitudinally, the conductor is removed and the insulation is allowed to close.

Six of the samples are conditioned by suspending them vertically so that they hang freely in a heating cabinet at a temperature of $125^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 336 h. The samples are removed from the cabinet and allowed to cool down to room temperature. When the material has stabilised, the length of the samples is measured and shall not be less than 90 % of the original length.

NOTE 1 – PVC material is considered to have stabilised 16 h after removal from the cabinet.

NOTE 2 – The heating cabinet should have forced air circulation in order to ensure that there is no temperature gradient over the length of the samples.

The 12 samples are placed in turn in a tensile machine so that the length between the clamps is at least 50 mm. The machine is operated at a uniform speed of 500 mm/min ± 50 mm/min. The force and elongation at the instant of rupture are determined.

Results obtained from any sample which ruptured at a force differing from the average value by more than 10 % and from samples which ruptured within a distance of 15 mm from the clamp are disregarded, additional samples being tested in order to obtain 12 valid results.

The elongation of each of the unconditioned samples shall not be less than 100 % and their tensile strength shall not be less than 8,75 MPa.

The average value of both the elongation and the tensile strength of the conditioned samples shall not be less than 75 % of the average value determined for the unconditioned samples.

21.111.3 *The insulation is removed from a 10 mm length at each end of 12 samples of **heating element** or internal wiring.*

Six of the samples are wound in a close helix of six turns on a metal mandrel having a diameter approximately equal to the external diameter of the samples. They are then placed in a heating cabinet at a temperature of 125 °C ± 2 °C together with the remaining six samples for 336 h. The samples are removed from the cabinet and allowed to cool down to room temperature.

When the material has stabilised, the other six samples are also wound on the mandrel in the same way.

NOTE 1 – PVC material is considered to have stabilised 16 h after removal from the cabinet.

NOTE 2 – The heating cabinet should have forced air circulation in order to ensure that there is no temperature gradient over the length of the samples.

*The mandrel is immersed for 1 h in water containing approximately 1 % NaCl. The samples are then subjected to a test voltage of 1 000 V, for **class II appliances** and 500 V for **class III appliances**. The voltage is applied for 1 min between the conductors and the solution.*

The samples are unwound from the mandrel and inspection shall show that there are no visible cracks.

21.112 PTC heating elements shall be resistant to crushing.

Compliance is checked by the following test.

*The **flexible part** is fully supported by a piece of plywood 20 mm thick and supplied as specified in 11.4. When steady conditions are established, the temperature of the **heating element** is measured. A block having dimensions of 100 mm × 300 mm and a mass of 80 kg is applied for 5 min to the surface in the most unfavourable place. After removing the block, the appliance is again operated until steady conditions are established and then the temperature of the **heating element** is measured. The temperature of the **heating element** where the block has been applied shall not have increased by more than 10 K.*

NOTE 1 – The edges of the block in contact with the **flexible part** are rounded.

NOTE 2 – The most unfavourable place to apply the block is usually at a loop in the element where the conductors are turned through 90°.

22 Construction

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

22.101 *In **flexible parts**, other than **class III constructions**, the insulation of **heating elements** and internal wiring shall be integral with the conductor.*

Compliance is checked by inspection.

22.102 There shall be no connection in the **heating element**, except where it is connected to **thermostats, thermal cut-outs**, and similar components.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

22.103 The **flexible part** shall be constructed so that **heating elements** and internal wiring are retained in their intended position. No part of the **heating element** shall cross over another part of the **heating element**.

If the **heating element** is supported by a separate layer of material, this material shall be firmly secured to the enclosure so as to prevent internal rucking.

Crossing of internal wiring shall be avoided as far as possible. Where this is unavoidable, the wiring shall be secured in order to prevent any relative movement.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

NOTE – This requirement does not apply to signal conductors dissipating less than 150 mW/m.

22.104 There shall be no significant change in the position of the **heating elements** if the stitching retaining them in position is broken.

Compliance is checked by inspection after breaking the thread in the most unfavourable place.

22.105 **Thermostats** and **thermal cut-outs** incorporated in the **flexible part** shall be individually enclosed in insulating material.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

22.106 **Ruck-resistant blankets** shall be constructed so that rucking of the **flexible part** is unlikely.

Compliance is checked by the following test.

Any stiffening means is removed if it is not representative of the composition of the **flexible part**.

The **blanket** is operated at **rated power input** and under **normal operation** for 3 h. It is then removed from the sheets of thermal insulation and laid flat on a horizontal surface while still connected to the supply mains. The **flexible part** is positioned so that a corner touches the edge of the surface and a diagonal is perpendicular to it.

A wooden board having dimensions of 100 cm × 100 cm × 2 cm is placed over the **blanket** and positioned so that the edge of the board aligns with the edge of the surface. The **flexible part** and board are then slid together until the edge of the board overhangs the edge of the surface by 300 mm.

The deflection x , in metres, of the overhanging corner of the **flexible part** is measured as shown in figure 113. The force F , in newtons, required to lift the overhanging corner to the lower surface of the board is then measured.

The measurement is repeated on the other corners, except for any corner containing an appliance inlet or cord entry.

The ruck-resistance is calculated from F/x . It shall be at least 2,5 for each corner.

22.107 Underblankets, other than **blankets** having a ruck-resistance greater than 1,2 measured as specified in 22.106, shall be provided with means to prevent rucking. The means used for this purpose shall be permanently attached, ensure that the **blanket** cannot ruck in any direction and not damage the **blanket** in normal use. If tapes or similar means are provided, they shall be long enough and positioned so that the **blanket** can be readily and effectively secured to the maximum size of mattress for which it is intended. Pins shall not be used.

