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Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies

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LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

This standard defines the specific requirements of power switchgear and controlgear assemblies (PSC-ASSEMBLIES), the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1000 V a.c. or 1500 V d.c.

Throughout this part, the abbreviation PSC-ASSEMBLY is used for a power switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLY (see 3.1.101).

This standard does not apply to the specific types of ASSEMBLIES covered by other parts of IEC 61439.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60947-3:1999, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Switchgear, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

IEC 61140:2001, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment – Basic safety publication*

IEC 61439-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 1: General rules*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

3.1 General terms

Additional definitions:

3.1.101

power switchgear and controlgear assembly (PSC-ASSEMBLY)

low-voltage switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLY used to distribute and control energy for all types of loads, intended for industrial, commercial and similar applications where operation by ordinary persons is not intended

3.1.102

test situation

condition of a PSC-ASSEMBLY or part of it in which the relevant main circuits are open on its supply side but not necessarily isolated whilst the associated auxiliary circuits are connected, allowing operation tests of the incorporated devices

3.1.103

form of internal separation

classification of physical separation within a PSC-ASSEMBLY.

3.2 Constructional units of ASSEMBLIES

Replacement of the title:

3.2 Constructional units of PSC-ASSEMBLIES

Additional definitions:

3.2.101

withdrawable part

removable part intended to be moved from the connected position to the isolated position and to a test position, if any, whilst remaining mechanically attached to the PSC-ASSEMBLY

3.2.102

test position

position of a withdrawable part in which the relevant main circuits are open on its supply side but not necessarily isolated and in which the auxiliary circuits are connected allowing operation tests of the incorporated devices, the withdrawable part remaining mechanically attached to the PSC-ASSEMBLY

NOTE The opening may also be achieved without any mechanical movement of the withdrawable part by operation of a suitable device.

3.2.103

isolated position

position of a withdrawable part in which an isolating distance is established in main and auxiliary circuits on its supply side, the withdrawable part remaining mechanically attached to the PSC-ASSEMBLY

NOTE The isolating distance may also be established without any mechanical movement of the withdrawable part by operation of a suitable device.

3.2.104

isolating distance (of a withdrawable part)

clearance between open contacts meeting the safety requirements specified for disconnectors

[IEV 441-17-35: 1984. modified]

Addition:

3.101 Electrical connections of functional units

3.101.1

disconnectable connection

connection which is connected or disconnected by manual operation of the connecting means without a tool

3.101.2

withdrawable connection

connection which is connected or disconnected by bringing the functional unit into the connected or isolated position

3.102 Gangways within PSC-ASSEMBLIES

3.102.1

operating gangway within a PSC-ASSEMBLIES

space to be used by the operator for the proper operation and supervision of the PSC-ASSEMBLY

3.102.2

maintenance gangway within a PSC-ASSEMBLIES

space which is accessible to authorized personnel only and primarily intended for use when servicing the installed equipment

4 Symbols and abbreviations

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

5 Interface characteristics

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

5.3.3 Rated diversity factor (RDF)

Addition:

In the absence of an agreement between the ASSEMBLY manufacturer and user concerning the actual load currents, the assumed loading of the outgoing circuits of the ASSEMBLY or group of outgoing circuits may be based on the values in Table 101.

5.5 Other characteristics

Replacement of item l):

- l) the type of construction - fixed, removable or withdrawable parts (see 8.5.2.101 to 8.5.2.103);

Addition:

- m) the form of internal separation (see 8.101);
- n) the types of electrical connections of functional units (see 8.5.101).

6 Information

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows

6.1 ASSEMBLY designation marking

Replacement of the title and item d):

6.1 PSC-ASSEMBLY designation marking

- d) IEC 61439-2;

6.2.1 Information relating to the ASSEMBLY

Replacement of the title:

6.2.1 Information relating to the PSC-ASSEMBLY

Addition:

- l) form of internal separation (see 8.101);
- m) types of electrical connections of functional units (see 8.5.101).

7 Service conditions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

8 Constructional requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

8.2 Degree of protection provided by a ASSEMBLY enclosure

Replacement of the title:

8.2 Degree of protection provided by a PSC-ASSEMBLY enclosure

Subclause 8.2.1 of Part 1 is not applicable.

Additional subclause:

8.2.101 Degree of protection of withdrawable parts

The degree of protection indicated for PSC-ASSEMBLIES normally applies to the connected position (see 3.2.3) of withdrawable parts. The ASSEMBLY manufacturer shall indicate the degree of protection obtained in the other positions and during the transfer between positions.

PSC-ASSEMBLIES with withdrawable parts may be so designed that the degree of protection applying to the connected position is also maintained in the test and isolated positions and during transfer from one position to another.

If, after the removal of a withdrawable part, the original degree of protection is not maintained, an agreement shall be reached between the ASSEMBLY manufacturer and user as to what measures shall be taken to ensure adequate protection. Information provided by the ASSEMBLY manufacturer may take the place of such an agreement.

8.3.2 Clearances

Addition:

Where functional units are mounted on withdrawable parts, the isolation provided in the isolated position shall at least comply with the requirements in the relevant specification for disconnectors (see IEC 60947-3). This applies with the equipment in new condition, taking account of the manufacturing tolerances and anticipated changes in dimensions due to wear.

