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- b) removal of the classification according to the interrupting medium, according to the design, according to the suitability for isolation (see Clause 4);
- c) adjustment of current settings with an external device connectable to the release (see 5.7.3);

- d) requirements for circuits with protective separation (see 8.2.3.8);
- e) additional tests for ground-fault overcurrent releases (see 9.3.4.2.5);
- f) additional tests concerning dielectric properties in tripped position (see 9.3.4.3);
- g) use of DC voltage for dielectric tests (see 9.3.4.6.2 and 9.4.6);
- h) tests of individual pole breaking capacity under phase-to-neutral AC voltage (see 9.3.11);
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## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 2: Circuit-breakers

#### 1 Scope

This document applies to circuit-breakers, intended to be installed and operated by instructed or skilled persons, the main contacts of which are intended to be connected to circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC; it also contains additional requirements for integrally fused circuit-breakers.

This document also applies to circuit-breakers with ratings at or below 1 000 V AC, additionally having one or more ratings above 1 000 V AC but not exceeding 1 500 V AC.

It applies whatever the rated currents, the method of construction or the proposed applications of the circuit-breakers may be.

Circuit-breakers per this document are suitable for isolation.

The requirements for circuit-breakers which are also intended to provide residual current protection are contained in Annex B.

Additional requirements for circuit-breakers intended for connection of aluminium conductors are contained in Annex D.

The additional requirements for circuit-breakers with electronic overcurrent protection are contained in Annex F.

The additional requirements for circuit-breakers for IT systems are contained in Annex H.

The requirements and test methods for electromagnetic compatibility of circuit-breakers are contained in Annex J.

The requirements for circuit-breakers not fulfilling the requirements for overcurrent protection are contained in Annex L.

The requirements for modular residual current devices (without integral current breaking device) are contained in Annex M.

The requirements and test methods for electromagnetic compatibility of circuit-breaker auxiliaries are contained in Annex N.

The requirements for instantaneous trip circuit-breakers are contained in Annex O.

The requirements and test methods for DC circuit-breakers for use in photovoltaic (PV) applications are contained in Annex P.

The requirements and test methods for circuit-breakers incorporating residual current protection with automatic reclosing functions are contained in Annex R.

Supplementary requirements for circuit-breakers used as direct-on-line starters are given in IEC 60947-4-1, applicable to low-voltage contactors and starters.

The requirements for circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations, and designed for use by uninstructed persons, are contained in IEC 60898 series.

The requirements for circuit-breakers for equipment (for example electrical appliances) are contained in IEC 60934.

For certain specific applications (for example traction, rolling mills, marine service, downstream of variable frequency drives, use in explosive atmospheres), particular or additional requirements can be applicable.

NOTE 1 Circuit-breakers can have dedicated accessories.

NOTE 2 Circuit-breakers which are dealt with in this document can be provided with devices for automatic opening under predetermined conditions other than those of overcurrent and undervoltage as, for example, reversal of power or current. This document does not deal with the verification of operation under such pre-determined conditions.

The object of this document is to state:

- a) the characteristics of circuit-breakers;
- b) the requirements for circuit-breakers with reference to:
  - 1) operation and behaviour in normal service;
  - 2) operation and behaviour in case of overload, operation and behaviour in case of short-circuit, including co-ordination in service (selectivity and back-up protection), as well as the operation and behaviour in case of ground-fault;
  - 3) dielectric properties;
  - 4) requirements on electromagnetic compatibility, where applicable;
- c) tests intended for confirming that these conditions have been met and the methods to be adopted for these tests;
- d) information to be marked on or given with the circuit-breakers.

NOTE 3 For cybersecurity requirements, see IEC TS 63208.

## 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 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

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

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60664-1:2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60947-1:2020, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 60947-4-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

IEC 61000-4-2:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-3:2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-4:2012, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-5:2014, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques – Surge immunity test*  
IEC 61000-4-5:2014/AMD1:2017

IEC 61000-4-6:2023, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields*

IEC 61000-4-11:2020, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests for equipment with input current up to 16 A per phase*

IEC 61140:2016, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 61545:1996, *Connecting devices – Devices for the connection of aluminium conductors in clamping units of any material and copper conductors in aluminium bodied clamping units*

IEC 62475:2010, *High-current test techniques – Definitions and requirements for test currents and measuring systems*

CISPR 11:2015, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*  
CISPR 11:2015/AMD1:2016  
CISPR 11:2015/AMD2:2019

CISPR 32:2015, *Electromagnetic compatibility of multimedia equipment – Emission requirements*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60947-1:2020, as well as the following, apply.

NOTE Where these definitions are taken unchanged from the *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)*, IEC 60050-441, the reference to this publication is given in brackets.

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>

#### 3.1

##### **circuit-breaker**

mechanical switching device, capable of making, carrying and breaking currents under normal circuit conditions and also making, carrying for a specified duration and breaking currents under specified abnormal circuit conditions such as those of short-circuit

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-20]