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# LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

## Part 1: Type-tested and partially type-tested assemblies

### 1 General

#### 1.1 Scope and object

This International Standard applies to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLIES (type-tested ASSEMBLIES (TTA) and partially type-tested ASSEMBLIES (PTTA)), the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V a.c. at frequencies not exceeding 1 000 Hz, or 1 500 V d.c.

This standard also applies to ASSEMBLIES incorporating control and/or power equipment, the frequencies of which are higher. In this case, appropriate additional requirements will apply.

This standard applies to stationary or movable ASSEMBLIES with or without enclosure.

NOTE Additional requirements for certain specific types of assemblies are given in supplementary IEC standards.

This standard applies to ASSEMBLIES intended for use in connection with the generation, transmission, distribution and conversion of electric energy, and for the control of electric energy consuming equipment.

It also applies to ASSEMBLIES designed for use under special service conditions, for example in ships, in rail vehicles, for hoisting equipment or in explosive atmospheres, and for domestic (operated by unskilled persons) applications, provided that the relevant specific requirements are complied with.

This standard applies also to ASSEMBLIES designed for electrical equipment of machines. However, where applicable the additional requirements of IEC 60204-1 have to be fulfilled.

This standard does not apply to individual devices and self-contained components, such as motor starters, fuse switches, electronic equipment, etc. complying with their relevant standards.

The object of this standard is to lay down the definitions and to state the service conditions, construction requirements, technical characteristics and tests for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLIES.

#### 1.2 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 60038:1983, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60050(441):1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*

IEC 60050(471):1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 471: Insulators*

IEC 60050(604):1987, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 604: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – Operation*

IEC 60060, *High-voltage test techniques*

IEC 60071-1:1976, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Terms, definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60073:1996, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Coding principles for indication devices and actuators*

IEC 60099-1:1991, *Surge arresters – Part 1: Non-linear resistor type gapped surge arresters for a.c. systems*

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IEC 60364-4-443:1995, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 4: Protection for safety – Chapter 44: Protection against overvoltages – Section 443: Protection against overvoltages of atmospheric origin or due to switching* \*

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IEC 60417 (all parts), *Graphical symbols for use on equipment. Index, survey and compilation of the single sheets*

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IEC 60502:1994, *Extruded solid dielectric insulated power cables for rated voltages from 1 kV to 30 kV*

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IEC 60695-2-11:2000, *Fire hazard testing - Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products*

IEC 60865 (all parts), *Short-circuit currents – Calculation of effects*

IEC 60890:1987, *A method of temperature-rise assessment by extrapolation for partially type-tested assemblies (PTTA) of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear*

IEC 60947-1:1988, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

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

IEC 60947-4-1:1990, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4: Contactors and motor-starters – Section 1: Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

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IEC 61000-4-4:1995, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques – Section 4: Electrical fast transient burst immunity test – Basic EMC Publication*

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CISPR 11:1997, *Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio-frequency equipment – Electromagnetic disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement Amendment 1 (1999)*

## 2 Definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

NOTE Certain definitions in this clause are taken unchanged or modified from those of IEC 60050 (IEV) or from other IEC publications.

### 2.1 General

#### 2.1.1

##### **low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly (ASSEMBLY)**

a combination of one or more low-voltage switching devices together with associated control, measuring, signalling, protective, regulating equipment, etc., completely assembled under the responsibility of the manufacturer with all the internal electrical and mechanical interconnections and structural parts (see 2.4)

NOTE 1 Throughout this standard, the abbreviation ASSEMBLY is used for a low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly.

NOTE 2 The components of the ASSEMBLY may be electromechanical or electronic.

NOTE 3 For various reasons, for example transport or production, certain steps of assembly may be made in a place outside the factory of the manufacturer.

#### 2.1.1.1

##### **type-tested low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly (TTA)**

a low-voltage switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLY conforming to an established type or system without deviations likely to significantly influence the performance, from the typical ASSEMBLY verified to be in accordance with this standard

NOTE 1 Throughout this standard, the abbreviation TTA is used for a type-tested low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly.

NOTE 2 For various reasons, for example transport or production, certain steps of assembly may take place outside the factory of the manufacturer of the TTA. Such an ASSEMBLY is considered as a TTA provided the assembly is performed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in such a manner that compliance of the established type or system with this standard is assured, including submission to applicable routine tests.

#### 2.1.1.2

##### **partially type-tested low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly (PTTA)**

a low-voltage switchgear and controlgear ASSEMBLY, containing both type-tested and non-type-tested arrangements, provided that the latter are derived (e.g. by calculation) from type-tested arrangements which have complied with the relevant tests (see table 7).

NOTE Throughout this standard, the abbreviation PTTA is used for a partially type-tested switchgear and controlgear assembly.

#### 2.1.2

##### **main circuit (of an ASSEMBLY)**

all the conductive parts of an ASSEMBLY included in a circuit which is intended to transmit electrical energy [IEV 441-13-02]

#### 2.1.3

##### **auxiliary circuit (of an ASSEMBLY)**

all the conductive parts of an ASSEMBLY included in a circuit (other than the main circuit) intended to control, measure, signal, regulate, process data, etc. [IEV 441-13-03 modified]

NOTE The auxiliary circuits of an ASSEMBLY include the control and the auxiliary circuits of the switching devices.

#### 2.1.4

##### **busbar**

a low-impedance conductor to which several electric circuits can be separately connected

NOTE The term "busbar" does not presuppose the geometrical shape, size or dimensions of the conductor.

#### 2.1.4.1

##### **main busbar**

a busbar to which one or several distribution busbars and/or incoming and outgoing units can be connected

#### 2.1.4.2

##### **distribution busbar**

a busbar within one section which is connected to a main busbar and from which outgoing units are supplied

#### 2.1.5

##### **functional unit**

a part of an ASSEMBLY comprising all the electrical and mechanical elements that contribute to the fulfilment of the same function

NOTE Conductors which are connected to a functional unit but which are external to its compartment or enclosed protected space (e.g. auxiliary cables connected to a common compartment) are not considered to form part of the functional unit.

#### 2.1.6

##### **incoming unit**

a functional unit through which electrical energy is normally fed into the ASSEMBLY

#### 2.1.7

##### **outgoing unit**

a functional unit through which electrical energy is normally supplied to one or more outgoing circuits

#### 2.1.8

##### **functional group**

a group of several functional units which are electrically interconnected for the fulfilment of their operational functions

#### 2.1.9

##### **test situation**

condition of an 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 tests of the operation of incorporated devices

#### 2.1.10

##### **isolated situation**

condition of an ASSEMBLY or part of it in which the relevant main circuits are isolated on their supply side and the associated auxiliary circuits are also isolated

#### 2.1.11

##### **connected situation**

a condition of an ASSEMBLY or part of it in which the relevant main circuit and associated auxiliary circuits are connected for their normally intended function