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The requirements are arranged into four clauses as follows:

- Clause 442 Protection of low-voltage installations against temporary overvoltages due to earth faults in the high-voltage system and due to faults in the low-voltage system
- Clause 443 Protection against transient overvoltages of atmospheric origin or due to switching
- Clause 444 Measures against electromagnetic influences
- Clause 445 Protection against undervoltage

LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

Part 4-44: Protection for safety – Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances

440 Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances

440.1 Scope

~~The rules of~~ This part of IEC 60364 ~~are intended to provide~~ provides requirements for the safety of electrical installations in the event of voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances generated for different specified reasons.

The ~~rules~~ requirements of this document are not intended to apply to systems for distribution of energy to the public, or power generation and transmission for such systems (see the scope of IEC 60364-1) although such disturbances ~~may~~ can be conducted into or between electrical installations via these supply systems.

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~~IEC 60050-604:1987, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 604: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – Operation~~

IEC 60364-1, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions*

~~IEC 60364-4-41:2005, Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock~~

IEC 60364-5-52, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems*

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IEC 60364-5-53:20042019/AMD1:20022020

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~~IEC 60479-1:2005, Effects of current on human beings and livestock—Part 1: General aspects~~

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~~IEC 60950-1, Information technology equipment—Safety—Part 1: General requirements~~

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~~IEC 61000-6-1, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)—Part 6-1: Generic standards—Immunity for residential, commercial and light industrial environments~~

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~~IEC 61558-2-4, Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar—Part 2-4: Particular requirements for isolating transformers for general use~~

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ISO/IEC 14763-2:~~2012~~2019, *Information technology – Implementation and operation of customer premises cabling – Part 2: Planning and installation*

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ISO/IEC TR 29106, *Information technology – Generic cabling – Introduction to the MICE environmental classification*

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440.2 Normative references

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