The isolating distance between the withdrawable unit main contacts and their associated fixed contacts in the isolated position shall be capable of withstanding the test voltage for the declared impulse withstand voltage as specified in Table 102.

8.4.3.2.2 Requirements for earth continuity providing protection against the consequences of faults within the ASSEMBLY

Replacement of last paragraph:

When removable or withdrawable parts are equipped with a metal supporting surface, these surfaces shall be considered sufficient for ensuring earth continuity of protective circuits provided that the pressure exerted on them is sufficiently high. The continuity of the protective circuit of a withdrawable part shall remain effective from the connected position to the isolated position inclusively.

8.4.5.1 Devices to be operated or components to be replaced by ordinary persons

This subclause of Part 1 is not applicable.

8.4.5.2 Requirements related to accessibility in service by authorized persons

Additional subclause:

8.4.5.2.101 Operating and maintenance gangways within a PSC-ASSEMBLY

Operating and maintenance gangways (see 3.102.1 and 3.102.2) within an ASSEMBLY shall comply with the requirements for basic protection as specified in IEC 61140. The design and construction of such gangways shall be agreed upon between ASSEMBLY Manufacturer and User.

Recesses within a PSC-ASSEMBLY of limited depth, in the order of 1 m, are not considered to be gangways.

8.5.2 Removable parts

Replacement of the title:

8.5.2 Removable and withdrawable parts

Additional subclauses:

8.5.2.101 General

The removable and withdrawable parts shall be so constructed that their electrical equipment can be safely isolated from or connected to the main circuit whilst this circuit is live. The removable and withdrawable parts may be provided with an insertion interlock (see 3.2.5 of Part 1). Minimum clearances and creepage distances (see 8.3 of Part 1 and 8.3.2 above) shall be complied with in the different positions as well as during transfer from one position to another.

NOTE It may be necessary to ensure that these operations are not performed under load.

8.5.2.102 Removable parts

Removable parts shall have a connected position (see 3.2.3 of Part 1) and a removed position (see 3.2.4 of Part 1).

8.5.2.103 Withdrawable parts

Withdrawable parts shall have in addition an isolated position (see 3.2.103) and may have a test position (see 3.2.102), or a test situation (see 3.1.102). They shall be distinctly located in these positions. These positions shall be clearly discernible.

In PSC-ASSEMBLIES with withdrawable parts all live parts shall be protected in such a manner that they cannot unintentionally be touched when the door, if any, is open and the withdrawable part is withdrawn from the connected position or removed. Where an obstacle or shutter is used they shall meet the requirements of 8.4.5.2.5 of Part 1, and warning labels shall be provided.

For the electrical conditions associated with the different positions of withdrawable parts, see Table 103.

8.5.2.104 Interlocking and padlocking of withdrawable parts

Unless otherwise specified, withdrawable parts shall be fitted with a device, which ensures that the apparatus can only be withdrawn and/or re-inserted after its main circuit has been interrupted.

In order to prevent unauthorized operation, withdrawable parts may be provided with means for a padlock or lock to secure them in one or more of their positions.

Addition:

8.5.101 Description of the types of electrical connections of functional units

The types of electrical connections of functional units within PSC-ASSEMBLIES or parts of PSC-ASSEMBLIES can be denoted by a three-letter code:

- the first letter denotes the type of electrical connection of the main incoming circuit;
- the second letter denotes the type of electrical connection of the main outgoing circuit;
- the third letter denotes the type of electrical connection of the auxiliary circuits.

The following letters shall be used:

- F for fixed connections (see 3.101.1);
- D for disconnectable connections (see 3.101.2);
- W for withdrawable connections (see 3.101.3).

Addition:

8.101 Internal separation of PSC-ASSEMBLIES

Typical arrangements of internal separation by barriers or partitions are described in Table 104 and are classified as forms (for examples, see Annex AA).

The form of separation and higher degrees of protection shall be the subject of an agreement between ASSEMBLY Manufacturer and User.

PSC-ASSEMBLIES can be divided to attain one or more of the following conditions between functional units, separate compartments or enclosed protected spaces:

- protection against contact with hazardous parts. The degree of protection shall be at least IP XXB;
- protection against the passage of solid foreign bodies. The degree of protection shall be at least IP 2X.

NOTE The degree of protection IP 2X covers the degree of protection IP XXB.

Separation may be achieved by means of partitions or barriers (metallic or non-metallic), insulation of live parts or the integral housing of a device e.g. a moulded case circuit breaker.

See 8.4.2.3 of Part 1 with regard to stability and durability of barriers and partitions.

See 8.4.5.2 of Part 1 and above with regard to accessibility for maintenance on isolated functional units.

9 Performance requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

10 Design verification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

10.3 Degree of protection of ASSEMBLIES

Addition:

The degree of protection associated with withdrawable parts as specified in accordance with 8.2.101 shall be verified in accordance with IEC 60529.

10.9.3.2 Impulse withstand voltage test

Addition:

The impulse withstand voltage capability of the isolating distance between the withdrawable units' main contacts and their associated fixed contacts shall be verified to confirm compliance with 8.3.2.

10.13 Mechanical operation

Addition:

In the case of withdrawable parts, the operating cycle includes any physical movements from the connected to the isolated position and back to the connected position.

11 Routine verifications

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

11.8 Mechanical operation

Replacement:

Verification shall include the checking of interlocking and locking arrangements associated with removable and withdrawable parts.