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## HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 318: DC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages including and above 100 kV

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 specifies requirements for gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear in which the insulation is obtained, at least partly, by an insulating gas or gas mixture other than air at atmospheric pressure, for direct current of rated voltages including and above 100 kV, for indoor and outdoor installation. This document includes rules for service conditions, ratings, design, and construction requirements. Test requirements and criteria for proof for passing type and routine tests are defined in this document for development and manufacturing of DC switchgear.

For the purpose of this document, the terms "DC GIS" and "DC switchgear" are used for "DC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear".

This specification is applicable for both Line Commutated Converter (LCC) and Voltage Sourced Converter (VSC) for HVDC systems.

The DC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear covered by this document consists of individual components intended to be directly connected together and able to operate only in this manner.

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IEC/IEEE 65700-19-03:2014, *Bushings for DC application*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TS 62271-5:2024 and the following, apply.

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

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

#### 3.101

##### **metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear**

switchgear and controlgear assemblies with an external metal enclosure intended to be earthed, and complete except for external connections

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-12-04, modified – The note was deleted.]

#### 3.102

##### **DC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear**

metal-enclosed switchgear in which the insulation is obtained, at least partly, by an insulating gas or gas mixture other than air at atmospheric pressure and used for DC applications

Note 1 to entry: This term generally applies to high-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-12-05, modified – "or gas mixture" and "and used for DC applications" has been added in the definition.]

#### 3.103

##### **DC gas-insulated switchgear enclosure**

part of DC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear retaining the insulating gas under the prescribed conditions necessary to maintain safely the highest insulation level, protecting the equipment against external influences and providing a high degree of protection to personnel

[SOURCE: IEC 62271-203:2022, 3.103, modified – Addition of "DC" in the main term and in the definition.]

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