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- a) new terms and definitions are presented in Clause 3;
- b) new definitions in Clause 4 and Clause 5;
- c) gas-insulated coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers are integrated in Clause 6;
- d) new tests in routine, type, special and design test sections are introduced, see Clause 7;
- e) new Clause 8, Clause 9 and Clause 10;

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IEC 60358-3, *Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers - Part 3: AC or DC single-phase coupling capacitor for harmonic-filters applications*

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INTRODUCTION

This document is the first revision of IEC 60358-1, defining general rules for coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers.

The main modifications of this revision are listed below:

- terms and definitions:
 - new terms and definitions are presented in Clause 3;
- normal and special environmental conditions:
 - new definitions in Clause 4 are introduced;
- ratings:
 - addition of HV insulation levels above 800 kV;
 - new definition on rated voltage U_r for AC and DC applications;
 - Clause 5, new definitions for DC application are integrated;
 - new standard values of rated voltages are defined;
- design and construction:
 - clarification of the altitude correction for external insulation and dielectric tests;
 - external insulation requirements for DC application;
 - gas-insulated coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers are integrated in Clause 6;
 - new test with its requirements on capacitor element ageing is defined;
- type tests:
 - temperature rise test: more accurate definition of the test duration;
 - lightning impulse test: new test procedure (15 impulses) for $U_m \geq 300$ kV;
 - mechanical test: moved from special test to type test;
 - new enclosure tightness test for gas-insulated coupling capacitors and dividers;
- routine tests:
 - tightness tests for gas-insulated equipment;
 - gas dew point measurements;
 - new flowchart of routine tests presented in Figure 3;
- special tests:
 - determination of temperature coefficient of the capacitor element;
 - new enclosure tightness test on low and hot temperature;
 - information about internal arc tests;
 - information about multiple chopped impulse tests;
 - new test on impedance measurements depending on frequency;
 - new test on thermal stability;
 - new test on corrosion;
 - new flowchart of type tests presented in Figure 4;
- design tests (new clause):
 - ageing tests of capacitor elements;

- commissioning tests (new clause):
 - new installation inspection;
 - gas dew point test moved from special test to commissioning tests;
- rules for transport, storage, erection, operation and maintenance:
 - new mandatory rules for user and manufacturer;
 - new conditions for transportation and storage;
- new annexes:
 - Annex D (informative): provide information about superimposed impulse voltages;
 - Annex E (informative): provide information on test setups for superimposed impulse voltage tests;
 - Annex F (informative): is introduced on high-frequency characteristic measurements;
 - Annex G (informative): provide information about composite AC/DC voltages;
 - Annex H (informative): present a summary of all voltages used in DC application.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60358 applies to:

- Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers, with rated voltage > 1 000 V, connected line to ground with the low-voltage terminal either permanently earthed or connected to devices, for applications listed hereunder and other similar uses.

This document serves as a basic standard for the coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers. The different parts of this standard series will present the supplementary specifications and tests, for example IEC 60358-2, IEC 60358-3 or IEC 60358-4.

Diagrams of coupling capacitor and capacitor divider to which this standard series applies are given in Figure A.1 and Figure A.2 (see Annex A).

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IEC 60071-1, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-2, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 2: Application guidelines*

IEC 60071-11, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 11 : Definitions, principles and rules for HVDC system*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques - Charge-based measurement of partial discharges*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications - Mineral insulating oils for electrical equipment*

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

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

IEC 60721 (all parts), *Classification of environmental conditions*

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 60867, *Insulating liquids - Specifications for unused liquids based on synthetic aromatic hydrocarbons*

IEC 61099, *Insulating liquids - Specifications for unused synthetic organic esters for electrical purposes*

IEC 62271-4:2022, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 4: Handling procedures for gases for insulation and/or switching*

IEC 62770, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications - Unused natural esters for transformers and similar electrical equipment*

IEC 63012, *Insulating liquids - Unused modified or blended esters for electrotechnical applications*

ISO 4628-3, *Paints and varnishes - Evaluation of quantity and size of defects, and of intensity of uniform changes in appearance - Part 3: Assessment of degree of rusting*

ISO 22479, *Corrosion of metals and alloys - Sulfur dioxide test in a humid atmosphere (fixed gas method)*

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*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

NOTE Some of these terms and definitions are identical to or are similar to those of IEC 60050-321:1986, IEC 60050-436:1990, IEC 60050-601:1985 and IEC 60050-604:1987. These are indicated by the relevant reference in brackets.

3.1 General

3.1.1

rated frequency of equipment

f_r

frequency for which the coupling capacitor has been designed

3.1.2

rated voltage

U_r

<AC> voltage based on the maximum voltage U_m including superimposed harmonic and sub-harmonic voltages between phase to ground