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INTRODUCTION

135 It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its
136 provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

137 This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such
138 as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of SPDs when operated as in normal use
139 taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can
140 be expected in practice.

141 This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that
142 there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the SPD is connected to the supply mains.
143 However, national wiring rules may differ.

144 If the intended applications of an SPD are covered by different parts of the IEC 61643-X1 (X =
145 1,2,3,4, etc.) series, all relevant parts shall be applied, as far as is reasonable.

146 NOTE 1: Throughout this publication, when "part 01" is mentioned, it refers to IEC 61643-01, and when "part 11" is
147 mentioned, it refers to this standard.

148 This part of the IEC 61643 series addresses safety and performance tests for surge protective
149 devices (SPDs) for DC applications in conjunction with part 01.

150 This part 11 addresses T1 SPD, T2 SPD and T3 SPD according to part 01.

151 The requirements of this part 41 supplement, modify or replace certain of the general
152 requirements contained in part 01 and shall be read and applied together with the latest
153 edition of part 01, as indicated by the undated normative reference in the normative
154 references of this document.

155 Numbering of clauses follows the numbering of part 01, but, dependent on the application of
156 clauses from part 01, does not necessarily follow sequentially.

157 If a clause in part 01 is not explicitly called up or referred to in this part 41, then this clause
158 does not apply to SPDs covered by this part 41. Any instructions in this standard calling up
159 clauses from part 01 are written in *Italic type*.

160 NOTE 2: In other words, if e.g. clause 4 is called up in this document all subclauses of clause 4 of part 01 are
161 applied without modification. But, if e.g. some modifications are required on subclauses of clause 9 of part 01, then
162 the relevant second level subclauses of part 01 (e.g. 9.3, 9.5 etc.) are called up separately and it is indicated how
163 they are applied.

164 The numbering of additional subclauses to part 01 in this document starts with the number
165 100 in the last section of the subclause added (see e.g. 4.100)

166 IEC 61643-12 addresses the general selection and application principles of SPDs, but
167 focusing on SPDs for AC low-voltage power systems. A separate standard IEC 61643-42 is
168 planned, which should then specifically address selection and application principles for SPDs
169 for DC low-voltage power systems

170 A list of all parts of the IEC 61643 series can be found, under the general title *Low-voltage*
171 *surge protective devices*, on the IEC website.

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181 **1 Scope**

182 This part of the IEC 61643 series is applicable to devices for surge protection against indirect
183 and direct effects of lightning or other transient overvoltages.

184 These devices are intended to be connected to DC power circuits and equipment rated up to
185 1 500 V DC. Performance and safety requirements, tests and ratings are specified in this
186 standard. These devices contain at least one nonlinear component and are intended to limit
187 surge voltages and divert surge currents.

188 The test requirements provided by this standard are based on the assumption that the SPD is
189 connected to a DC power circuit fed by a power source providing a linear voltage-current
190 characteristic. When the SPD is to be connected to a different kind of source, careful
191 consideration is required. This mainly applies with regard to system and fault conditions to be
192 expected in such a system (e.g. expected short circuit current, TOV-stresses).

193 This standard can apply for railway applications, when related product standards do not exist
194 for that area or for certain applications.

195 Based on a risk assessment it may not be necessary to apply all requirements of this
196 standard to SPDs designed for specific power applications only, e.g. circuits with a low power
197 capability, circuits supplied by nonlinear sources, circuits with protective separation from the
198 utility supply.

199 NOTE 1: More information on risk assessment is provided in IEC Guide 116.

200 SPDs for PV applications are not covered by this standard.

201 NOTE 2: Such SPDs for PV applications are covered by IEC 61643-31.

202 NOTE 3: Other exclusions based on national regulations are possible.

203 **2 Normative references**

204 For the purposes of this document the normative references given in part 01 with the following
205 additions apply.

206 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their
207 content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition
208 cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including
209 any amendments) applies.

210 IEC 61643-01, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Part 01: General requirements and test*
211 *methods*

212 **3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms**

213 *Clause 3 from part 01 applies.*

214 ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following
215 addresses:

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

218 4 Classification

219 *Clause 4 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

220 4.13 End of life mode of the SPD-assembly

221 *Clause 4.13 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

222 For SPDs for DC power circuits fed by a power source providing a linear voltage-current
223 characteristic, only the open circuit mode according 4.12.1 of IEC 61643-01 is applicable.

