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International Standard IEC 60252-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 33: Power capacitors and their applications.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 60252-1 published in 2001 and constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- the definition of “segmented capacitors” has been added, in 3.6;
- the definition of “classes of operation “ has been clarified, with the addition of the concept of “probable life” with reference to statistics, in 3.9;
- the following wording “Operation above the rated voltage will reduce the life expectancy of the capacitor” has been introduced in 6.1;

- some clarifications have been added to Clause 8, Marking, mainly for small capacitors.

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

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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.

A list of all parts of IEC 60252 series, under the general title *AC motor capacitors* can be found on the IEC website.

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60252 applies to motor capacitors intended for connection to windings of asynchronous motors supplied from a single-phase system having a frequency up to and including 100 Hz, and to capacitors to be connected to three-phase asynchronous motors so that these motors may be supplied from a single-phase system.

This standard covers impregnated or unimpregnated capacitors having a dielectric of paper, plastic film, or a combination of both, either metallized or with metal-foil electrodes, with rated voltages up to and including 660 V.

Motor start capacitors are covered by IEC 60252-2.

NOTE The following are excluded from this standard:

- shunt capacitors of the self-healing type for a.c. power systems of up to and including 1 000 V nominal voltage (see IEC 60831-1);
- shunt capacitors of non-self-healing type for a.c. power systems of up to and including 1 000 V nominal voltage (see IEC 60931-1);
- shunt capacitors for a.c. power systems having a nominal voltage above 1 000 V (see IEC 60871-1);
- capacitors for induction heat-generating plants, operating at frequencies between 40 Hz and 24 000 Hz (see IEC 60110-1);
- series capacitors (see IEC 60143);
- coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers (see IEC 60358);
- capacitors to be used in power electronic circuits (see IEC 61071);
- small a.c. capacitors to be used for fluorescent and discharge lamps (see IEC 61048);
- capacitors for suppression of radio interference (IEC publication under consideration);
- capacitors intended to be used in various types of electrical equipment and thus considered as components;
- capacitors intended for use with d.c. voltage superimposed on a.c. voltage.

The object of this standard is

- a) to formulate uniform rules regarding performance, testing and rating;
- b) to formulate specific safety rules;
- c) to provide a guidance for installation and operation.

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 60062, *Marking codes for resistors and capacitors*

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-20, *Environmental testing – Part 2-20: Tests – Test T: Test methods for solderability and resistance to soldering heat of devices with leads*

IEC 60068-2-21, *Environmental testing – Part 2-21: Tests – Test U: Robustness of terminations and integral mounting devices*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60309-1, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

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

IEC 60695-2-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-10: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire apparatus and common test procedure*

IEC 60695-2-11, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods - Glow-wire flammability test method for end products*

ISO 4046, *Paper, board, pulps and related terms – Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

motor running capacitor

a power capacitor which, when used in conjunction with an auxiliary winding of a motor, assists the motor to start and improves the torque under running conditions

NOTE The running capacitor is usually connected permanently to the motor winding and remains in circuit throughout the running period of the motor. During the starting period, if it is in parallel with the starting capacitor, it helps to start the motor.

3.2

motor starting capacitor

a power capacitor which provides a leading current to an auxiliary winding of a motor and which is switched out of circuit once the motor is running

3.3

metal foil capacitor

a capacitor, the electrodes of which consist of metal foils or strips separated by a dielectric

3.4

metallized capacitor

a capacitor, in which the electrodes consist of a metallic deposit on the dielectric

3.5

self-healing capacitor

a capacitor, the electrical properties of which, after local breakdown of the dielectric, are rapidly and essentially self-restored