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- addition of a new section IB "Fuse-rails"
- addition of a new section IC "Fuse-bases for busbar mounting"
- section III rewritten to make it independent of section I
- addition of a new section VI "Fuse-links with wedge tightening contacts"

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1 General

Fuses for use by authorized persons according to the following sections shall also comply with all subclauses of

IEC 60269-1, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

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This standard is divided into sections, each dealing with a specific example of standardized fuses for use by authorized persons:

- Section I: Fuses with fuse-links with blade contacts (NH fuse system)
- Section IA: Fuses with striker fuse-links with blade contacts (NH fuse system)
- Section IB: Fuse-rails (NH fuse system)
- Section IC: Fuse-bases for busbar mounting (NH fuse system)
- Section II: Fuses with fuse-links for bolted connections (BS bolted fuse system)
- Section III: Fuses with fuse-links having cylindrical contact caps (NF cylindrical fuse system)
- Section IV: Fuses with fuse-links with offset blade contacts (BS clip-in fuse-system)
- Section V: Fuses with fuse-links having "gD" and "gN" characteristic (Class J and class L time delay and non time delay fuse types)
- Section VI: gU fuse-links with wedge tightening contacts

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

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Section I – Fuses with fuse-links with blade contacts (NH fuse system)

1.1 Scope

The following additional requirements apply to fuses with fuse-links having blade contacts intended to be replaced by means of a device, for example, replacement handle (see Figure 3(I)), which complies with the dimensions specified in Figures 1(I*) and 2(I*). Such fuses have rated currents up to and including 1 250 A and rated voltages up to and including AC 690 V or DC 440 V.

2 Definitions

Add to the definitions of IEC 60269-1:

2.1.12 linked fuse-carrier

fuse-carrier which is mechanically linked to the fuse-base and gives a defined insertion and withdrawal movement to the fuse-link

NOTE See also IEC 60947.

2.1.13 gripping-lugs

parts of a fuse-link which are engaged with the replacement handle or fuse-carrier. Gripping-lugs may be made of metal or insulating material. Metal gripping-lugs may be live or not live under service conditions

2.1.13.1 live gripping-lugs

metal gripping-lugs electrically connected to the blade contacts of the fuse-link. Metal gripping-lugs without electrical contact to the blade contacts are also deemed to be live in case of inadequate creepage distances and clearances according to this standard

2.1.13.2 isolated gripping-lugs

not-live gripping-lugs made of insulating material or metal. If they are made of metal, the required creepage distances and clearances according to the relevant overvoltage category should be met between the gripping-lugs and the blade contacts as well as between the gripping-lugs and the fuse-base contacts

5.2 Rated voltage

For a.c., the standard values of rated voltage are 400 V, 500 V and 690 V. For d.c., the rated voltages are 250 V and 440 V. The standard values of d.c. rated voltage are not related to the standard values of a.c. rated voltage. For example the following standard combinations are possible: AC 500 V – DC 250 V, AC 500 V – DC 440 V, AC 500 V, etc.

The rated voltage of fuse-bases according to Figure 2(I) is 690 V.

* Refers to section I.