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AS/NZS 60335.2.25:2011**HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES –
SAFETY –****Part 2.25: Particular requirements for microwave ovens,
including combination microwave ovens****Foreword**

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-002- Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances and Small Power Transformers to supersede AS/NZS 60335.2.25:2002 three years from the date of publication. During this period it is anticipated that regulatory authorities will approve microwave ovens, including combination microwave ovens to either standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide manufacturers, designers, regulatory authorities, testing laboratories and similar organizations with safety requirements designed to give the user protection against hazards that might occur during normal operation and abnormal operation of the appliance and which may be used as the basis for approval for sale or for connection to the electricity supply mains in Australia and New Zealand

The text of IEC 60335-2-25 Ed 6, prepared by IEC Technical Committee 61, was submitted to the Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Combined Procedure (dual public comment and committee vote) for adoption of the IEC standard as a Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand joint standard.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications of the sixth edition of IEC 60335-2-25, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-25: Particular requirements for microwave ovens, including combination microwave ovens*. It has been varied as indicated to take account of Australian and New Zealand conditions.

This part 2 has to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of AS/NZS 60335.1 *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements* and its Amendments. It was established on the basis of AS/NZS 60335.1:2002.

The principal changes with respect to the previous edition are as follows (minor changes are not listed):

- the scope is extended by microwave ovens on board ships and Annex BB contains requirements and test specifications for microwave ovens on board ships;
- the scope and the requirements for the instructions are modified for better separation between “household and similar use” and “commercial use”;
- the scope is modified so that this International Standard does not take into account persons whose capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction and children playing with the appliance;
- the intended use is defined for clarification;
- the door endurance test is rationalised;
- the replacement of 22.103, 22.104 and 22.105 allows interlock systems with at least one concealed door interlock as well as alternative interlock systems without concealed door interlock;
- the tests on electronic door interlock systems and similar are defined for clarification;
- the pollution degree of combination microwave ovens is defined for clarification;

- the thickness requirement for sheaths of visibly glowing heating elements of combination microwave ovens is defined for clarification;
- there is an editorial correction of Clause 19 of Annex AA.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of AS/NZS 60335.1 so as to convert it into the Australian/New Zealand Standard: Safety requirements for microwave ovens, including combination microwave ovens.

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 of Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.

NOTE 1 The following numbering system is used:

- subclauses, tables and figures that are numbered starting from 101 are additional to those in Part 1;
- unless notes are in a new subclause or involve notes in Part 1, they are numbered starting from 101, including those in a replaced clause or subclause;
- additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc.;
- subclauses, notes and annexes that are additional to those in the IEC standard are prefixed with the letters AZ.

NOTE 2 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 3.

p NOTE 3 In this document, p is used in the margin to indicate instructions for preparing a consolidated version.

The essential safety requirements in AS/NZS 3820¹ that could be applicable to requirements for microwave ovens, including combination microwave ovens are covered by this standard.

The national variations to the IEC 60335-2-25 Ed 6 form the Australian and New Zealand national variations for purposes of the IECEE scheme for recognition of results of testing to standards for safety of electrical equipment (the CB scheme).

There are no national variations from the IEC Standard from which this standard is adopted, other than those listed in the national variations to AS/NZS 60335.1:2011 or Annex ZZ to AS/NZS 60335.1:2002 as appropriate.

¹ AS/NZS 3820 *Essential safety requirements for electrical equipment*

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FOREWORD

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This part of International Standard IEC 60335 has been prepared by subcommittee 61B: Safety of microwave ovens, of IEC technical committee 61: Safety of household and similar electrical appliances.

This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition published in 2002 including its Amendment 1 (2005) and Amendment 2 (2006). It constitutes a technical revision.

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- the thickness requirement for sheaths of visibly glowing heating elements of combination microwave ovens is defined for clarification;
- there is an editorial correction of Clause 19 of Annex AA.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
61B/417/FDIS	61B/425/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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 fourth edition (2001) of that standard.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to IEC 60335-1.

This part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 60335-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements for microwave ovens, including combination microwave ovens.*

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.

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A list of all parts of the IEC 60335 series, under the general title: *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or

- amended.

NOTE 4 The attention of National Committees is drawn to the fact that equipment manufacturers and testing organizations may need a transitional period following publication of a new, amended or revised IEC publication in which to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests.

It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months or later than 36 months from the date of publication.

The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 5.3: Microwave leakage is not to exceed 10 W/m² during the initial test (Japan and USA).
- 6.1: Microwave ovens may be class 0I if the rated voltage does not exceed more than 150 V (Japan).
- 7.12: Specific instructions exist pertaining to using and servicing microwave ovens with respect to the risk of exposure to microwave energy (USA).
- 7.12: It is prohibited to place the appliance in a cabinet with a door (Japan).
- Clause 18: The test is carried out on two appliances (USA).
- 19.11.2: The input voltage variation is not applied (USA).
- 19.13: Microwave leakage is measured only at the end of each test (USA).
- 21.102: The applied force is 222 N (USA).
- 21.105: Microwave leakage is not to exceed 50 W/m² (Japan and USA).
- 22.111: Microwave leakage is measured only at the end of the test (USA).
- 22.112: Microwave leakage is not to exceed 50 W/m² (Japan and USA).
- 22.115: All access to the cavity has to be prevented (USA).

INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 1 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 2 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features which impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

An appliance employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in the requirements of this standard may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be considered to comply with the standard.

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-25: Particular requirements for microwave ovens, including combination microwave ovens

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of **microwave ovens** for household and similar use, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V.

This standard also deals with **combination microwave ovens**, for which Annex AA is applicable.

This standard also deals with **microwave ovens** intended to be used on board ships, for which Annex BB is applicable.

Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard. However, if the appliance is intended to be used professionally to process food for commercial purposes, the appliance is not considered to be for household and similar use only.

As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account

- persons (including children) whose
 - physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or
 - lack of experience and knowledgeprevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction;
- children playing with the appliance.

NOTE 101 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;
- 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 102 This standard does not apply to

- commercial **microwave ovens** (IEC 60335-2-90)
- industrial microwave heating equipment (IEC 60519-6)
- appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601)
- 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).