

LIA LABORATORY DECISION SHEET

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Question

Can be luminaire connected to earth via independent controlgear?

Decision

As it is specified in EN 60598-1, cl. 7.2.1:

'It is allowed to earth built-in control gear by means of fixing the control gear to earthed metal parts of the luminaire. Connection to protective earthing of the luminaire via the built-in control gear is not allowed.'

There is no any mention in EN 60598-1 about connection of the luminaire body to earth via the independent controlgear.

But EN 61347-1, cl. 9.5 specifies

'Independent lamp controlgear may have earthing terminals that allow the onward earth connection to other equipment in the installation. For looping or through connection, the conductor shall have a minimum cross-section of 1,5 mm2 and be of copper, or an equivalent conductive material shall be used. Protective earthing wires within the luminaire shall be in line with 5.3.1.1 and Section 7 of IEC 60598-1:2014. For looping-through, a minimum cross section of 1,5 mm2 is required.'

Explanatory Notes

Yes, if independent controlgear has got earthing terminal that allows the onward earth connection to luminaire. Luminaire with such construction has to fulfill all relevant requrements as specified in EN 60598-1 (e.g. section 7, section 4.11, 4.12, section 14 / section 15, etc.).

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