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Subclause 4.2.2 of IEC 62271-1:2017 contains two references for calculation of the required insulation withstand level at altitudes higher than 1 000 m, IEC 60071-2:1996 and IEC TR 62271-306. The two references are in conflict, as the altitude correction factor according to IEC 60071-2:1996 starts at sea level and that of IEC TR 62271-306 starts at an altitude of 1 000 m. This results in different altitude correction factors.

As already stated in 5.3 of IEC 62271-1:2017, the rated insulation levels refer to normal service conditions. Altitudes up to 1 000 m above sea level are covered and need no altitude correction.

For altitudes higher than 1 000 m the equation provided in 4.5.1.1 b) of IEC TR 62271-306:2012 and in H.3.4 of IEC 60071-2:2018 shall be used, i.e.

$$k_{\text{alt}} = e^{m \left(\frac{H-1\,000}{8\,150} \right)}$$

where

k_{alt} is the altitude correction factor;

H is the altitude in m above sea level;

m is an exponent.

Conservative values for the exponent m are provided in Table 4 of IEC TR 62271-306:2012. For further details about the exponent m , see H.4 of IEC 60071-2:2018.

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Part 204: Rigid gas-insulated transmission lines for rated voltage above 52 kV

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 applies to rigid HV gas-insulated transmission lines (GIL) in which the insulation is obtained, at least partly, by an insulating gas or gas mixture other than air at atmospheric pressure, for alternating current of rated voltages above 52 kV, and for service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz.

This document is applicable where the provisions of IEC 62271-203 do not cover the application of GIL (see Note 3).

At each end of the HV gas-insulated transmission line, a specific element is used for the connection between the HV gas-insulated transmission line and other equipment like bushings, power transformers or reactors, cable boxes, metal-enclosed surge arresters, voltage transformers or GIS, covered by their own specification.

Unless otherwise specified, the HV gas-insulated transmission line is designed to be used under normal service conditions.

NOTE 1 In this document, the term "HV gas-insulated transmission line" is abbreviated to "GIL".

NOTE 2 In this document, the word "gas" means gas or gas mixture, as defined by the manufacturer.

NOTE 3 Examples of GIL applications:

- where all or part of the HV gas-insulated transmission line is directly buried;
- where the HV gas-insulated transmission line is located, wholly or partly, in an area accessible to public;
- where the HV gas-insulated transmission line is long (typically longer than 500 m) and the typical gas compartment length exceeds the common practice of GIS technology.

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 60038:2009, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60050-131:2002, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 131: Circuit theory*

IEC 60050-151:2001, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

IEC 60050-192:2015, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 192: Dependability*

IEC 60050-351, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 351: Control technology*

IEC 60050-441:1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*
IEC 60050-441:1984/AMD1:2000

IEC 60050-551, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 551: Power electronics*

IEC 60050-581:2008, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 581: Electromechanical components for electronic equipment*

IEC 60050-601, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 601: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – General*

IEC 60050-605, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 605: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – Substations*

IEC 60050-614:2016, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 614: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – Operation*

IEC 60050-811, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 811: Electric traction*

IEC 60050-826:2004, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 826: Electrical installations*

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

IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-1:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

IEC 60071-1:2006, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*
IEC 60071-1:2006/AMD1:2010

IEC 60071-2:1996, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 2: Application guide*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60229:2007, *Electric cables – Tests on extruded oversheaths with a special protective function*

IEC 60255-21-1:1988, *Electrical relays – Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment – Section One: Vibration tests (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques – Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 60287-3-1:2017, *Electric cables – Calculation of the current rating – Part 3-1: Operating conditions – Site reference conditions*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications – Unused mineral insulating oils for transformers and switchgear*

IEC 60376, *Specification of technical grade sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) and complementary gases to be used in its mixtures for use in electrical equipment*

IEC 60480, *Specifications for the re-use of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) and its mixtures in electrical equipment*

IEC 60507, *Artificial pollution tests on high-voltage ceramic and glass insulators to be used on a.c. systems*

IEC 60512-2-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 2-2: Electrical continuity and contact resistance tests – Test 2b: Contact resistance – Specified test current method*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC TS 60815-1:2008, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 1: Definitions, information and general principles*

IEC TS 60815-2:2008, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 2: Ceramic and glass insulators for a.c. systems*

IEC TS 60815-3:2008, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 3: Polymer insulators for a.c. systems*

IEC 61000-4-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-11, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

IEC 61000-4-17:2009, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-17: Testing and measurement techniques – Ripple on d.c. input power port immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-18, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-18: Testing and measurement techniques – Damped oscillatory wave immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-29, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-29: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on d.c. input power port immunity tests*

IEC 61000-6-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-2: Generic standards – Immunity for industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-5: Generic standards – Immunity for equipment used in power station and substation environment*

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IEC 62271-203:2022, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 203: AC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV*

IEC 62271-4:2013, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4: Handling procedures for sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and its mixtures*

CISPR 11:2015, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

CISPR TR 18-2, *Radio interference characteristics of overhead power lines and high-voltage equipment – Part 2: Methods of measurement and procedure for determining limits*

ISO 9606 (all parts), *Qualification test of welders – Fusion welding*

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing – Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

ISO 14732, *Welding personnel – Qualification testing of welding operators and weld setters for mechanized and automatic welding of metallic materials*

ISO 15609 (all parts), *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials – Welding procedure specification*

ISO 15614 (all parts), *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials – Welding procedure test*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-131, IEC 60050-151, IEC 60050-192, IEC 60050-351, IEC 60050-441, IEC 60050-551, IEC 60050-581, IEC 60050-601, IEC 60050-605, IEC 60050-614, IEC 60050-811 and IEC 60050-826, some of which are recalled hereunder, and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

NOTE Terms and definitions are classified in accordance with IEC 60050-441. References from other parts than IEC 60050-441 are classified so as to be aligned with the classification used in IEC 60050-441.

3.1 General terms and definitions

3.1.1

switchgear and 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

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