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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2010 and Amendment 1:2014. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) introduction has been rewritten to reflect the status when this document is produced;
b) the scope has been improved to clarify the application of this document;
c) missing and obsolete terms and definitions have been updated including improvement of existing terms;
d) Table 1 has been updated where agreements between supplier and user are needed;
e) requirements of electromagnetic compatibility have been clarified;

f) insulation coordination clause (Clause 5) has improved wording for better clarity and the technical content has an updated coordination to the latest versions of the insulation coordination standards;

g) wording regarding electrical equipment has been improved and made clearer;

h) subclause for fuses has been improved and reworded;

i) requirements have been added for labelling when multiple sources are required to be disconnected;

j) missing requirements for GIS have been reintroduced;

k) subclause regarding ventilation (HVAC) has been improved;

l) figures in Clause 7 have been updated and moved to the corresponding subclause;

m) requirements for transformer installations have been improved including adjustment of editorial typing-errors;

n) clause on protection, automation and auxiliary systems has been restructured and improved;

o) protection against lightning strokes has been extended;

p) clarification of content due to the distinction between erection (and providing electrical safety for the intended use of the electrical power installation) and subsequent activities such as maintenance and repair with safe working procedures;

q) where no provincial, national or regional regulations are available for safe working procedures, an informative guideline is provided in Annex F. This replaces the former parts of Figure 3 in Clause 7.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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99/311/FDIS	99/316/RVD

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

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/standardsdev/publications.

A list of all parts in the IEC 61936 series, published under the general title *Power installations exceeding 1 kV AC and 1,5 kV DC*, can be found on the IEC website.

A document on principles to be observed in the preparation of safety publications regarding high voltage installations is currently under development (IEC TS 61936-0).

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61936 contains the minimum requirements for the design, erection, and verification of high voltage power installations greater than 1 kV AC. The rules are intended to provide for the safety of persons, livestock and property against dangers and damage which may arise in the reasonable use of such electrical installations and to provide for the proper functioning of those installations.

There are many provincial, national and regional laws, standards and internal rules dealing with the matter coming within the scope of this document regarding high voltage power installations. These practices have been taken as a basis for this work.

This third edition of IEC 61936-1, first published in 2001, follows worldwide feedback to improve clarity. It continues the effort to towards the alignment all over the world of practices concerning the design and erection of high voltage power installations.

Particular requirements for transmission and distribution installations, as well as particular requirements for power generation and industrial installations, are included in this document.

While national standards and regulations take precedence, jurisdictions may elect to adopt the requirements of this document.

POWER INSTALLATIONS EXCEEDING 1 kV AC AND 1,5 kV DC –

Part 1: AC

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61936 provides requirements for the design and the erection of electrical power installations in systems with nominal voltages exceeding 1 kV AC and nominal frequency up to and including 60 Hz, so as to provide safety and proper functioning for the use intended.

For the purpose of interpreting this document, an electrical power installation is considered to be one of the following:

a) substation, including substation for railway power supply;

b) electrical power installations on mast, pole and tower, switchgear and/or transformers located outside a closed electrical operating area;

c) one (or more) power station(s) located on a single site, the electrical power installation includes generators and transformers with all associated switchgear and all electrical auxiliary systems. Connections between generating stations located on different sites are excluded;

d) the electrical system of a factory, industrial plant or other industrial, agricultural, commercial or public premises;

e) electrical power installations on offshore facilities for the purpose of generation, transmission, distribution and/or storage of electricity;

f) transition towers/poles (between overhead lines and underground lines).

The electrical power installation includes, among others, the following equipment:

– rotating electrical machines;
– switchgear;
– transformers and reactors;
– converters;
– cables;
– wiring systems;
– batteries;
– capacitors;
– earthing systems;
– buildings and fences which are part of a closed electrical operating area;
– associated protection, control and auxiliary systems;
– large air core reactor.

NOTE 1 In general, equipment standards take precedence over the requirements of this document.

This document does not apply to the design and erection of any of the following:

– overhead and underground lines between separate electrical power installations;
– electrified railway tracks and rolling stock;
– mining equipment and installations;

– fluorescent lamp installations;
– installations on ships according to IEC 60092 (all parts) and offshore units according to IEC 61892 (all parts), which are used in the offshore petroleum industry for drilling, processing and storage purposes;
– electrostatic equipment (e.g. electrostatic precipitators, spray-painting units);
– test sites;
– medical equipment, e.g. medical X-ray equipment.

This document does not apply to the design of prefabricated, type-tested switchgear and high voltage/low voltage prefabricated substation, for which separate IEC standards exist.

NOTE 2 The scope of this document does not include the requirements for carrying out live working on electrical power installations.

NOTE 3 The scope of this document considers safety requirements for HV installations and the influences of HV installations on LV installations. For electrical installations up to 1 kV, IEC 60364 (all parts) applies.

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 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

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

IEC 60071-1:2019, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

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

IEC 60076 (all parts), *Power transformers*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-10-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 10-1: Classification of areas – Explosive gas atmospheres*

IEC 60079-10-2, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 10-2: Classification of areas – Explosive dust atmospheres*

IEC 60255 (all parts), *Measuring relays and protection equipment*

IEC 60331-1, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 1: Test method for fire with shock at a temperature of at least 830 °C for cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV and with an overall diameter exceeding 20 mm*

IEC 60331-21, *Tests for electric cables under fire conditions – Circuit integrity – Part 21: Procedures and requirements – Cables of rated voltage up to and including 0,6/1,0 kV*

IEC 60332 (all parts), *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions*

IEC 60364 (all parts), *Low-voltage electrical installations*

IEC 60479-1:2018, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 1: General aspects*