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à courant alternatif*

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Annexes A, B, C, E and F form an integral part of this standard.

Annex D is for information only.

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100	High-voltage alternating current circuit-breakers	IEC 60056
101	Synthetic testing	IEC 60427
102	Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches	IEC 60129
103	Switches for rated voltages above 1 kV and less than 52 kV	IEC 60265-1
104	Switches for rated voltages of 52 kV and above	IEC 60265-2
105	Alternating current switch-fuse combinations	IEC 60420
106	Alternating current contactors and contactor based motor-starters	IEC 60470
107	Alternating current switchgear-fuse combinations	-
108	Switchgear having combined functions	-
109	Series capacitor by-pass switches	-
200	Metal enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages up to and including 52 kV	IEC 60298
201	Insulation-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages up to and including 52 kV	IEC 60466
202	High-voltage/low voltage prefabricated substations	IEC 61330
203	Gas-insulated metal enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV	IEC 60517
204	High-voltage gas-insulated transmission lines for rated voltages of 72,5 kV and above	IEC 61640
(300)	Guide for seismic qualification of high-voltage alternating current circuit-breakers	IEC 61166
(301)	Guide for inductive load switching	IEC 61233
(302)	Guide for short-circuit and switching test procedures for metal-enclosed and dead tank circuit-breakers	IEC 61633
(303)	Use and handling of sulphur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) in high-voltage switchgear and controlgear	IEC 61634
(304)	Additional requirements for enclosed switchgear and controlgear from 1 kV to 72,5 kV to be used in severe climatic conditions	IEC 60932
(305)	Cable connections for gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV	IEC 60859
(306)	Direct connection between power transformers and gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV	IEC 61639
(307)	The use of electronic and associated technologies in auxiliary equipment of switchgear and controlgear	IEC 62063
308	Guide for asymmetrical short-circuit breaking test duty T100a	-
309	TRV parameters for high-voltage switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and less than 100 kV	-
310	Electrical endurance testing for circuit-breakers rated 72,5 kV and above	-

## High-voltage switchgear and controlgear –

### Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches

#### 1 General

##### 1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 applies to alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches, designed for indoor and outdoor enclosed and open terminal installations for voltages above 1 000 V and for service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz.

It also applies to the operating devices of these disconnectors and earthing switches and their auxiliary equipment.

Additional requirements for disconnectors and earthing switches in enclosed switchgear and controlgear are given in IEC 60298, IEC 60466 and IEC 60517.

NOTE Disconnectors in which the fuse forms an integral part are not covered by this standard.

##### 1.2 Normative references

Subclause 1.2 of IEC 60694 is applicable with the following additions:

IEC 60137:1995, *Insulating bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V*

IEC 60265-1:1998, *High-voltage switches – Part 1: Switches for rated voltages above 1 kV and less than 52 kV*

IEC 60265-2:1988, *High-voltage switches – Part 2: High-voltage switches for rated voltages of 52 kV and above*

IEC 60298:1990, *A.C. metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 60466:1987, *A.C. insulation-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 38 kV*

IEC 60517:1990, *Gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages of 72,5 kV and above*

IEC 60694:1996, *Common specifications for high-voltage switchgear and controlgear standards*

IEC 60865-1:1993, *Short-circuit currents – Calculation of effects – Part 1: Definitions and calculation methods*

ISO 2768-1:1989, *General tolerances – Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*