Compliance is checked by inspection and by manual test.

22.108 The dimensions of **detachable covers** shall be greater than those of the **flexible part**.

Compliance is checked by measurement after laundering the cover three times in accordance with the instructions for use.

22.109 Control units intended to stand on a table shall be constructed to prevent the penetration of objects from the surface if this could result in a hazard.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

NOTE – **Control units** are considered to comply with this requirement if **live parts** are at least 6 mm from the table, measured through any opening.

22.110 Control units that automatically switch from a high heat output to a low heat output after a pre-set time shall not automatically switch back to the high heat output setting.

Compliance is checked by inspection and during the test of 11.101.

22.111 Fuse links or **thermal links** which are incorporated to protect the **flexible part** against overheating or ignition shall not be replaceable by the user.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

22.112 Duvets shall have adequate thermal properties.

Compliance is checked by the following test.

The **duvet** is placed on a sheet of thermal insulation as specified in annex AA and having a thickness of 72 mm. A heat source as specified in annex AA is placed between the thermal insulation and the **duvet**. When steady conditions are established, the temperature rise shall exceed 40 K.

22.113 Appliances, other than those of **class III**, shall incorporate a manual switch to control the **flexible part**. The switch shall be constructed to prevent its actuating member from rotating continuously in the same direction.

Switches and **control units** in flexible cords shall have an **off position** at both ends of the travel of the actuating member, unless an indicator lamp is provided to show when the switch is in an on position.

Compliance is checked by inspection.

23 Internal wiring

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

24 Components

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

24.1.2 Modification:

Thermostats are operated for 100 000 cycles of operation and **self-resetting thermal cut-outs** for 10 000 cycles of operation.

24.1.3 Modification:

Switches are tested for 6 000 cycles of operation.

24.2 Modification:

Appliances may be fitted with switches and **control units** in flexible cords.

25 Supply connection and external flexible cords

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

25.2 Addition:

Blankets for double beds having two separate **heated areas** may have two means of connection to the supply.

25.5 Addition:

Type **Z attachment** is allowed.

Non-detachable flexible cords shall be connected to the **flexible part** only by **type Y attachment** or **type Z attachment**.

25.7 Addition:

Light polyvinyl chloride sheathed cords may be used, irrespective of the mass of the appliance.

Natural rubber sheathed cords shall not be used.

25.8 Modification:

Cords having a nominal cross-sectional area of 0,5 mm² may be used, irrespective of their length.

25.15 Modification:

*Flexible cords connected to the **flexible part** are subjected to a pull force of 100 N which is only applied three times for 1 min each time, the longitudinal measurement not being made. The **flexible part** is securely held by means of clamps which grip the entire length of the edge opposite the cord entry. If the cord enters at a corner, the clamps grip the entire length of both edges adjacent to the opposite corner.*

*Flexible cords connected to switches and **control units** are subjected to a pull force of 100 N and a torque of 0,1 Nm.*

NOTE – The mark on the cord is made as close as possible to the cord anchorage.

25.23 Addition:

Interconnection cords for blankets and mattresses are not required to be sheathed.

If an **interconnection cord** has more than two conductors, the current density of each conductor shall not exceed 12 A/mm² and the sum of the cross-sectional areas shall be at least 1 mm².

If non-standardized flexible cords are used, their electrical and mechanical properties shall be at least equal to those specified in IEC 60227.

NOTE – When the ends of the **heating element** are contained in a plastic sheath attached to the **flexible part**, the requirements related to current density and those of IEC 60227 do not apply.

26 Terminals for external conductors

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

27 Provision for earthing

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

28 Screws and connections

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

28.2 Addition:

The requirement does not apply to the connections to the **heating element**.

29 Creepage distances, clearances and distances through insulation

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

29.2 *Addition:*

The requirement does not apply to the **flexible part**.

30 Resistance to heat, fire and tracking

This clause of part 1 is applicable except as follows.

30.1 *Addition:*

The requirement does not apply to the enclosure of the **flexible part**.

30.2 *Addition:*

The requirement does not apply to the enclosure of the **flexible part**.

Pads are subjected to the tests of 30.2.2. **Blankets** and **mattresses** are subjected to the tests of 30.2.3.

30.101 The enclosure of the **flexible part** shall be resistant to ignition, unless the appliance incorporates means to prevent overheating resulting from the arcing of conductors.

Compliance is checked by the test of

- 30.101.1, for assessing the resistance to ignition of the **flexible part**, or
- 30.101.2, for appliances incorporating means to prevent overheating resulting from the arcing of conductors.

30.101.1 Six samples having dimensions of 100 mm × 200 mm are cut from the enclosure so that their shorter sides are parallel with the runs of the **heating element**. They are selected from parts of the enclosure so that no two samples contain the same warp thread or the same weft thread. If this is not possible, the samples are selected so that the same threads do not appear in more than two samples. Any pieces of **heating element** and trimming are removed from the samples.

The test apparatus, as shown in figure 114, has two brass electrodes 3 mm in diameter which are supported by brass pillars mounted on a base plate of insulating material so that their axes are aligned. The base plate also supports a platform of insulating material, having dimensions of 100 mm × 100 mm, which is located centrally between the brass pillars. Provision is made for the height of the platform to be adjusted.

One of the electrodes is fixed in position while the other electrode is movable thus allowing the sample to be inserted. The tip of the fixed electrode has an angle of 45° to its major axis. The electrode is positioned so that the point furthest from the brass pillar is at the top and at a distance of approximately 3 mm from the centre of the platform. The movable electrode has a tip at right angles to its major axis.

