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Question

More and more part 2 standards of IEC 60335-1 are specifying temperature rise limits for externally accessible surfaces, typically in "Table 101", or in "Table 102" if there already exists a Table 101.

However, Table 3 of IEC 60335-1 also provides temperature rise limits for "external enclosure of motor-operated appliances except handles held in normal use", which results in some surfaces having multiple limits of allowable temperature rise.

For motor-operated appliances, which limits apply, Table 3 or Table 101?

Decision

Both limits shall apply. The more stringent requirement from Table 3 and Table 101 applies for any accessible enclosure surface.

It is important to note that surfaces that are exempted from measurement and limits in Table 101 may not be exempted from measurement and limits in Table 3.

Explanatory notes

Motor-operated appliances have had temperature rise limits since the first edition of IEC 60335-1 (then called IEC 335-1). At the time, the entry in what is now called Table 3 was, "external enclosure of appliances without heating elements, except handles held in normal use."

The introduction of temperature rise limits for externally accessible surfaces was intended to bring the part 2 standards into alignment with IEC Guide 117, but it was not intended that some surfaces that were previously monitored and limited according to Table 3 would become exempted and no longer monitored.

When the part 2 standards in the IEC 60335 series introduced temperature rise limits for externally accessible surfaces, some surfaces were intentionally exempted from measurement. An example of this for motor-operated appliances is surfaces that are inaccessible to a 75 mm diameter probe with a hemispherical end. Such surfaces do not have

a temperature rise limit in the part 2's due to the notes in Table 101, but are subjected to a temperature rise limit in the part 1.

Note: IEC 60335-2-2 Edition 6.2 includes text that is not in alignment with the explanation above. Readers may wish to consider the anticipated Edition 7 changes by referring to 61/5574/CDV and 61/5684A/RVC.