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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) clause numbering aligned with IEC 62271-1:2017, including the adoption of the subclause names of Clause 3;
- b) in Clause 3 specific definitions are added for "in service", "normal operating condition" and "normal use";
- c) internal arc testing on pole-mounted switchgear is taken out of this document, as it is now covered by the specific standard IEC 62271-214:2019;
- d) a more precise description of earthing circuit is given with the inclusion of ratings and test requirements;
- e) number of mechanical tests on interlocks is reduced for type testing; a more precise description of forces to apply during type testing is given (refer to 7.102);
- f) resistance measuring on main circuit is only needed before continuous current tests (as reference for routine tests) and no longer needed after this continuous current test. Rationale for this deletion is that this measured resistance does not mean anything; as the temperature rise test was just finished, a new temperature rise test will not give new information;
- g) IEC 62271-100:2021, IEC 62271-103:2021, IEC 62271-105:2021 and IEC 62271-106:2021 are referred to in the document;
- h) IEC 62271-107:2019 and IEC IEEE 62271-37-013:2015 are also considered in 7.101.2;
- i) a more precise description of LSC category is given with the inclusion of an explanatory flowchart (Annex D);
- j) examples not covered by the IAC test are transferred from Clause 6 to 9.103;
- k) the term "assembly" is defined in Clause 3 and used as synonym for "metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear" in this document;
- l) "metallic" is replaced by "metal" where applicable;
- m) 6.105 is now covered by 7.7;
- n) a 1 s rule was introduced for Criterion 4 during IAC tests regarding hot gases versus glowing particles as cause of ignition;
- o) a more precise description of internal arc tests for switchgear with protrusions is given in Annex A.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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INTRODUCTION

High-voltage (IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-27) switchgear refers to rated voltages above 1 kV. However, medium-voltage is commonly used for distribution systems with rated voltages above 1 kV and generally applied up to and including 52 kV; refer to IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-28 [1]¹.

Although primarily dedicated to three-phase systems, this document can also be applied to single-phase and two-phase systems.

Switchgear and controlgear assemblies having a solid-insulation enclosure are covered by IEC 62271-201.

Generally, gas-filled medium-voltage designs have design pressures below 500 kPa, as mentioned for example in the introduction of EN 50187.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 is applicable to prefabricated metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear assemblies designed for:

- alternating current;
- rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV;
- service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz;
- indoor and outdoor installation.

The assembly can include air-insulated and/or fluid-filled compartments.

For components installed in a metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear, this document supplements or even replaces in some cases, the requirements as stated by the individual product standards.

The list of components which can be inside the metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear is not limited to the ones explicitly cited in this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60050-151, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org>)

IEC 60050-441, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org>)

IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60270:2000, *High-voltage test techniques – Partial discharge measurements*
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IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999
IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

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IEC 62271-1:2017, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications for alternating current switchgear and controlgear*

IEC 62271-100:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 100: Alternating-current circuit-breakers*

IEC 62271-102:2018, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches*

IEC 62271-103:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 103: Switches for rated voltages above 1 kV up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 62271-105:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 105: Alternating current switch-fuse combinations for rated voltages above 1 kV up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 62271-106:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 106: Alternating current contactors, contactor-based controllers and motor-starters*

IEC 62271-107:2019, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 107: Alternating current fused circuit-switchers for rated voltages above 1 kV up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 62271-201:2014, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 201: AC solid-insulation enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

~~IEC 62271-203:2011, High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 203: Gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV~~

IEC 62271-213:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 213: Voltage detecting and indicating system*

IEC 62271-215:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 215: Phase comparator used with VDIS*

IEC IEEE 62271-37-013:2015, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 37-013: Alternating-current generator circuit-breakers*

ISO 4126-2, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure – Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) clause numbering aligned with IEC 62271-1:2017, including the adoption of the subclause names of Clause 3;
- b) in Clause 3 specific definitions are added for "in service", "normal operating condition" and "normal use";
- c) internal arc testing on pole-mounted switchgear is taken out of this document, as it is now covered by the specific standard IEC 62271-214:2019;
- d) a more precise description of earthing circuit is given with the inclusion of ratings and test requirements;
- e) number of mechanical tests on interlocks is reduced for type testing; a more precise description of forces to apply during type testing is given (refer to 7.102);
- f) resistance measuring on main circuit is only needed before continuous current tests (as reference for routine tests) and no longer needed after this continuous current test. Rationale for this deletion is that this measured resistance does not mean anything; as the temperature rise test was just finished, a new temperature rise test will not give new information;
- g) IEC 62271-100:2021, IEC 62271-103:2021, IEC 62271-105:2021 and IEC 62271-106:2021 are referred to in the document;
- h) IEC 62271-107:2019 and IEC IEEE 62271-37-013:2015 are also considered in 7.101.2;
- i) a more precise description of LSC category is given with the inclusion of an explanatory flowchart (Annex D);
- j) examples not covered by the IAC test are transferred from Clause 6 to 9.103;
- k) the term "assembly" is defined in Clause 3 and used as synonym for "metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear" in this document;
- l) "metallic" is replaced by "metal" where applicable;
- m) 6.105 is now covered by 7.7;
- n) a 1 s rule was introduced for Criterion 4 during IAC tests regarding hot gases versus glowing particles as cause of ignition;
- o) a more precise description of internal arc tests for switchgear with protrusions is given in Annex A.

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INTRODUCTION

High-voltage (IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-27) switchgear refers to rated voltages above 1 kV. However, medium-voltage is commonly used for distribution systems with rated voltages above 1 kV and generally applied up to and including 52 kV; refer to IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-28 [1]¹.

Although primarily dedicated to three-phase systems, this document can also be applied to single-phase and two-phase systems.

Switchgear and controlgear assemblies having a solid-insulation enclosure are covered by IEC 62271-201.

Generally, gas-filled medium-voltage designs have design pressures below 500 kPa, as mentioned for example in the introduction of EN 50187.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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Part 200: AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 is applicable to prefabricated metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear assemblies designed for:

- alternating current;
- rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV;
- service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz;
- indoor and outdoor installation.

The assembly can include air-insulated and/or fluid-filled compartments.

For components installed in a metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear, this document supplements or even replaces in some cases, the requirements as stated by the individual product standards.

The list of components which can be inside the metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear is not limited to the ones explicitly cited in this document.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

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