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PRODUCT SAFETY PRINCIPLES

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This presentation addresses many of the more common pitfalls. The standard is always the primary and final resource.





Product Safety Principles



- Importance of the Standard
- Common Hazards
- Specific Hazards for Medical and 62368-1
- Risk Assessment
- Designing for Safety
- Product Submission
- Summary





We have many documents for guidance during the evaluation and testing process, but ultimately the standard has the final say.

Manufacturers should obtain the applicable standards for each desired region (US, Canada, Europe, International) and be aware of updates and revisions.

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Hazards Related to Safety





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- Electric Shock
 - Fire
 - Heat

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- Mechanical
 - Radiation
 - Chemical

Hazards – Electric Shock

- Electric shock is the physiological reaction or injury caused by electric current passing through the (human) body.
- Generalized

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- Voltage paired with current too little voltage or too little current reduces electric shock even if the other parameter is high.
- Common Sources
 - Energized bare conductive parts
 - Breakdown of insulation

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Inappropriate spacings between parts





Hazards – Electric Shock



Reducing risk in your product

- Preventing user access
 - Provide an enclosure (Non-metallic or grounded metal)
 - Minimize openings
- Protecting accessible surfaces and ports from conducting hazardous voltage or current
 - Earth/Ground

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Double insulation



Electric Shock – 62368-1 and Medical

62368-1 has three categories of electric shock hazards:

- ES1: Below 60VDC, 30Vrms, or 2mA (in most cases)
- ES2: Between ES1 and 120VDC, 50Vrms, or 25mA
- ES3: Any voltage/current combination that exceeds the voltage and current of ES2

Each level corresponds to the amount of protection required.

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Other considerations for Medical products:

- More stringent voltage/current requirements for parts that contact the patient.
- Extra protection against overvoltages and short-circuits

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Hazards – Fire



Fire can be caused by:

- Excessive temperature
- Component failure
- Insulation breakdown

- Loose connections
- Ignition of atmospheric materials







Ways to prevent a fire hazard

- Design so that no overheating element or electrical fault can cause a fire
- Use construction materials that have appropriate flammability properties
- Limit the quantity of combustible materials used
- Design an enclosure that can contain a fire if it occurs



Hazards – Fire

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Design so that no overheating element or electrical fault can cause a fire

- Use certified overtemperature protection devices
 - Thermostat regulating control
 - Thermal cutout protective control
- Plan the board layout with adequate spacing to prevent short-circuits
- Add fuses to minimize the fault current
- Use only certified components, and stay within their ratings







Hazards – Fire



Use constructional materials that have appropriate flammability properties

- Printed Circuit Boards V-1 or better
 - As tested according to UL 94 or IEC 60695
- Components:
 - Connectors
 - Conductors
 - Barriers
- Enclosures:
 - Metallic, or non-metallic with proper ratings
 - Placement, size, and number of openings





Fire – 62368-1 and Medical



Other considerations for medical products:

- Use in oxygen-rich environments or with flammable anesthetic mixtures
- Compliance with either constructional requirements or fault conditions

62368-1 has three different categories of fire hazards:

- PS1: available power does not exceed 15W after 3s
- PS2: between 15W and 100W after 5s.
- PS3: exceeds PS2, or the power source has not been classified

62368-1 also has additional testing for batteries, even if they are already certified.

Hazard - Heat



High temperatures in normal operating conditions may cause:

- burns from contact with high temperature accessible parts
- degradation of insulation and of safety-critical components used outside of their temperature ranges

Risks can be reduced by:

- Not allowing accessible parts to reach high temperatures
 - Fans and/or vents
 - Heat sinks or heat pipes
 - Coolant

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Hazard - Heat



If heat is produced for functional purposes:

- Mechanical guards to prevent contact
- Proper use of markings/warnings
- Safety interlocks

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Heat – 62368-1 and Medical



62368-1 has three different categories for heat/thermal hazards:

- TS1, TS2, and TS3
- Owning the standard will assist you in understanding the limits & requirements of these classifications
- Each category has different temperature limits for various materials, and different requirements for protection.

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Medical has very strict requirements regarding touch temperatures.

There is an assumption that the patient may not be able to react or tell the operator that the applied part is "hot" or uncomfortable.

Max temperature of 41°C (105.8°F) on applied parts (parts that are required to touch the patient in operation).



