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<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 38 (mod)	1983	IEC standard voltages <sup>1)</sup>	HD 472 S1	1989
IEC 50(212)	1990	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) Chapter 212: Insulating solids, liquids and gases	-	-
IEC 50(471)	1984	Chapter 471: Insulators	-	-
IEC 59	1938	IEC standard current ratings	-	-
IEC 60-1	1989	High-voltage test techniques Part 1: General definitions and test requirements	HD 588.1 S1	1991
IEC 68-2-17	1994	Environmental testing Part 2: Tests - Test Q: Sealing	EN 60068-2-17	1994
IEC 71-1	1993	Insulation co-ordination Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules	EN 60071-1	1995
IEC 76-1	1993 <sup>2)</sup>	Power transformers Part 1: General	-	-
IEC 76-2	1993 <sup>3)</sup>	Part 2: Temperature rise	-	-
IEC 76-5 (mod)	1976	Part 5: Ability to withstand short-circuit	HD 398.5 S1	1983
IEC 216-2	1990	Guide for the determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials Part 2: Choice of test criteria	HD 611.2 S1	1992

1) The title of HD 472 S1 is : Nominal voltages for low voltage public electricity supply systems.

2) IEC 76-1:1976, mod. is harmonized as HD 398.1 S1:1980.

3) IEC 76-2:1976, mod. is harmonized as HD 398.2 S1:1980.

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IEC 233	1974	Tests on hollow insulators for use in electrical equipment	HD 329 S1	1977
IEC 270	1981	Partial discharge measurements	-	-
IEC 354	1991	Loading guide for oil-immersed power transformers (corrigendum 1992)	-	-
IEC 505	1975	Guide for the evaluation and identification of insulation systems of electrical equipment	-	-
IEC 507	1991	Artificial pollution tests on high-voltage insulators to be used on a.c. systems	EN 60507	1993
IEC 517	1990	Gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages of 72,5 kV and above	EN 60517 <sup>4)</sup>	1996
IEC 815	1986	Guide for the selection of insulators in respect of polluted conditions	-	-
IEC 943	1989	Guide for the specification of permissible temperature and temperature rise for parts of electrical equipment, in particular for terminals	-	-
IEC 1264	1994	Ceramic pressurized hollow insulators for high-voltage switchgear and controlgear	-	-

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4) IEC 517 includes the corrigendum April 1995 and A1:1994 to IEC 517.

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## FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 137 has been prepared by sub-committee 36A: Insulated bushings, of IEC technical committee 36: Insulators.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 1984 and constitutes a technical revision.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
36A/45/FDIS	36A/55/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.

## INTRODUCTION

In this edition of IEC 137 special account is taken of the requirements for bushings to be fitted to transformers, and the range of bushings addressed in this edition has been extended to include bushings of rated voltages equal to or less than 52 kV made of ceramic, glass or inorganic materials, resin or composite insulation.

Many clauses have been modified, considering the evolution of technology, and to align with current revisions of the IEC standards. New types of bushings, e.g. gas-filled, gas-insulated and gas-impregnated bushings, are considered.

For bushings fitted to transformers special requirements not considered necessary for bushings fitted to switchgear, or used for other applications have been addressed. A high level of integrity is needed to ensure that the bushing will not fail, or be the initiator of internal flashover in the transformer under test. Dry power-frequency withstand test voltage levels for transformers bushings should be increased according to 8.3.

The dynamic current withstand test is not mentioned in the text, because insufficient experience has so far been collected to design a realistic test.

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## INSULATED BUSHINGS FOR ALTERNATING VOLTAGES ABOVE 1000 V

### 1 General

#### 1.1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the characteristics and tests for insulated bushings.

This standard is applicable to bushings, as defined in clause 2, intended for use in electrical apparatus, machinery, transformers, switchgear and installations for three-phase alternating current systems, having rated voltages above 1000 V and power-frequencies of 15 Hz up to and including 60 Hz.

Special requirements and tests for transformer bushings in this standard apply also to reactor bushings.

This standard may also be used analogously for bushings for use in other than three-phase systems, e.g. for rectifiers, testing transformers, or for terminals for power cables (potheads) and capacitors. Such bushings should be subject to special agreement between purchaser and supplier.

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This standard is not applicable to insulating structures similar to bushings, which are used as support insulators inside metal-enclosed switchgear.

This standard is applicable to bushings made and sold separately. Bushings which are a part of an apparatus and which cannot be tested according to this standard should be tested with the apparatus of which they form part.

