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courant alternatif de tension supérieure à 1 kV

Erdung von Starkstromanlagen mit  
Nennwechselspannungen über 1 kV

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## European foreword

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EN 50522:2022 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50522:2010:

- Text sections in italic which were indicating that the section is a copy of an IEC 61936-1 text replaced by reference note to IEC 61936-1 due to copyright reasons.
- Clause 3 is updated regarding touch voltages.
- Improved figures in Clause 3 for distribution of earth fault currents.
- The process of designing earthing system is clarified in 5.4 and Figure 9.
- Rearranged Annex A and B including prospective permissible touch voltage and permissible step voltage.
- Introduction of stainless steel in Annex C and Annex D.
- More details and figures regarding fences in Annex G.
- Enlarged table of reduction factors and application on cables in Annex I.
- New figures in Annex J (J.4 and J.5).
- Details on soil resistivity measurements and touch voltage measurements including flow chart in Annex L.
- Clause 10 was Annex M in previous version.

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## 1 Scope

This document is applicable to specify the requirements for the design and erection of earthing systems of electrical installations, in systems with nominal voltage above 1 kV AC and nominal frequency up to and including 60 Hz, so as to provide safety and proper functioning for the use intended.

NOTE 1 The technical and procedural principles of this document can be applied when third parties' installations and facilities are planned and/or erected in the vicinity of HV electrical power installations.

For the purpose of interpreting this document, an electrical power installation is considered to be one of the following:

- a) substation, including substation for railway power supply;
- b) electrical power installations on mast, pole and tower;  
switchgear and/or transformers located outside a closed electrical operating area;
- c) one (or more) power station(s) located on a single site;  
the electrical power installation includes generators and transformers with all associated switchgear and all electrical auxiliary systems. Connections between generating stations located on different sites are excluded;
- d) the electrical system of a factory, industrial plant or other industrial, agricultural, commercial or public premises;
- e) electrical power installations on offshore facilities for the purpose of generation, transmission, distribution and/or storage of electricity;
- f) transition towers/poles between overhead lines and underground lines.

The electrical power installation includes, among others, the following equipment:

- rotating electrical machines;
- switchgear;
- transformers and reactors;
- converters;
- cables;
- wiring systems;
- batteries;
- capacitors;
- earthing systems;
- buildings and fences which are part of a closed electrical operating area;
- associated protection, control and auxiliary systems;
- large air core reactor.

NOTE 2 In general, a standard for an item of equipment takes precedence over this document.



This document does not apply to the design and erection of earthing systems of any of the following:

- overhead and underground lines between separate installations;
- electrified railway tracks and rolling stock;
- mining equipment and installations;
- fluorescent lamp installations;
- installations on ships according to IEC 60092 (all parts) and offshore units according to IEC 61892 (all parts), which are used in the offshore petroleum industry for drilling, processing and storage purposes;
- electrostatic equipment (e.g. electrostatic precipitators, spray-painting units);
- test sites;
- medical equipment, e.g. medical X-ray equipment.

NOTE 3 The standard EN 50341 series, Overhead lines exceeding AC 1 kV, specifies requirements for the design and erection of earthing systems in overhead lines.

NOTE 4 The scope of this document does not include the requirements for carrying out live working on electrical power installations.

NOTE 5 The scope of this document considers safety requirements for HV installations and its influences on LV installations. For electrical installation up to 1 kV, the standard HD 60364 series applies.

## 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.

EN 60909 (series), *Short-circuit currents in three-phase a.c. systems* (IEC 60909 series)

EN IEC 62561-2, *Lightning protection system components (LPSC) - Part 2: Requirements for conductors and earth electrodes* (IEC 62561-2)

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

IEC 60479-1:2018, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 1: General aspects*

IEC 61936-1:2010, *Power installations exceeding 1 kV a.c. - Part 1: Common rules*