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## 1 Scope

This International Standard applies to electric traction overhead contact line systems in heavy railways, light railways, trolley busses and industrial railways of public and private operators.

It applies to new installations of overhead contact line systems and for the complete reconstruction of existing overhead contact line systems.

This standard contains the requirements and tests for the design of overhead contact lines, requirements for structures and their structural calculations and verifications as well as the requirements and tests for the design of assemblies and individual parts.

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### **3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-811 and the following apply.

#### **3.1 Systems**

##### **3.1.1**

##### **contact line system**

support network for supplying electrical energy from substations to electrically powered traction units, which covers overhead contact line systems and conductor rail systems; the electrical limits of the system are the feeding point and the contact point to the current collector

Note 1 to entry: The mechanical system may comprise

- the contact line,
- structures and foundations,
- supports and any components supporting or registering the conductors,
- head and cross-spans,
- tensioning devices,