The lower member of a two-part hardwood mask, as shown in detail A of figure 114, is placed on the adjustable platform in the position indicated.

The test apparatus together with the upper member of the mask, as shown in detail B of figure 114, is placed in a heating cabinet having a door with an inspection window and where air is circulated by natural convection. The electrodes are connected in series with an adjustable non-inductive resistor to a supply having a sinusoidal output voltage of 10 kV and a characteristic such that the output voltage does not decrease by more than 100 V when a current of 1 mA is flowing.

The temperature of the heating cabinet is raised to $65^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$. The electrodes are then short-circuited and the resistor adjusted so that a current of 1 mA flows. The supply is then disconnected and the samples are placed in the cabinet for a period of 3 h.

Without removing the apparatus from the heating cabinet, the movable electrode is withdrawn and one sample is pulled over the fixed electrode so that the electrode is situated centrally in the space normally occupied by the **heating element**. The sample is adjusted so that its end is approximately level with the edge of the adjustable platform. The movable electrode is then inserted into the other end of the element space and is fixed so that the distance between the electrodes is $6,0 \text{ mm} \pm 0,1 \text{ mm}$. The sample is smoothed out and the upper member of the mask is placed in position. The door of the heating cabinet is then closed for a further period of 5 min in order to stabilise the temperature.

The supply is switched on and sparks are allowed to pass between the electrodes for a period of 2 min. If the sample ignites, the time from the instant of switching on until the flame reaches the inner edge of the mask is recorded, any ignition of surface fibres which lasts no more than 3 s being ignored. If the sample does not ignite, a time of 120 s is recorded.

The sample is then removed and repositioned between the electrodes with the other surface uppermost and so that the opposite end is subjected to the test.

The test is repeated on the other five samples.

If any time recorded is less than 30 s, the complete test is repeated on a second set of six samples. In this case, no sample shall have a recorded time less than 30 s.

The average of the 12 values recorded is calculated and shall not be less than 80 s. All values differing by more than 30 s from the average are ignored and, if necessary, the average of the remaining values is recalculated.

30.101.2 A suitable length of the conductor is exposed and the insulation of the conductor is removed over a length of 25 mm. This part of the conductor is bent in a radius of 75 mm and immersed in a non-conductive liquid having a temperature of $230^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, the appliance being supplied at **rated voltage**. Within 30 s the protection system shall operate so that the power input of the **flexible part** does not exceed 1 W.

The conductor is withdrawn from the liquid when the protection system has operated. If the power input of the **flexible part** subsequently increases above 1 W, the test is carried out 100 times or until the power input is permanently reduced below 1 W, whichever occurs first.

30.102 The insulation of **heating elements** and internal wiring within the **flexible part** shall be sufficiently resistant to abnormal heat and to fire.

NOTE – This requirement also applies to material used to insulate connections.

Compliance is checked by the following test.

A sample of the **heating element** or internal wiring at least 150 mm long is supported by a grid which is inclined at 45°. The grid is formed from parallel wires 0,6 mm in diameter and spaced 20 mm apart. The sample is positioned perpendicular to the horizontal wires and centrally between the other wires. A second grid of similar dimensions is placed on top of the sample so that its horizontal wires are displaced by 10 mm from the horizontal wires of the first grid. The wires of both grids which are parallel to the sample are aligned with each other.

The grid is mounted at the centre of a three-sided metal screen in a substantially draught-free location. The screen is approximately 900 mm high, 450 mm wide and 300 mm deep, of rectangular plan with open front and closed top.

A needle flame, as specified in IEC 60695-2-2, is applied to the sample and is maintained until the insulation ceases to burn.

The length of the sample damaged by fire shall not exceed 65 mm, measured from the point where the flame is applied.

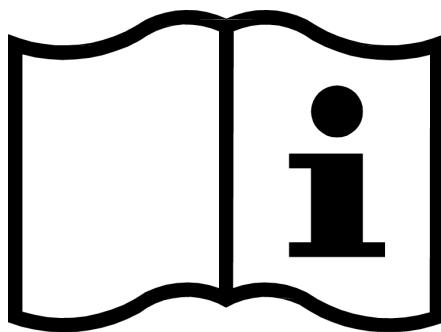
31 Resistance to rusting

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

32 Radiation, toxicity and similar hazards

This clause of part 1 is applicable.

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Minimum height of symbol – 15 mm

Figure 101 – Symbol for "Read the instructions"



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Minimum height of symbol – 15 mm

Figure 102 – Symbol for "Do not use folded or rucked"



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Minimum height of symbol – 15 mm

Figure 103 – Symbol for "Do not insert pins"

