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National Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Lightning Protection under the purview of the Electrical and Electronic Standards Committee.

The review of CP 33 : 1996 – ‘Code of practice for lightning protection’ resulted in the development of SS 555 which comprises the following parts under the general title ‘Code of practice for protection against lightning’:

- Part 1: General principles
- Part 2: Risk management
- Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard
- Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures

The four parts replace CP 33 : 1996.

SS 555 : Part 3 : 2010 is a modified adoption of International Standard IEC 62305-3 : 2006 (Edition 1.0), ‘Protection against lightning – Physical damage to structures and life hazard’. It provides requirements for the protection of a structure against physical damage by means of a lightning protection system (LPS). It also provides requirements for protection of living beings in the vicinity of an LPS against injuries caused by touch or step voltages.

Attention is drawn to the following:

1. Where the words ‘International Standard’ appear, they should be read as ‘Singapore Standard’.
2. The reference to International Standards shall be replaced by the following Singapore Standards:

International Standard	Corresponding Singapore Standard
IEC 62305	SS 555
IEC 62305-1	SS 555-1
IEC 62305-2	SS 555-2
IEC 62305-3	SS 555-3
IEC 62305-4	SS 555-4

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4. The modifications to the International Standard IEC 62305-3 are given in Annex ZA. To facilitate identification, the affected text of the International Standard which is to be changed is indicated by a vertical line in the left margin.

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In addition, Singapore’s lightning intensity information is included in SS 555 : Part 1 : 2010 to provide the user with data for risk management calculation which is essential for the appropriate design of a lightning protection system.

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PROTECTION AGAINST LIGHTNING –

Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard

FOREWORD

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- IEC 61024-1, first edition (1990).
- IEC 61024-1-2, first edition (1998).

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IEC 62305 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Protection against lightning*:

Part 1: General principles

Part 2: Risk management

Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard

Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures

Part 5: Services¹

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In the United States, based on the requirements of NFPA 780: Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems 2004 Edition and practical experience in the use of horizontal earth electrodes, the minimum length of horizontal earth electrodes is not required to be twice that required for vertical electrodes.

In France, Portugal and Spain:

- natural components cannot substitute as lightning protection components but may be used to complete/enhance the LPS;
- aluminium solid round diameters should be extended from 8 mm to 10 mm;
- stranded conductors cannot be used as down-conductors;
- diameter of solid round conductors should be extended from 16 mm to 18 mm;
- hot dip galvanized steel solid tape thickness should be extended from 2 mm to 3,5 mm.

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62305 deals with the protection, in and around a structure, against physical damage and injury to living beings due to touch and step voltages.

The main and most effective measure for protection of structures against physical damage is considered to be the lightning protection system (LPS). It usually consists of both external and internal lightning protection systems.

An external LPS is intended to:

- a) intercept a lightning flash to the structure (with an air-termination system);
- b) conduct the lightning current safely towards earth (using a down-conductor system);
- c) disperse the lightning current into the earth (using an earth-termination system).

An internal LPS prevents dangerous sparking within the structure using either equipotential bonding or a separation distance (and hence electrical insulation) between the external LPS (as defined in 3.2) components and other electrically conducting elements internal to the structure.

Main protection measures against injury to living beings due to touch and step voltages are intended to:

- 1) reduce the dangerous current flowing through bodies by insulating exposed conductive parts, and/or by increasing the surface soil resistivity;
- 2) reduce the occurrence of dangerous touch and step voltages by physical restrictions and/or warning notices.

The type and location of an LPS should be carefully considered in the initial design of a new structure, thereby enabling maximum advantage to be taken of the electrically conductive parts of the structure. By doing so, design and construction of an integrated installation is made easier, the overall aesthetic aspects can be improved, and the effectiveness of the LPS can be increased at minimum cost and effort.

Access to the ground and the proper use of foundation steelwork for the purpose of forming an effective earth termination may well be impossible once construction work on a site has commenced. Therefore, soil resistivity and the nature of the earth should be considered at the earliest possible stage of a project. This information is fundamental to the design of an earth-termination system and may influence the foundation design work for the structure.

Regular consultation between LPS designers and installers, architects and builders is essential in order to achieve the best result at minimum cost.

If lightning protection is to be added to an existing structure, every effort should be made to ensure that it conforms to the principles of this standard. The design of the type and location of an LPS should take into account the features of the existing structure.

PROTECTION AGAINST LIGHTNING –

Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62305 provides the requirements for protection of a structure against physical damage by means of a lightning protection system (LPS), and for protection against injury to living beings due to touch and step voltages in the vicinity of an LPS (see IEC 62305-1).

This standard is applicable to:

- a) design, installation, inspection and maintenance of an LPS for structures without limitation of their height;
- b) establishment of measures for protection against injury to living beings due to touch and step voltages.

NOTE 1 Specific requirements for an LPS in structures dangerous to their surroundings due to the risk of explosion are under consideration. Additional information is provided in Annex D for use in the interim.

NOTE 2 This part of IEC 62305 is not intended to provide protection against failures of electrical and electronic systems due to overvoltages. Specific requirements for such cases are provided in IEC 62305-4.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60079-10:2002, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 10: Classification of hazardous areas*

IEC 60079-14:2002, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 14: Electrical installations in hazardous areas (other than mines)*

IEC 61241-10:2004, *Electrical apparatus for use in the presence of combustible dust – Part 10: Classification of areas where combustible dusts are or may be present*

IEC 61241-14:2004, *Electrical apparatus for use in the presence of combustible dust – Part 14: Selection and installation*

IEC 61643-12:2002, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Part 12: Surge protective devices connected to low voltage power distribution systems – Selection and application principles*

IEC 62305-1, *Protection against lightning – Part 1: General principles*

IEC 62305-2, *Protection against lightning – Part 2: Risk management*

IEC 62305-4, *Protection against lightning – Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures*