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This standard cancels and replaces the second edition of IEC 60470 published in 1999. It constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to IEC 60470:1999:

- Scope and object: The voltage range covered by the standard was expanded from 12 kV to 24 kV. Overload relay calibration and testing is not covered by this standard.
- 3 Terms and definitions: Added definitions for capacitor switching classes.
- 4.1 Rated voltage: Added 15, 17,5 and 24 kV as standard voltage values.
- 4.109.2 Starting duty of reduced-voltage starters: Added ratings for autotransformer and reactor starters (was in the testing section).

- 4.112 Rated capacitive switching currents: Added capacitor switching current ratings.
- 5.101 Protective relays: Removed the requirements for overload relays. This section is obsolete since there are only a few MV starters fitted with thermal overload relays and electronic relays have their own standards.
- 6.2.5 Application of the test voltage and test conditions (former 6.2.2 b)): Changed wording of requirement for impulse across the open gap of vacuum contactors.
- 6.4.2 Auxiliary circuits: The requirement for resistance checks of auxiliary circuits was deleted.
- 6.5.5.104 Temperature rise of the auto-transformer or reactor for two-step auto-transformer or reactor starters: Reworded to transfer ratings to subclause 4.109.2.
- 6.102.9 Condition following making and breaking tests: Gave specific direction as to what the tolerance should be based on where the resistance was to be checked.
- 6.104 Short-circuit current making and breaking tests: Clarified test conditions for short-circuit testing.
- 6.109 Capacitive current switching tests: Added capacitive current switching tests.
- Annex B: Added Table B.1 – Tolerances on test quantities for type test.

This standard is to be read in conjunction with IEC 62271-1:2007, to which it refers and which is applicable unless otherwise specified in this standard. In order to simplify the indication of corresponding requirements, the same numbering of clauses and subclauses is used as in IEC 62271-1. Amendments to these clauses and subclauses are given under the same references whilst additional subclauses are numbered from 101.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
17A/971/FDIS	17A/976/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

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1 General

1.1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 62271 is applicable to a.c. contactors and/or contactor-based controllers and motor-starters designed for indoor installation and operation at frequencies up to and including 60 Hz on systems having voltages above 1 000 V but not exceeding 24 000 V.

It is applicable only to three-pole devices for use in three-phase systems, and single-pole devices for use in single-phase systems. Two-pole contactors and starters for use in single-phase systems are subject to agreement between manufacturer and user.

Contactors and/or starters dealt with in this standard typically do not have adequate short-circuit interruption capability. In this context, this standard gives requirements for

- motor starters associated with separate short-circuit protective devices;
- controllers - contactors combined with short-circuit protective devices (SCPD).

Contactors intended for closing and opening electric circuits and, if combined with suitable relays, for protecting these circuits against operating overloads are covered in this standard.

This standard is also applicable to the operating devices of contactors and to their auxiliary equipment.

Motor-starters intended to start and accelerate motors to normal speed, to ensure continuous operation of motors, to switch off the supply from the motor and to provide means for the protection of motors and associated circuits against operating overloads are dealt with.

Motor-starter types included are

- direct-on-line starters;
- reversing starters;
- two-direction starters;
- reduced kVA (voltage) starters;
 - auto-transformer starters;
 - rheostatic starters;
 - reactor starters.

This standard does not apply to

- circuit-breaker-based motor-starters;
- single-pole operation of multi-pole contactors or starters;
- two-step auto-transformer starters designed for continuous operation in the starting position;
- unbalanced rheostatic rotor starters, i.e. where the resistances do not have the same value in all phases;

- equipment designed not only for starting, but also for adjustment of speed;
- liquid starters and those of the "liquid-vapour" type;
- semiconductor contactors and starters making use of semiconductor contactors in the main circuit;
- rheostatic stator starters;
- contactors or starters designed for special applications.

This standard does not deal with components contained in contactors and contactor-based motor-starters, for which individual specifications exist.

NOTE 1 Thermal electrical relays are covered by IEC 60255-8.

NOTE 2 High-voltage current-limiting fuses are covered by IEC 60282-1 and IEC 60644.

NOTE 3 Metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV are covered by IEC 62271-200.

NOTE 4 Disconnectors and earthing switches are covered by IEC 62271-102.

NOTE 5 High-voltage switches above 1 kV and less than 52 kV are covered by IEC 62271-103¹.

The object of this standard is to state

- a) the characteristics of contactors and starters and associated equipment;
- b) the conditions with which contactors or starters shall comply with reference to:
 - 1) their operation and behaviour,
 - 2) their dielectric properties,
 - 3) the degrees of protection provided by their enclosures, where applicable,
 - 4) their construction,
 - 5) for controllers, interactions between the various components, for example SCPD co-ordination;
- c) the tests intended for confirming that these conditions have been met, and the methods to be adopted for these tests;
- d) the information to be given with the equipment or in the manufacturer's literature.

1.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60282-1, *High-voltage fuses – Part 1: Current-limiting fuses*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60644, *Specification for high-voltage fuse-links for motor circuit applications*

IEC 62271-1:2007, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications*

IEC 62271-100:2008, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 100: Alternating-current circuit-breakers*

¹ To be published

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

IEC 62271-200:2003, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 200: AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

2 Normal and special service conditions

2.1 Normal service conditions

Subclause 2.1 of IEC 62271-1 is applicable with the following addition:

For outdoor installations, refer to 8.102.6.

2.2 Special service conditions

Subclause 2.2 of IEC 62271-1 is applicable with the following exception:

2.2.1 Altitude

Subclause 2.2.1 of IEC 62271-1 is applicable with the following addition:

NOTE Above 1 000 m it is often necessary to make adjustments. See 8.102.7.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in Clause 3 of IEC 62271-1, as well as the following, apply.

3.1 General terms and definitions

3.1.101

controlgear

general term covering switching devices and their combination with associated control, measuring, protective and regulating equipment, also assemblies of such devices and equipment with associated interconnections, accessories, enclosures and supporting structures, intended in principle for the control of electric energy consuming equipment

[IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-11-03]

3.1.102

over-current

current exceeding the rated current

[IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-11-06]

3.1.103

short-circuit current

over-current resulting from a short circuit due to a fault or an incorrect connection in an electric circuit

[IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-11-07]