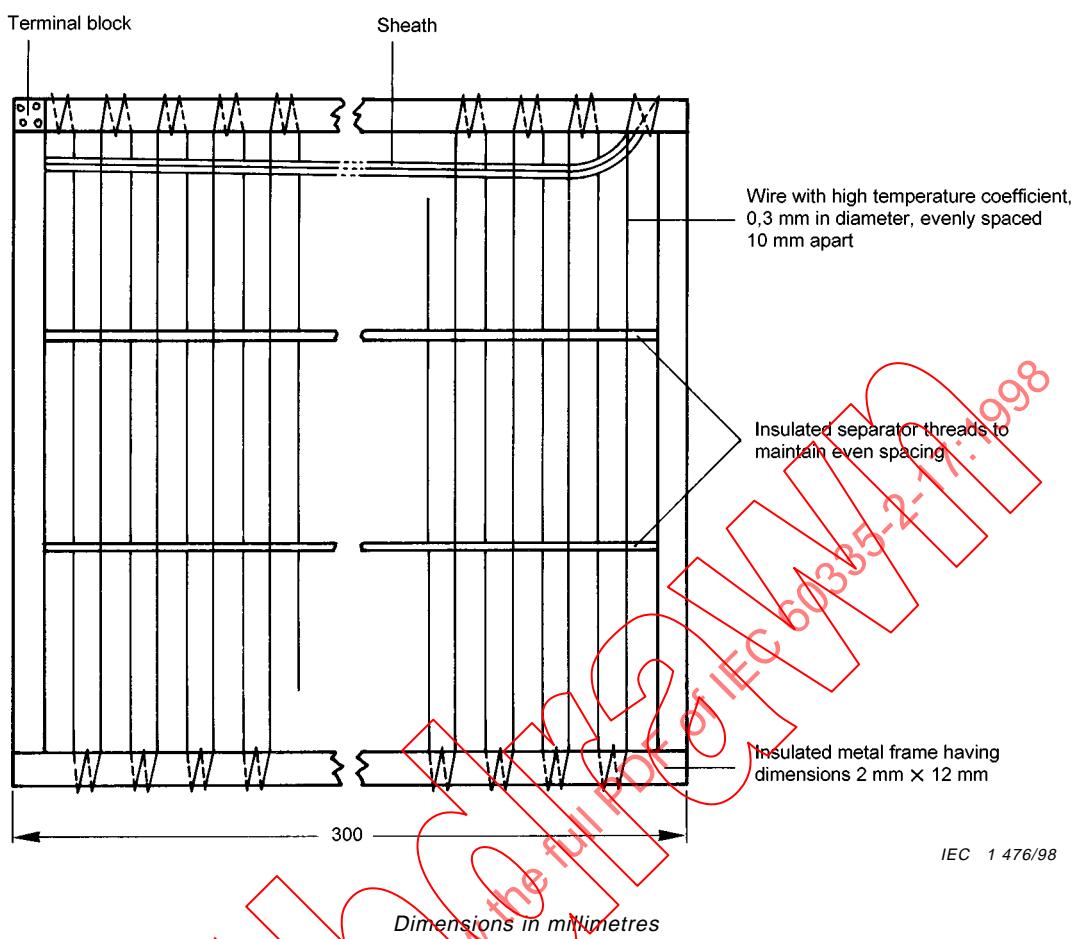


Figure 104 – Grid for the heatstroke test

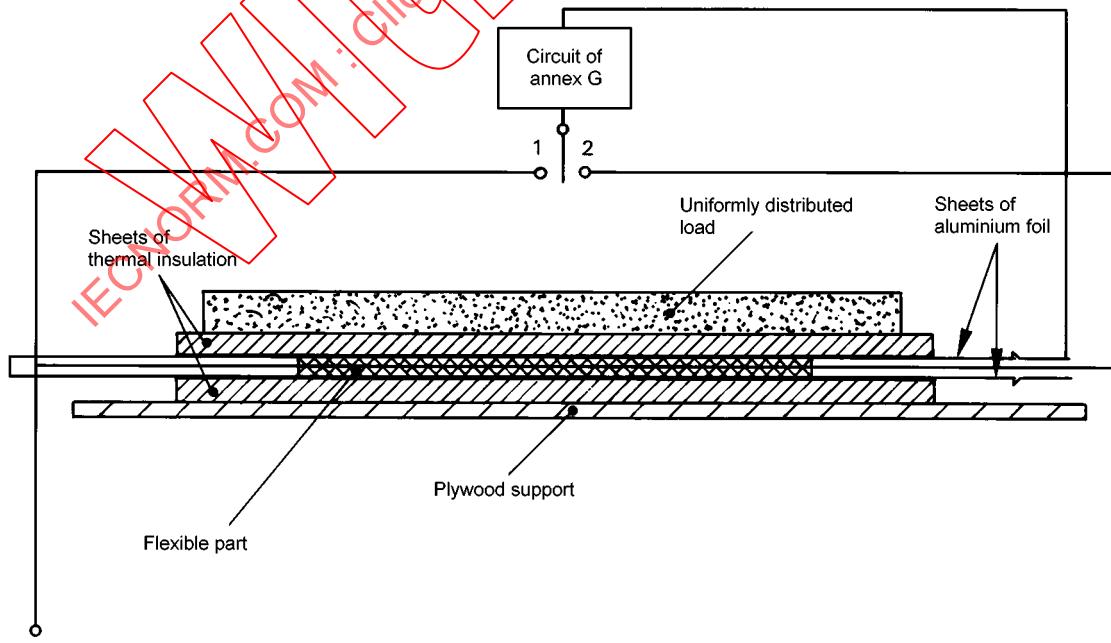
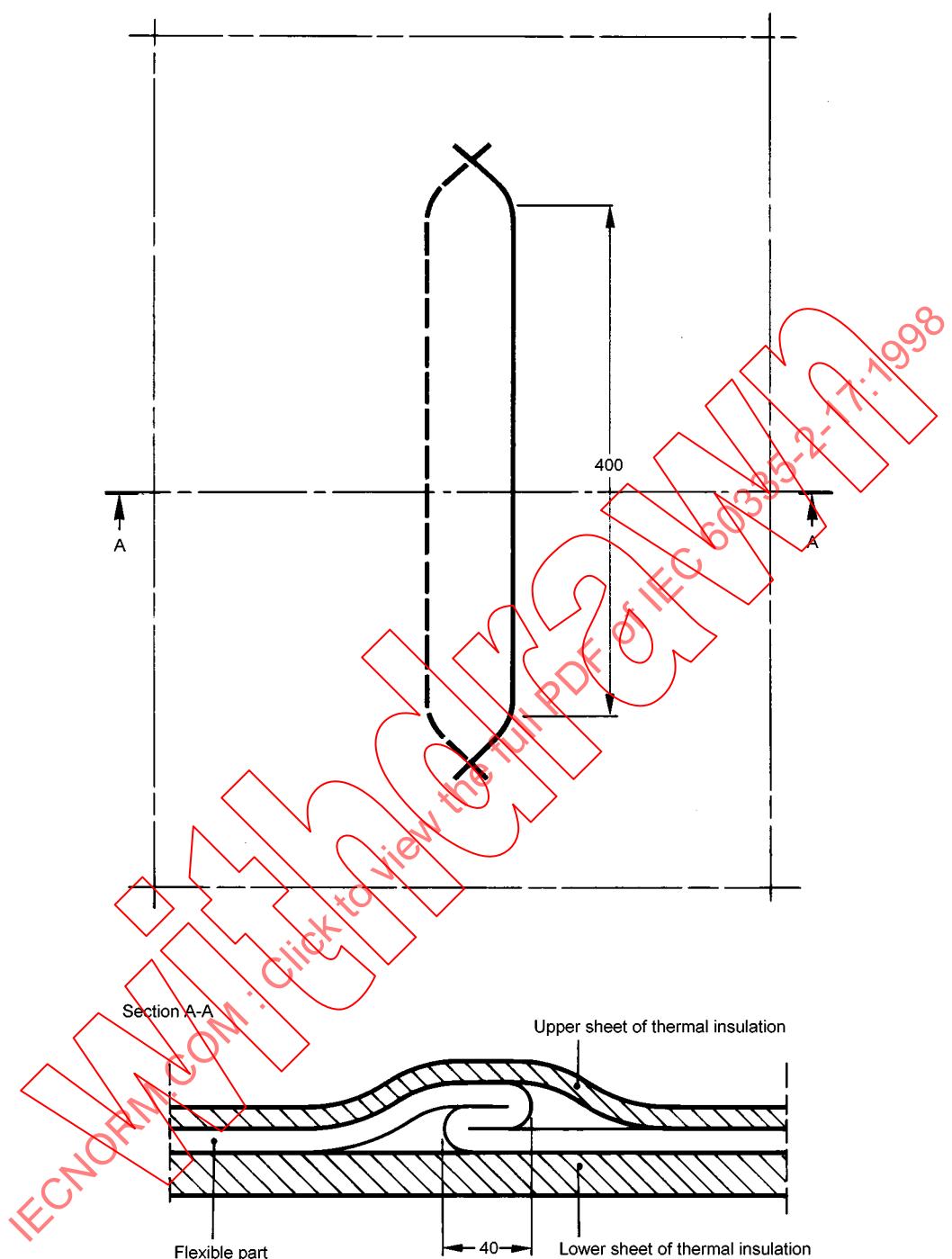