224 NOTE: A short circuiting SPD, when used with its required SPD disconnectors (SPD-assembly), fulfils the
225 conditions to be classified open circuit mode (OCM).

226 5 Void

227 6 Marking and other product information

228 *Clause 6 from part 01 applies with the following additions.*

229 6.2 List of items

230 *Clause 6.2 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

231 The following information from the list of items in clause 6.2 of part 01 and any additional
232 items specified shall be provided as required below.

233 6.2.100 Markings which are required on the body, or permanently attached to the body, 234 of the SPD:

235 6.2.100.1 Markings which shall be visible after installation:

236 Items a1) to a3) from 6.2 of part 01 shall be visible after installation.

237 For portable SPDs and for pluggable SPDs it is sufficient that above markings are
238 visible in the unplugged condition. This does not apply to the minimum marking
239 requirements according 6.1 of part 01.

240 6.2.100.2 Markings which are not required to be visible after installation:

241 Items a4) to a8) from 6.2 of part 01 shall be visible on the SPD, but are not
242 required to be visible after installation.

243 6.2.101 Information to be provided by the manufacturer:

244 Items a1) to a40) from 6.2 of part 01 shall be provided, if applicable, and in addition:

245 *Clause 6.2, a20) from part 01 applies with the following addition:*

246 This includes information e.g. on the separation of the DC system from any upstream
247 AC or DC system and their interconnection as related to system earthing.

248 For item a25) from 6.2 of part 01 the AC and DC values or a curve shall be provided
249 according 9.3.3.1.

250 6.2.102 Information which shall be provided by the manufacturer for type testing, as 251 applicable:

252 Items a41) to a43) from 6.2 of part 01 shall be provided.

253 7 Service conditions

254 *Clause 7 from part 01 applies with the following addition:*

255 8 Requirements

256 *Clause 8 from part 01 applies with the following additions and exemptions:*

257 **8.3 Electrical requirements**

258 *Clause 8.3 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

259 **8.3.9 Behaviour under temporary overvoltages**

260 *Clause 8.3.9 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

261 SPD shall either withstand the overvoltages caused by faults or disturbances in the high or
262 low voltage system, or fail in a manner not creating a hazard.

263 **8.3.9.100 General requirements for TOV tests**

264 Compliance is checked by the test in accordance with 9.3.9.100 and the following clauses,
265 depending on the kind of TOV.

266 For this test, Annex C is to be considered.

267 **8.3.9.101 TOVs caused by DC low voltage system faults (earth faults and short 268 circuits)**

269 Compliance is checked by the test in accordance with 9.3.9.100 and 9.3.9.101.

270 **8.3.9.102 TOVs caused by DC low voltage system faults (loss of mid-point 271 connection)**

272 Compliance is checked by the test in accordance with 9.3.9.100 and 9.3.9.102.

273 **8.3.9.103 TOVs caused by faults in the high (medium) voltage AC system transferred 274 to a DC system, which is derived from a low-voltage AC TT- or IT-system 275 without separation**

276 Compliance is checked by the test in accordance with 9.3.9.100 and 9.3.9.103 and according
277 to 6.2, a20) and a30) of part 01 as amended by 6.2.101.

278 This requirement does not apply to SPDs which shall only be used in a DC system with
279 separation from the AC system or when the AC system is a TN system.

280 **8.3.9.104 TOVs caused by faults in the high (medium) voltage DC system transferred 281 to a DC TT- or IT-system with common earthing**

282 Compliance is checked by the test in accordance with 9.3.9.100 and 9.3.9.104 and according
283 to 6.2, a20) and a30) of part 01 as amended by 6.2.101.

284 This requirement does not apply to SPDs which shall only be used in a DC system without
285 common HVDC earthing.

286 **9 Tests**

287 *Clause 9 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

288 **9.1 General**

289 *Clause 9.1 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

290 **9.1.1 General testing procedures**

291 *Clause 9.1.1 from part 01 applies with the following additions:*

292 The test voltage U_{test} shall be selected from Annex B based on the information given by the
293 manufacturer according to 6.2.101 and according to 6.2, a10, a11), a20) and a21) of part 01.

294 The test frequency shall be 50Hz or 60 Hz ± 3 Hz unless otherwise specified.

295 For SPDs with a designated mid-point connection, which may be applied in systems without
296 distributed mid-point according to the manufacturer's instructions, separate testing is required
297 for the L+ or L– or both L+ and L– to PE modes of protection with the mid-point being
298 unconnected.