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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

| <u>Publication</u>           | <u>Year</u>  | <u>Title</u>  | <u>EN/HD</u>                    | <u>Year</u>  |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| IEC 60050-151                | 1978         | International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)<br>Chapter 151: Electrical and magnetic devices   | -                               | -            |
| IEC 60050-448                | 1995         | Chapter 448: Power system protection  | -                               | -            |
| IEC 60060-1<br>+ corr. March | 1989<br>1990 | High-voltage test techniques<br>Part 1: General definitions and test requirements   | HD 588.1 S1                     | 1991         |
| IEC 60085                    | 1984         | Thermal evaluation and classification of electrical insulation  | HD 566 S1                       | 1990         |
| IEC 60112                    | 1979         | Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions                | HD 214 S2                       | 1980         |
| IEC 60255                    | Series       | Electrical relays   | EN 60255                        | Series       |
| IEC 60255-21-1               | 1988         | Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment -- Section 1: Vibration tests (sinusoidal) | EN 60255-21-1                   | 1995         |
| IEC 60255-21-2               | 1988         | Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment -- Section 2: Shock and bump tests         | EN 60255-21-2                   | 1995         |
| IEC 60255-21-3               | 1993         | Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment -- Section 3: Seismic tests                | EN 60255-21-3                   | 1995         |
| IEC 60664-1<br>(mod)         | 1992         | Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems<br>Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests                            | HD 625.1 S1<br>+ corr. November | 1996<br>1996 |

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| IEC 61000-4-5      | 1995        | Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)<br>Part 4-5: Testing and measurement<br>techniques - Surge immunity test          | EN 61000-4-5 | 1995        |
| IEC 61180-1        | 1992        | High-voltage test techniques for low-<br>voltage equipment<br>Part 1: Definitions, test and procedure<br>requirements | EN 61180-1   | 1994        |
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## ELECTRICAL RELAYS –

**Part 5: Insulation coordination for measuring relays and protection equipment – Requirements and tests**

## FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 60255-5 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 95: Measuring relays and protection equipment.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 1977, and constitutes a technical revision.

This standard shall be read in conjunction with IEC 60664-1.

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

| FDIS       | Report on voting |
|------------|------------------|
| 95/98/FDIS | 95/108/RVD       |

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 3.

Annexes A to D are for information only.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2004. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

## INTRODUCTION

The following points have been considered in the preparation of this standard.

- The application of the insulation coordination according to IEC 60664-1 leads to a graded range of rated impulse voltages dependent on the nominal voltage of the supply circuit and the applicable overvoltage category. Further, the impulse test voltages depend on the air pressure and therefore on the altitude of the test site. Consequently, a wide range of test voltages becomes necessary.

For an effective test practice, a rationalised test voltage of 5 kV has been specified in this standard. It is applicable for the normal case of relays directly energised via current and voltage transformers or directly connected to the station battery supply. It is applicable independent of the test site altitude, from sea level to 2 000 m.

The existing impulse test generators designed according to IEC 60060-1 remain applicable in this case.

For other test voltages, the IEC 60060-1 generator can also be used; however components of the generator must be modified depending on the required test voltage, as described in annex C. The modifications are necessary to retain the specified output energy of 0,5 J.

It is expected that suitable impulse test generators with variable output voltage and a fixed output energy of 0,5 J will become available on the market in the near future.

- Reduction of the source impedance of the impulse test generator to 50  $\Omega$  has been considered, because a value of this order would seem to correspond better to the characteristic impedance of the substation wiring (see also IEC 61000-4-5). However, considering the satisfactory experience with the current standard and in order to avoid the existing test generators from becoming obsolete, the 500  $\Omega$  value has been retained.
- Impulse withstand testing of circuits containing voltage suppression components may lead to heavy distortion of the impulse test waveform. This is acceptable, conditional upon the equipment being undamaged and fully functional after completion of the tests. Withstand surge testing of circuits is not part of insulation testing and not part of this standard.
- The inclusion of the pollution degree is based on IEC 60664-1 and is a new consideration.

## ELECTRICAL RELAYS –

### Part 5: Insulation coordination for measuring relays and protection equipment – Requirements and tests

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60255 gives general requirements for the insulation coordination of measuring relays and protection equipment.

NOTE 1 Unless otherwise stated, the term “relay(s)” is used as an abbreviation for the expression “measuring relays and protection equipment” in this standard.

In particular, this standard, specifies the following:

- definition of terms;
- guidance for the selection of clearances and creepage distances and other aspects related to the insulation of measuring relays and protection equipment;
- requirements for voltage tests and insulation resistance measurement.

This standard is applicable to the installation and use at altitudes up to 2 000 m of equipment having a rated a.c. voltage up to 1 000 V, with a rated frequency up to 65 Hz, or a d.c. voltage up to 1 500 V.

This standard also applies to associated auxiliary devices such as shunts, series resistors, transformers, etc., used and tested together with measuring relays and protection equipment as mentioned above, except where the devices are covered by other IEC publications, for example communication interfaces.

NOTE 2 Requirements for altitudes exceeding 2 000 m can be derived from table B.1.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60255. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60255 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60050(151):1978, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

IEC 60050(448):1995, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 448: Power system protection*

IEC 60060-1:1989, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60085:1984, *Thermal evaluation and classification of electrical insulation*

IEC 60112:1979, *Method for determining the comparative and the proof tracking indices of solid insulating materials under moist conditions*

IEC 60255 (all parts), *Electrical relays*

IEC 60255-21-1:1988, *Electrical relays – Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment – Section 1: Vibration tests (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60255-21-2:1988, *Electrical relays – Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment – Section 2: Shock and bump tests*

IEC 60255-21-3:1993, *Electrical relays – Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment – Section 3: Seismic tests*

IEC 60664-1:1992, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 61000-4-5:1995, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques – Section 5: Surge immunity test*

IEC 61180-1:1992, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment – Part 1: Definitions and test procedure requirements*

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### 3 Definitions

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For the purpose of this part of IEC 60255, the following definitions together with those of IEC 60050(448), IEC 60664-1 and the relevant parts of IEC 60255 apply.

#### 3.1

##### **hazardous live part**

part at a voltage in excess of 50 V r.m.s. or 75 V d.c.

#### 3.2

##### **exposed conductive part**

conductive part which can be readily touched and is normally not hazardous live but may be at hazardous live voltage under a single fault condition

NOTE 1 For relays which are not enclosed, the frame, the fixing devices, etc., form the exposed conductive parts.

NOTE 2 For relays which are enclosed, the conductive parts which are accessible when the relay is mounted in its normal position of use, including those of its fixing surface, form the exposed conductive parts. Small parts such as inscription plates, screws and rivets which are isolated from the circuits are not taken into consideration.

#### 3.3

##### **clearance**

shortest distance in air between two conductive parts

[IEC 60664-1]

#### 3.4

##### **solid insulation**

solid insulating material interposed between any two conductive parts

[IEC 60664-1]