Figure 105 – Arrangement for measuring leakage current of the flexible part



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*Dimensions in millimetres***Figure 106 – Arrangement for the three-thickness fold test**

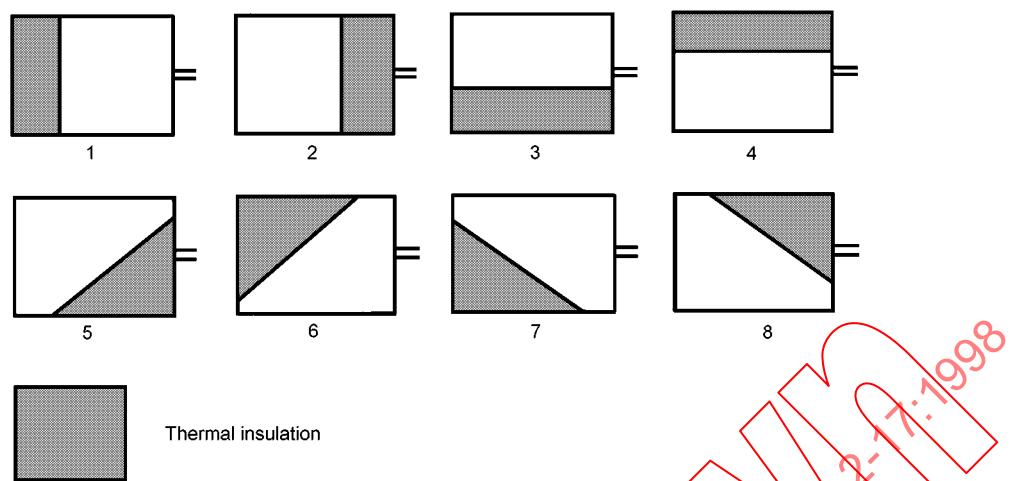


Figure 107 – Positioning of the thermal insulation on flexible parts incorporating thermostats