Injury may result from:

- Sharp edges and corners
- Moving parts (both striking and pinching)
- Equipment instability
- Falling (if wall- or ceiling-mounted, or handheld)
- Failure of supports



Hazards – Mechanical



Risks can be reduced by

- Rounding of sharp edges and corners
- Providing guards, alarms, or interlocks for moving parts
- Providing sufficient stability for freestanding equipment by ensuring a low aspect ratio or low center of gravity
- Providing markings to warn users where access to mechanical hazards is unavoidable
- Proper mounting and mounting instructions





Mechanical – 62368-1 and Medical



62368-1 has three different categories for mechanical hazards:

- MS1, MS2, MS3
- Examples:
 - Mass ≥ 25kg is MS3
 - Wall-mounted higher than 2m is MS3 (regardless of mass)
 - Moving parts, edges, or corner that do not cause pain or injury are MS1
 - Fans require calculations based on their blade material and dimensions to determine classification

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The mechanical requirements of 60601-1 are largely similar to those of other standards.

Medical includes equipment that supports the patient or operator – entirely or partially.

Medical equipment is more likely to be moved while in service so there are more requirements for mobile equipment.

Hazards - Radiation

Types of radiation hazards

- Sonic (acoustic and ultrasound)
- Infrared
- Ultraviolet and ionizing radiation
- Lasers and LEDs

Risks can be reduced by

- Limiting exposure
 - Full enclosure

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- Radiation blocking material
- Interlocks

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• Reducing the energy levels

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- FDA CFR 1040 required for US certifications
- IEC 60825-1 required for CB certifications
- Some standards require componentlevel and end-product level certifications







Radiation – 62368-1 and Medical

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62368-1 has three classifications for radiation hazards:

- RS1, RS2, RS3
- Examples:

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- Class 1 Lasers are RS1
- Invisible Class 3R, Class 3B, and Class 4 lasers are RS3
- Most LEDs are RS1
- X-rays emitting between 36pA/kg and 185pA/kg are RS2
- Speakers emitting >100dB(A) are RS3

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IEC 62368-1 requires end-product certification to IEC 60825 if the equipment contains lasers.

60601-1 includes additional types of radiation – particle, microwave, and infrared.

Medical considers the possibility of radiation (especially x-radiation) being used for therapeutic or treatment purposes

Radiation is typically where justification occurs for necessary hazardous output – treatment often relies on "higher than safe" amounts of radiation.

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Hazards – Chemical





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Risks

- Burns
- Inhalation
- Reaction with electronics

Prevention

- Utilize a spill proof enclosure (internally or externally)
- Avoid conditions likely to cause leakage or vaporization
- Warning markings





Chemical – 62368-1 and Medical



62368-1 does *not* classify hazardous substances according to "energy source levels" like other hazards.

Defines <u>hazardous substance</u> as a "substance that has the potential for adversely impacting human health"

Specifically addresses ozone, PPE, and batteries but has general requirements for all "hazardous substances"

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Medical has largely the same chemical/hazardous substance requirements as other standards, with emphasis on exposure of the patient.

Biocompatibility of applied parts is an additional consideration.



Risk Assessment



- The majority of 61010-1 (Laboratory or Measurement) equipment and ALL medical equipment require a Risk Assessment
- The risk assessment will capture all aspects of the product which can cause harm, including harm caused by user error or reasonably foreseeable misuse.
- Risk Assessment submitted early in the project reduces delays due to developing the assessment or unforeseen additional testing.
- 62368-1 requires identification and classification of energy sources and hazards. This is not a Risk Assessment but serves a similar purpose.



Risk Assessment



The core of the risk assessment is the risk analysis. This list contains the following information:

- Each part or mistake that can cause a hazard
- Ranking based on severity and likelihood
- Decision on whether risk mitigation is necessary (via component, warning, etc) and how to mitigate
- Evaluation and ranking of the reduction in risk
- If needed: justification for higher-risk items that are required for proper function

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RISK ELEMENTS		
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- Own and be familiar with applicable standards
- Identify potential hazards and risks
- Choose certified and appropriately rated safety-critical components (known as "safeguards" in 62368-1)
- Obtain certification records and reports for certified components

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- Proper spacings and insulation
- Minimize openings in enclosure
- Perform risk assessment and analysis – don't forget intentional misuse!
- User manual and installation manual

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Critical components

- Critical Components are any component that affects safety
- Examples:
 - Components in the mains circuit
 - Bridging insulation (i.e. transformers)
 - Fans and other Motors
 - Batteries/Battery protection circuits
 - Thermal regulators
 - Fuses
 - Safety interlocks

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Power supplies (internal or external)

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- Uncertified critical components require additional time and money!

