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## INTRODUCTION

This document mainly refers to IEC TS 62271-5. In addition, some findings and considerations from CIGRE are referred to in this document [1],[2]<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

# HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

## Part 313: Direct current circuit-breakers

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 is applicable to direct current circuit-breakers (hereafter termed DC circuit-breakers) for indoor or outdoor installation having direct voltages of 100 kV and above for operation on DC transmission and distribution systems.

This document includes the (mechanical) switching devices, including the residual current interruption devices, and their operating devices, power electronic switches, primary auxiliary circuits and energy dissipation systems, as well as their controls. Depending on design and system needs, operation can be for one current direction only (unidirectional) or for both directions (bidirectional).

This document does not cover:

Series reactors described in IEC TS 63014-1 for reducing the rate-of-rise of fault current. Although these are often installed with the operation of DC circuit-breakers, they are typically and specifically system-dependent.

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IEC 60050-441, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*

IEC 60059, *IEC standard current ratings*

IEC 60099-9:2014, *Surge arresters – Part 9: Metal-oxide surge arresters without gaps for HVDC converter stations*

IEC 60700-1, *Thyristor valves for high voltage direct current (HVDC) power transmission – Part 1: Electrical testing*

IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60825-2, *Safety of laser products – Part 2: Safety of optical fibre communication systems (OFCs)*

IEC 61071:2017, *Capacitors for power electronics*

IEC 61850-10, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 10: Conformance testing*

IEC TS 62271-5:2024, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5: Common specifications for direct current switchgear*

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

IEC TR 62271-300, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 300: Seismic qualification of alternating current circuit-breakers*

IEC 62501, *Voltage sourced converter (VSC) valves for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) power transmission – Electrical testing*

IEC 62751-1, *Power losses in voltage sourced converter (VSC) valves for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62751-2, *Power losses in voltage sourced converter (VSC) valves for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems – Part 2: Modular multilevel converters*

IEC TR 63259:2022, *Water cooling systems for power electronics used in electrical transmission and distribution systems*