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Part 1: Definitions, end fittings and designations

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61952 is intended to give the main mechanical and dimensional characteristics of composite line post insulators and their fittings in order to ensure their interchangeability. Since line post insulators are usually subjected to combined loads (for example vertical due to the conductor plus compressive and lateral due to the pole being at a line corner or turn), only the MDCL is given as a specified characteristic for the mechanical strength of the insulator.

Furthermore, composite line post insulators are often used in a braced configuration for higher voltages and mechanical loads. In these configurations the overall strength depends on the components and geometry of the whole assembly – including notably the buckling strength of the line post component which depends more on the core dimensions and flexibility than on ultimate flexural strength.

In order to address the matter of the strength of composite line post insulators under combined or complex loads some information is already given in Annex B of IEC 61952:2008 and by the IEEE [2]¹. It is intended to expand on this information in a second part of IEC 61952 which will give application guidelines and examples for common line post usage scenarios.

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¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

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Part 1: Definitions, end fittings and designations

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61952 is applicable to composite line post insulators for AC overhead lines with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V and a frequency not greater than 100 Hz.

It also applies to line post insulators of similar design used in substations or on electric traction lines.

This document applies to line post insulators of composite type, generally with metallic couplings, with and without a base plate. It also applies to such insulators when used in complex structures. It does not apply to hollow insulators adapted for use as line post insulators.

The object of this document is to specify the main dimensions of the couplings to be used on the composite line post insulators in order to permit the assembly of insulators or fittings supplied by different manufacturers and to allow, whenever practical, interchangeability with existing installations.

It also specifies a standard designation system for composite line post insulators.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60050-471, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 471: Insulators*

IEC 60071-1, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 61952:2008, *Insulators for overhead lines – Composite line post insulators for A.C. systems with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V – Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-471 and IEC 61952 and the following apply.

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

**3.1
coupling**

part of the end fitting designed for attachment of the composite line post insulator to line equipment, supporting structures, base plates or other insulators

**3.2
core diameter**

nominal diameter of the load-bearing core of the insulator

**3.3
line end fitting**

fitting at the end of the line post insulator to which the conductor or other live equipment is to be attached

Note 1 to entry: Line end fitting can be from metal or insulating material.

**3.4
base end fitting**

fitting at the end intended to be attached to the supporting structure, either directly or by an intermediate base or plate

**3.5
base**

intermediate hardware to allow attachment of the line post insulator to the supporting structure

**3.6
reference cantilever load
RCL**

North American practise for defining maximum admissible working load

**3.7
maximum design cantilever load
MDCL**

load level above which damage to the core begins to occur and which is the ultimate limit for service loads. This value and direction of the load are specified by the manufacturer

**3.8
minimum lightning impulse withstand voltage
BIL**

impulse voltage having a front time of 1,2 μ s and a time to half-value of 50 μ s

4 Mechanical, dimensional and electrical characteristics**4.1 Characteristics**

Composite line post insulators are standardised by the following specified characteristics:

- maximum design cantilever load (MDCL);
- minimum lightning impulse withstand voltage (BIL);
- standard coupling codes;
- standard base plate code (if applicable).

Additional mechanical characteristics may be required for some applications (e.g. tensile strength, torsion strength). These characteristics do not form part of this document.

Core diameter does not form part of the specified characteristics of composite line post insulators; however some fitting dimensions depend on the core diameter. Common nominal core diameters (in mm) are as follows: 37, 40, 45, 51, 63, 76, 88, 102, 120, 130.

Creepage distance does not form part of the specified characteristics of composite line post insulators; however it may be included in the insulator designation.

All dimensions are expressed in millimetres. The dimensions apply to the finished product after any surface treatment.

4.2 Maximum design cantilever load (MDCL) and specified cantilever load (SCL)

Each insulator is characterised by the MDCL and SCL as defined in IEC 61952.

The manufacturer's recommended working cantilever load may be listed as the MDCL or the reference cantilever load (RCL) and may be as much as 50 % of the SCL.

4.3 Minimum lightning impulse withstand voltage class (BIL)

Composite line post insulators are divided into classes according to their standard rated lightning impulse withstand voltage according to IEC 60071-1. For convenience, the standard values (in kV) are reproduced as follows:

60, 75, 95, 125, 145, 170, 200, 250, 325, 380, 450, 550, 650, 750, 850, 950, 1 050, 1 175, 1 300, 1 425, 1 550, 1 675, 1 800, 1 950, 2 100, 2 550, 2 700.

NOTE Intermediate values are permitted and given in Tables 3 and 4.

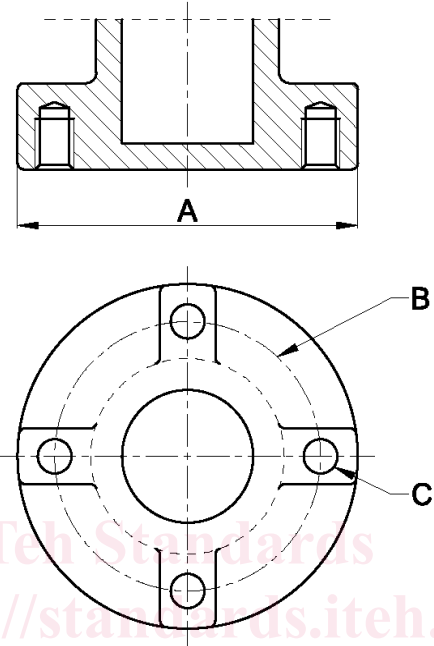
Each class includes insulators of increasing length up to the next lightning impulse withstand voltage class.

4.4 Standard coupling codes

The couplings on composite line post insulators are designated by the codes given in Table 1. The typical major dimensions defining each size are indicated.

Unless otherwise specified, dimensions given in Table 1 are nominal and subject to the typical tolerances applicable to the type (threads, metric thread pitch – standard, cast elements, etc.). Metric bolts and tapping may be replaced by their UNC equivalent; this shall be clearly marked on all drawings. All dimensions are expressed in millimetres.

Table 1 – Types of couplings

DESIGNATION	TYPE OF COUPLING	Examples (non preferred values in brackets)	Usual practice																									
			Line End	Base end																								
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