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**Title:** **Draft ExTAG Decision Sheet – Whether the non-metallic external fans of rotating electric machines are subjected to ultraviolet light resistance test**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This document, ExTAG/698/CD, Draft ExTAG Decision Sheet – Whether the non-metallic external fans of rotating electric machines are subjected to ultraviolet light resistance test, has been prepared by CNEx, PRC, and is issued for consideration by ExTAG.

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| Standard:  IEC 60079-0 (Ed 7) | **Clause:**  7.3, 17.2.2 | **Draft Decision Sheet:** |
| **Subject:**   * Whether the non-metallic external fans of rotating electric machines are subjected to ultraviolet light resistance test   **Status of document:**  **Draft** | **Key words:**   * Resistance to ultraviolet light * Materials for external fans | Date: 2023 01 12 **Originator of proposal:** CNE  **TC/SC involved: IEC/**TC31 WG 22 |
| **Background**  For Group II or Group III rotating electric machines, where not otherwise protected from exposure to UV light, a test of resistance of the material to ultraviolet light shall be made if the enclosure or parts of the enclosure, upon which the type of protection depends, are made of non-metallic materials.  The external fan impeller, fan hoods, and ventilation screens manufactured from non-metallic materials shall comply with Clause 7.  **Question**  For Group II or Group III rotating electric machines, is a non-metallic material external fan protected by a fan hoods required to perform a UV light resistance test?  **Answer**  Clause 17.2.1 of IEC 60079-0:2017 stipulates that the degree of protection (IP) of the vent for rotating electric machines is at least IP20 at the air inlet and IP10 at the air outlet. The non-metallic external fan of the rotating electric machines is protected by a fan hoods, and the mesh of the fan hoods meets the requirements of IP20.  Clause 7.3 NOTE 1 of IEC 60079-0:2017 stipulates that Internal parts of enclosures, not directly exposed to UV light, do not generally suffer a deleterious effect. The external fan is not directly exposed to ultraviolet light, and the ultraviolet light resistance test is not required. | | |