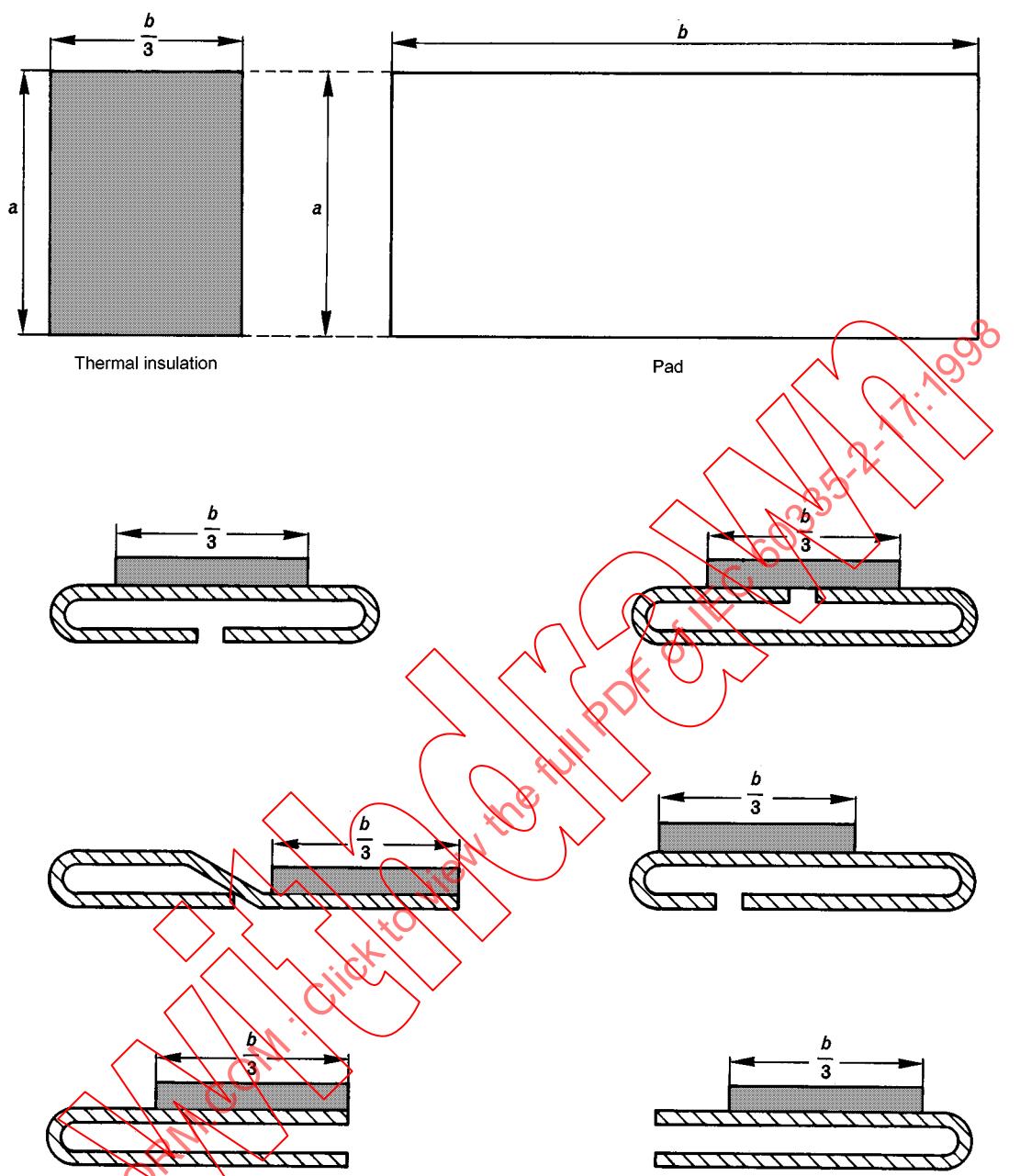


Figure 108 – Examples of the position of the thermal insulation on folded pads

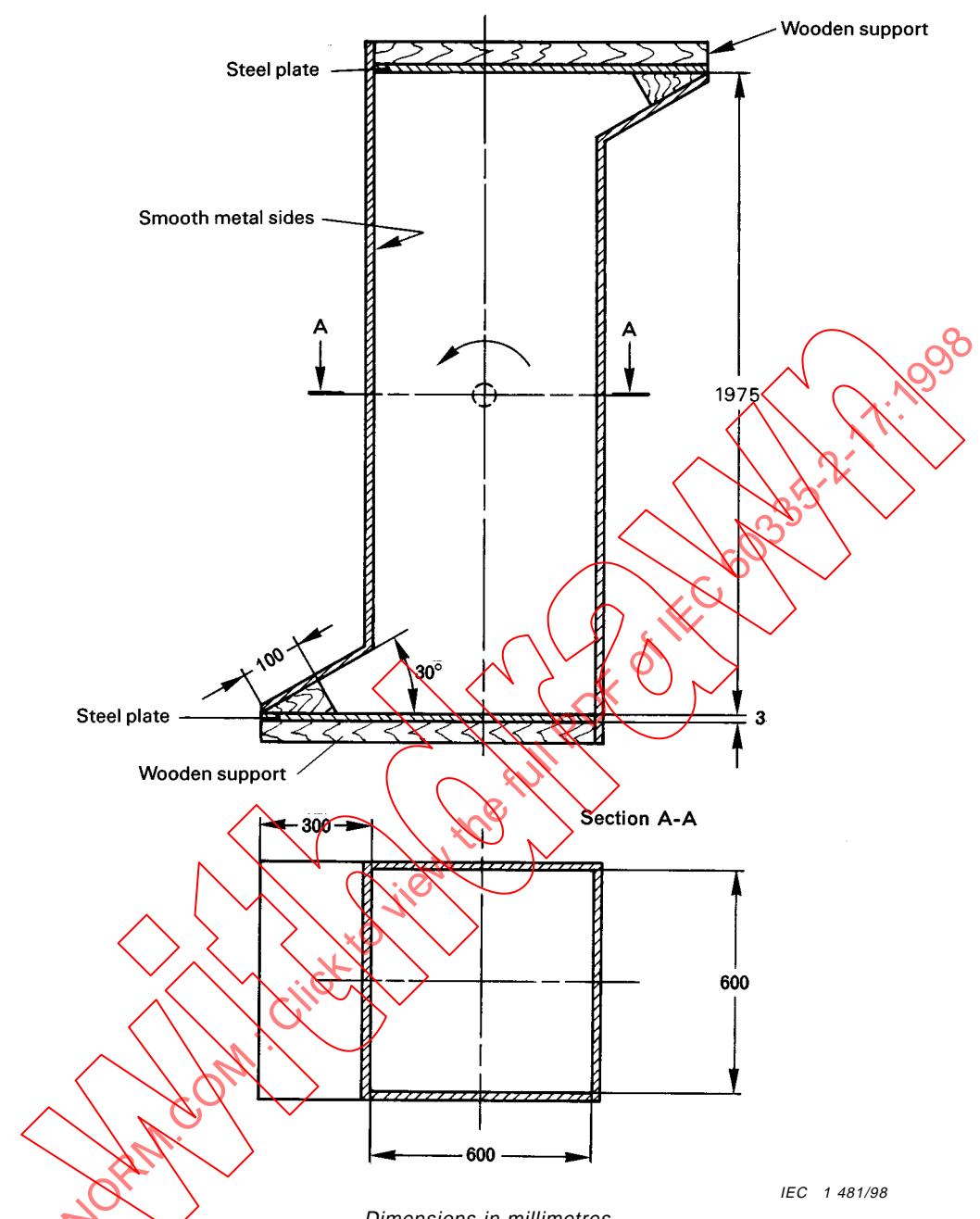


Figure 109 – Tumbling barrel for testing the mechanical strength of pads

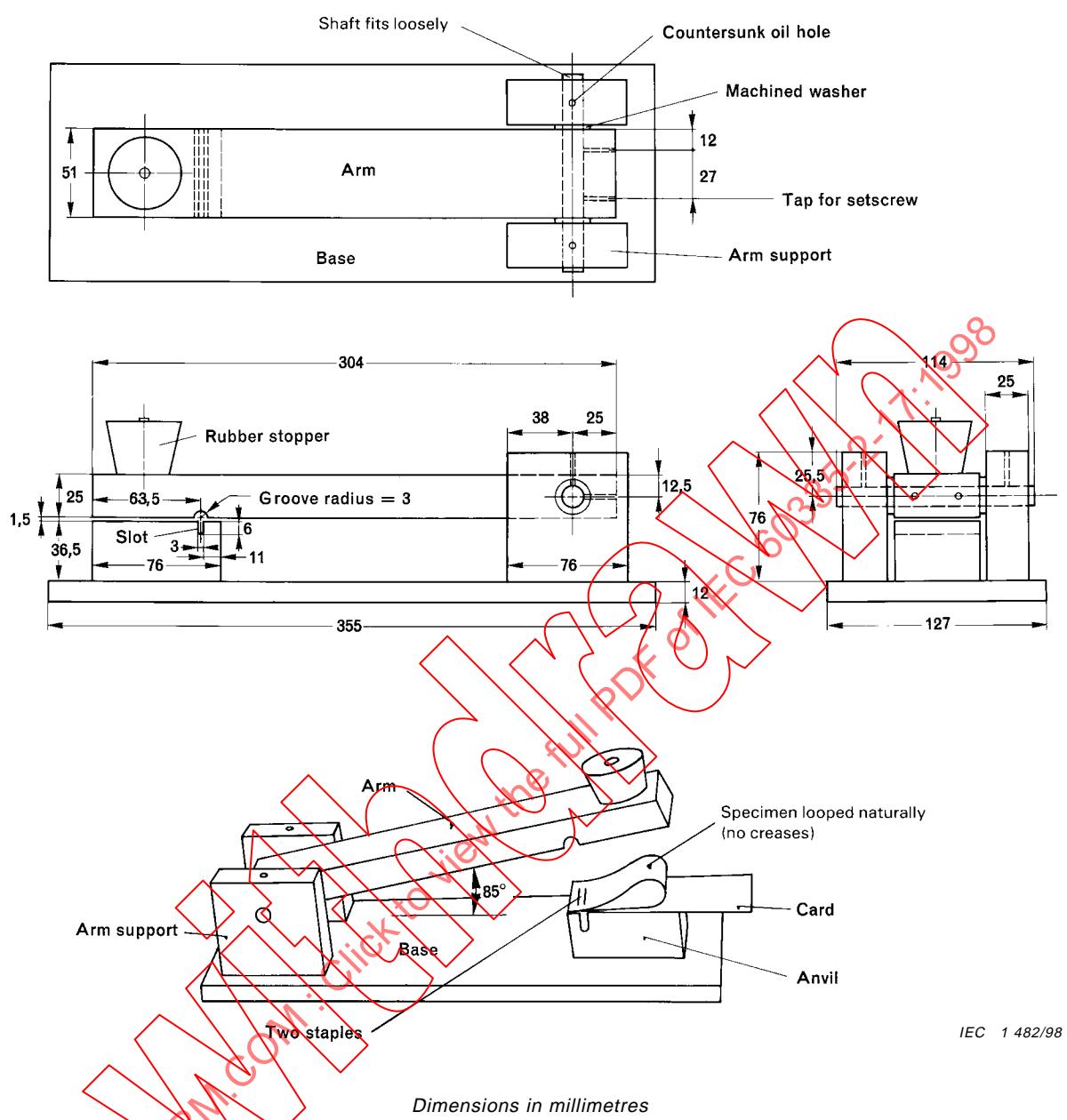


Figure 110 – Impact apparatus for testing enclosures of moisture-proof appliances

