

EN 61010-1, 3rd Edition

Quick Tips: Changes from 2nd to 3rd Edition



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EN 61010, 3rd Edition: The new standard was published in June 2010 and serves as a replacement for the 2nd Edition (published in 2001). Intertek is fully equipped to partner with you through your transition from the 2nd to the 3rd Edition – we help you navigate the standard revisions and applicable safety requirements.

Effective Compliance Deadline for Europe: Laboratory equipment that only requires certification to the general standard EN 61010-1 must demonstrate conformity to the 3rd edition by **October 1, 2013**.

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Clause 6 – Key Changes

Clause 6.5:

- New allowance for products with permanently-attached supply cords
- New test for transformers with a protective bonding screen

Clause 6.7:

- Requirements moved and sections renamed/redefined
- New requirements for layered PWBs, molded and potted parts, and thin-film insulation
- Table 4 now starts at <150 V; Distances are the same
- New clarification for secondary circuits' test voltages
- New requirements for the interior of void-free molded parts and multi-layer PWBs
- Working voltage measurements are required to determine the appropriate creepage and clearance values to be used

Clause 6.8:

- Test voltages are no longer based on clearance distances, thus interpolation is no longer needed
- Voltage tests on solid insulation are now 1 minute (used to be 5 seconds)
- New standard for impulse test is now EN 61180-1 (used to be EN 60060), and requires 5 impulses instead of 3

Clause 7 – Key Changes

Clause 7.2:

- Requirements for sharp edges were added

Clause 7.3:

- The requirements for moving parts now include review of risk assessment
- New requirements for 1) limiting forces and pressures and 2) gaps between moving parts

Clause 7.3.5:

- New requirement for load testing on parts supporting heavy loads

Clause 7.4:

- New requirement for support feet and castors

EN 61010, 3rd Edition Expanded Scope

The scope of the standard is expanded to cover the following types of equipment – regardless of where these products may be used.

- Electrical laboratory equipment
- Electrical industrial process-control equipment

Clause 8 – Key Changes

- Introduces risk assessment as a means of identifying the levels of energy the equipment must resist during mechanical stress testing
- Added the IK rating as a means to identify the degree of protection required for the enclosure referencing EN 62262

Clause 10 – Key Changes

- Surface temperature limits were modified to align with EN 563

Clause 11 – Key Changes

- Leakage and rupture at high pressure is checked by inspection – if a hazard could arise by test, then test values are lower
- Fluids now defined more clearly as including both liquids and gases
- Spillage test now includes aggressive substances (similar to the requirements for IVD equipment covered in EN 61010-2-101)

Clause 12 – Key Changes

- Radiation requirements have been modified to account for the distinction between intended emission and unintended emission

Clause 16 – Key Changes

- New requirements for reasonably foreseeable misuse and ergonomic aspects

Clause 17 – NEW!

- Added to deal with hazards and environments not covered by the standard, along with the new informative Annex J dealing with risk assessment
- Requires a review of the manufacturer's risk assessment file as part of the overall evaluation of the product

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