#### 1.2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties involved in agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 38: 1983, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 50(212): 1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 212: Insulating solids, liquids and gases*

- IEC 50(471): 1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 471: Insulators*
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- IEC 1264: 1994, *Ceramic pressurized hollow insulators for high-voltage switchgear and controlgear*

## 2 Definitions

For the definitions of generally used terms in the present standard, reference should be made to IEC 50(471).

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

**2.1 bushing:** Device that enables one or several conductors to pass through a partition such as a wall or a tank, and insulates the conductors from it. The means of attachment (flange or fixing device) to the partition forms part of the bushing. [IEV 471-02-01, modified]

### NOTES

1 The conductor may form an integral part of the bushing or be drawn into the central tube of the bushing.

2 The bushing may be of the types as prescribed in 2.2 to 2.20.

**2.2 liquid-filled or compound-filled bushing:** Bushing in which the space between the inside surface of the insulating envelope and the solid major insulation is filled with oil, or an insulating compound.

**2.3 liquid-insulated bushing:** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of oil or another insulating liquid.

**2.4 gas-filled bushing:** Bushing in which the space between the inside surface of the insulating envelope and the solid major insulation is filled with gas (other than ambient air) at atmospheric pressure or higher.

NOTE - This definition includes bushings which are intended to form an integral part of gas-insulated equipment, the gas of the equipment being in communication with that of the bushing.

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**2.5 gas-insulated bushing:** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of gas (other than ambient air) at atmospheric pressure or higher.

### NOTES

1 This definition includes bushings which are intended to form an integral part of gas-insulated equipment, the gas of the equipment being in communication with that of the bushing.

2 A bushing which contains solid insulating materials other than the envelope containing the gas (e.g. support for conducting layers or insulating cylinder), is a composite bushing (see 2.12).

**2.6 gas-impregnated bushing:** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a core wound from paper or plastic film and subsequently treated and impregnated with gas (other than ambient air) at atmospheric pressure or higher, the space between the core and the insulating envelope being filled with the same gas.

**2.7 oil-impregnated paper bushing (OIP):** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a core wound from paper and subsequently treated and impregnated with an insulating liquid, generally transformer oil. The core is contained in an insulating envelope, the space between the core and the insulating envelope being filled with the same insulating liquid as that used for impregnation.

**2.8 resin-bonded paper bushing (RBP):** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a core wound from resin-coated paper. During the winding process, each paper layer is bonded to the previous layer by its resin coating and the bonding achieved by curing the resin.

A resin-bonded paper bushing can be provided with an insulating envelope, in which case the intervening space shall be filled with an insulating liquid or another insulating medium.

**2.9 resin-impregnated paper bushing (RIP):** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a core wound from untreated paper and subsequently impregnated with a curable resin.

A resin-impregnated paper bushing can be provided with an insulating envelope, in which case the intervening space shall be filled with an insulating liquid or another insulating medium.

**2.10 ceramic, glass or analogous inorganic material bushing:** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a ceramic, glass or analogous inorganic material.

**2.11 cast or moulded resin-insulated bushing:** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a cast or moulded organic material with or without an inorganic filler.

**2.12 composite bushing:** Bushing in which the major insulation consists of a combination of at least two different insulating materials.

**2.13 capacitance graded bushing:** Bushing, in which a desired voltage grading is obtained by an arrangement of conducting or semiconducting layers incorporated into the insulating material. [IEV 471-02-02, modified]

**2.14 indoor bushing:** Bushing, both ends of which are intended to be in ambient air at atmospheric pressure, but not exposed to outdoor atmospheric conditions. [IEV 471-02-03, modified]

NOTE – This definition includes bushings operating in air at temperatures above ambient, such as occur with air-insulated ducting.

**2.15 outdoor bushing:** Bushing, both ends of which are intended to be in ambient air at atmospheric pressure and exposed to outdoor atmospheric conditions. [IEV 471-02-04]

**2.16 outdoor-indoor bushing:** Bushing, both ends of which are intended to be in ambient air at atmospheric pressure. One end is intended to be exposed to outdoor atmospheric conditions, and the other end not to be exposed to outdoor atmospheric conditions. [IEV 471-02-05, modified]

**2.17 indoor-immersed bushing:** Bushing, one end of which is intended to be in ambient air but not exposed to outdoor atmospheric conditions and the other end to be immersed in an insulating medium other than ambient air (e.g. oil or gas). [IEV 471-02-06]