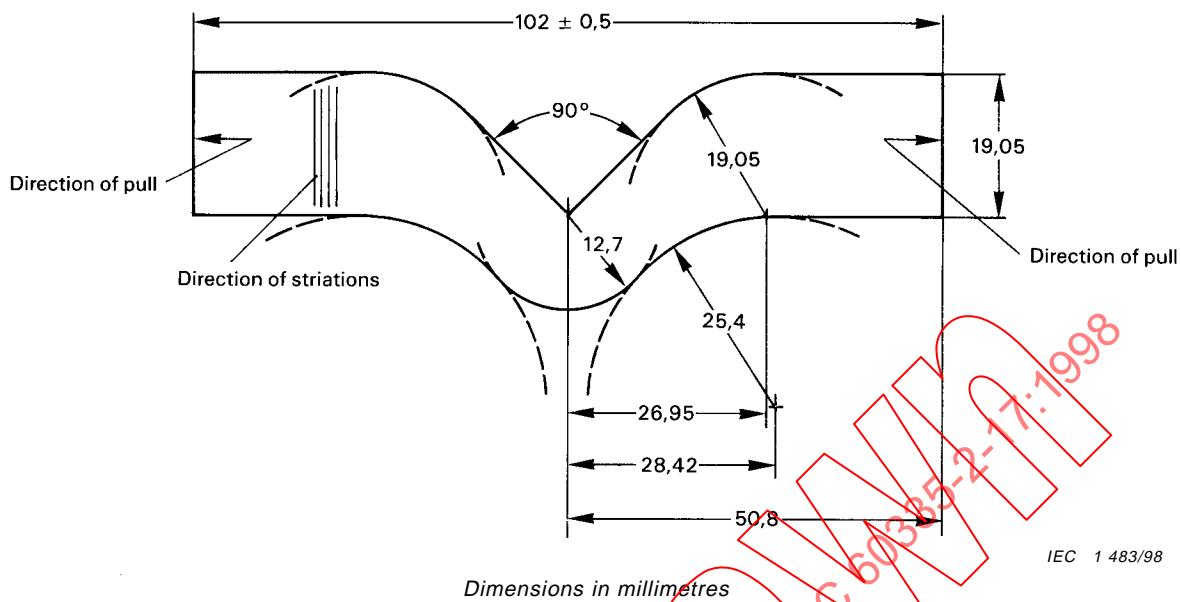
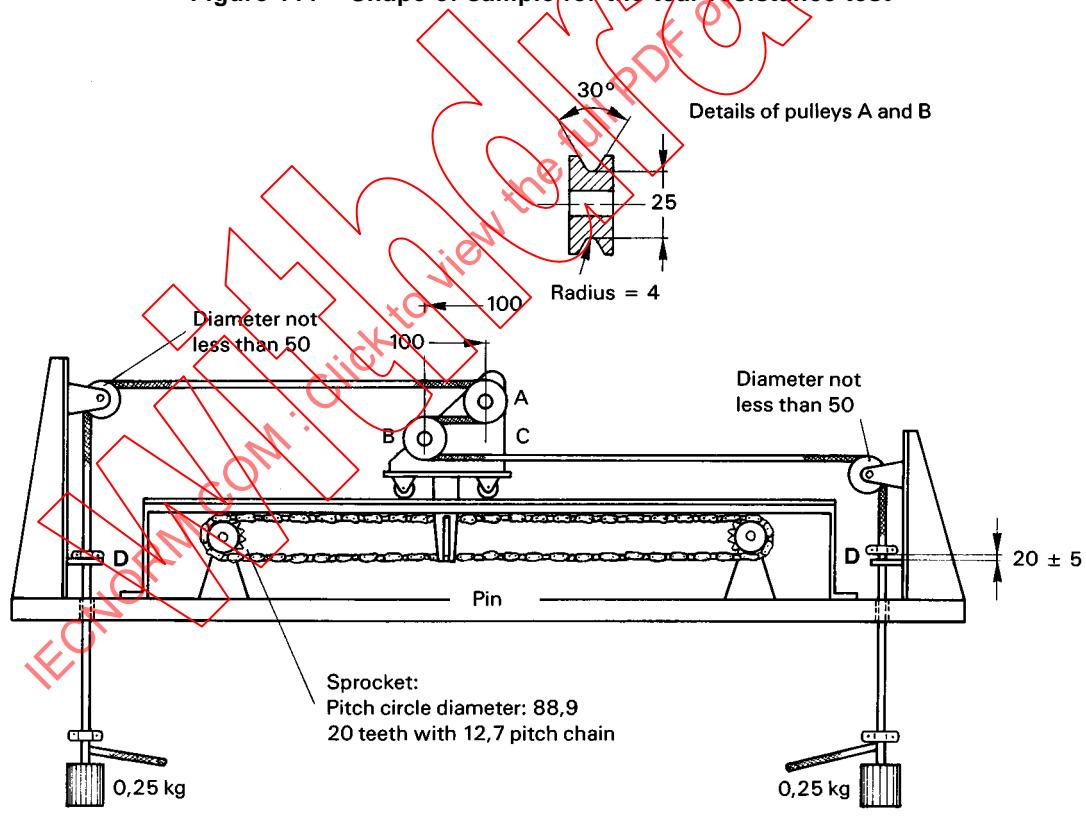


Figure 111 – Shape of sample for the tear resistance test



Dimensions in millimetres

Figure 112 – Apparatus for flexing heating elements and internal wiring