Whenever possible, use certified components – in particular, components certified for the intended market (North America, Europe, International).

ALWAYS use components which meet or exceed the end product ratings.



Markings and Analysis of Certified Components

- For US and Canada components have been tested by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), and undergo annual surveillance
- For international certification components have been tested by a CB accredited test lab
- For European evaluations components need to have a CE mark
- Materials are controlled



If Critical Components aren't Certified:

- In some cases, MET can investigate the component to the applicable standard → additional cost
- MET may require the component to have special dielectric strength test(s) in addition to the factory test of the end product → longer production time
- MET will require that the component be annually inspected → additional cost

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There's no guarantee that the component will pass the investigation





Plastics and Printed Wiring Boards

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- Certified to UL 796 for the circuit board
- Plastics tested to UL 746 and/or UL 94
 - Flammability V-2, V-1, V-0 or 5VA, depending on the standard or the application
 - Temperature rating to ensure that the properties of the material will hold at the product's internal ambient
 - Special requirements apply to use of conductive coatings
- MET does not perform this testing or certification, which means extra time and cost for subcontracting







Overcurrent Protection Devices

- Examples:
 - Fuses
 - Circuit breakers

- Positive thermal coefficient devices
- Purpose:
 - Prevent situations where too much current flows into the device
 - Excess current can cause fire, high touch temperatures, or electrical hazards



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Designing for Safety

The Enclosure

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- What is the purpose of the enclosure? -
 - Mechanical protection
 - Electrical protection
 - Fire hazard protection

Select materials that satisfy

- The mechanical tests of the standard
- **Mechanical strength**
- **Flammability requirements**

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- **Exposure to environmental elements if** applicable
- Safeguard requirements of 62368-1





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The enclosure openings

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- Large enough for cooling

- Small enough to prevent entry
- No openings in the bottom or under fire hazards without mesh
- Far enough from internal conductive objects to prevent electric shock or bridging of components







Circuit Separation / Spacings (or, Creepage and Clearance)



Circuit boards and all areas with conductive parts and bare live parts need to meet the standard's spacing requirements

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Circuit Separation / Spacings

- Points to consider:

- Clearance measurement of spacings through air
- Creepage measurement of spacings along the non-conductive surface
- What are the circuit types in your product (mains, SELV, TNV, etc.)?
- What is the maximum altitude the product is designed to operate in? [Typically 2000m or less extra requirements if higher]
- Understand the nature of the voltages involved (AC or DC)
- Special requirements apply where conductive coating has been used







Product Markings and Documentation

- Each standard will have its own requirements for markings and documentation
- Common markings:
 - Electrical ratings

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- Model and manufacturer name or logo
- Safety warnings (text or symbols)
- Certification mark (MET mark, CE)
- All products need user/operating instructions
- Medical and 61010-1 projects have stringent documentation requirements









What does MET need?

- Product sample multiple samples may be needed
- Support equipment for maximum load
- All support documents
 - User manual
 - Service manual (if separate from user manual)
- Bill of materials (BOM)

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- List of safety critical components
- Datasheets and certifications for critical components

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Submitting a Product for Investigation



What does Eurofins MET do for the evaluation process?

- Construction review
 - Does it meet the standard?
- Component review
 - Does every component have the proper ratings and certifications?
- Testing as required for the particular product
- Provide findings as necessary





Findings Report

- A list of non-compliant items discovered during the safety investigation
- Three examples of non-compliances
 - Materials and components (e.g., improper ratings or component certifications)
 - Failed tests

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• Documentation, labelling, and missing information

Most non-compliances can be easily solved!



Submitting a Product for Investigation

Expert Services

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- No need to build or submit first and then
- We're prepared to provide guidance
 - Initial technical assessment
 - Review product for any potential non-complia
 - Review of drawings, BOMs, schematics
 - Common pitfalls for your type of product









For listings or recognitions in the American and Canadian markets, there is more than just the evaluation and testing:

Initial factory and quality system inspection

• Biannual or quarterly factory/quality system inspections

• Annual review of uncertified components



Summary



- Own a copy of the standard (very highly suggested!)
- Identify the hazards (and the associated safeguards) relating to the product
- Choose certified critical components that are properly rated for the application
- Design enclosure(s) taking the hazards into account
- Design for the appropriate spacing and insulation requirements of the standard

Develop a user manual and service manual if applicable
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Summary



The Ultimate Goal

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