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## INTRODUCTION

104 Hybrid insulators consist of an insulating core, bearing the mechanical load protected by a  
105 polymeric housing, the load being transmitted to the core by end fittings. Despite these  
106 common features, the materials used and the construction details employed by different  
107 manufacturers may be quite different. The core is made of ceramic or glass material.

108 Hybrid insulators are applied as overhead line, post or hollow core equipment insulators. In  
109 order to perform the design tests, IEC 62217 shall be applied for the polymeric housing and  
110 the interfaces between core and the housing. For the core, the test standards for the  
111 respective ceramic product (IEC 60168, IEC 60383-1/-2 and IEC 62155) shall be applied.

112 Some tests have been grouped together as "design tests", to be performed only once on  
113 insulators which satisfy the same design conditions. For all design tests of hybrid insulators,  
114 the common clauses defined in IEC 62217 are applied. As far as practical, the influence of  
115 time on the electrical and mechanical properties of the components (core material, housing,  
116 interfaces etc.) and of the complete hybrid insulators has been considered in specifying the  
117 design tests to ensure a satisfactory life-time under normally known stress conditions in  
118 service.

119 Polymeric housing materials that show the hydrophobicity transfer mechanism (HTM) are  
120 preferred for hybrid insulators. They are applied as a countermeasure against severe polluted  
121 service conditions.

122 Pollution tests according to IEC 60507 or IEC 61245 are not included in this standard since  
123 they are designed for non-polymeric items. Specific pollution tests for polymeric insulators are  
124 still under consideration.

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133 **1 Scope**

134 This document applies to hybrid insulators for AC and DC applications greater than 1000 V  
135 AC and 1500 V DC consisting of a load-bearing insulating solid or hollow core consisting of  
136 ceramic or glass, a housing (defined geometry, outside the insulating core) made of polymeric  
137 material and end fittings permanently attached to the insulating core.

138 Hybrid insulators covered by this document are intended for use as suspension/tension long  
139 rod and cap and pin type insulators, line post insulators, station post insulators and hollow  
140 core insulators for apparatus.

141 The object of this document is to:

- 142 • define the terms used;
- 143 • prescribe test methods;
- 144 • prescribe acceptance criteria.

145 Silicone or other functional coatings (CIGRE Technical Brochure No. 478), booster sheds,  
146 shed extenders and rain deflectors are not within the scope of this document. CIGRE B2.69  
147 published two Technical Brochures, TB 837 and TB 838, in June 2021 with the scope of  
148 practical applications and collection of experiences for anti-pollution coatings for insulators

149 This document does not include requirements dealing with the choice of insulators for specific  
150 operating conditions.

151 **2 Normative references**

152 The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and  
153 are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For  
154 undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any  
155 amendments) applies.

156 IEC 60050-471, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 471: Insulators*

157 IEC 60168, *Tests on indoor and outdoor post insulators of ceramic material or glass for*  
158 *systems with nominal voltages greater than 1000 V*

159 IEC 60383-1, *Insulators for overhead lines with a nominal voltage above 1000 V – Part 1:*  
160 *Ceramic or glass insulator units for a.c. systems – Definitions, test methods and acceptance*  
161 *criteria*

162 IEC 60383-2, *Insulators for overhead lines with a nominal voltage above 1000 V – Part 2:*  
163 *Insulator strings and insulator sets for a.c. systems – Definitions, test methods and*  
164 *acceptance criteria*

165 IEC 62155, *Hollow pressurized and unpressurized ceramic and glass insulators for use in*  
166 *electrical equipment with rated voltages greater than 1 000 V*



167 IEC 62217, *Polymeric HV insulators for indoor and outdoor use – General definitions, test*  
168 *methods and acceptance criteria*

169 IEC 61211, *Insulators of ceramic material or glass for overhead lines with a nominal voltage*  
170 *greater than 1 000 V – Impulse puncture testing in air*

171 IEC 61325, *Insulators for overhead lines with a nominal voltage above 1000 V - Ceramic or*  
172 *glass insulator units for d.c. systems - Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*

### 173 3 Definitions

174 For the purpose of this document the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-471 and the  
175 following apply (some definitions from IEC 62217 are reproduced here for ease of reference).

#### 176 3.1

#### 177 High-voltage

#### 178 HV

179 voltage over 1 000 V AC or over 1 500 V DC or over 1 500 V peak value

#### 180 3.2

#### 181 polymeric insulator

182 insulator whose insulating body consists of at least one organic based material

183 Note 1 to entry: Polymeric insulators are also known as non-ceramic insulators.

184 Note 2 to entry: Coupling devices may be attached to the ends of the insulating body.

185 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-13]

#### 186 3.3

#### 187 resin insulator

188 polymeric insulator whose insulating body consists of a solid insulator trunk and sheds  
189 protruding from the insulator trunk made from only one organic based housing material (e.g.  
190 cycloaliphatic epoxy)

#### 191 3.4

#### 192 composite insulator

193 polymeric insulator made of at least two polymeric insulating parts, namely a core and a  
194 housing, equipped with metal fittings  
195

196 Note 1 to entry: Composite insulators, for example, can consist either of individual sheds mounted on the core,  
197 with or without an intermediate sheath, or alternatively, of a housing directly moulded or cast in one or several  
198 pieces on to the core.

199 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-02]

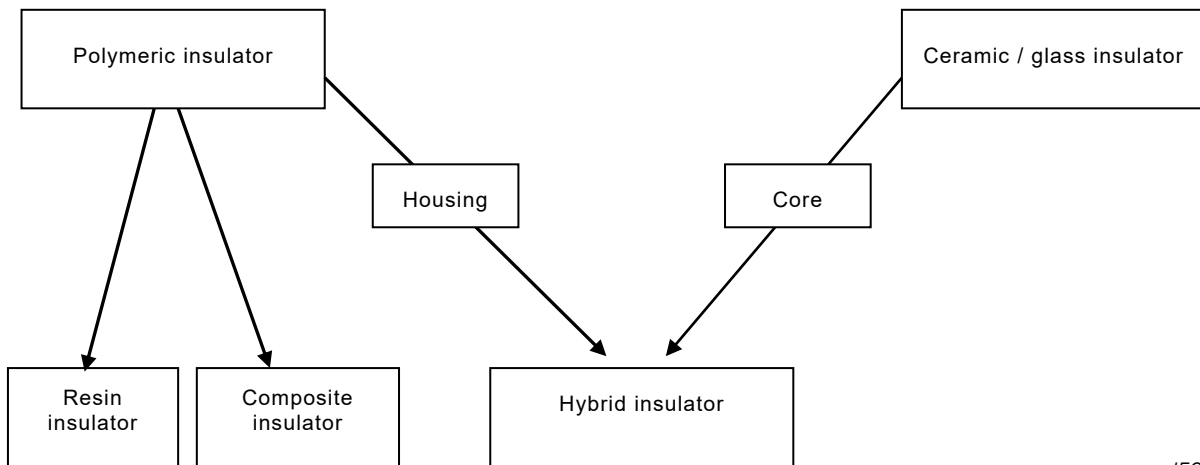
#### 200 3.5

#### 201 hybrid insulator

202 insulator that consists of a ceramic core and a polymeric housing, equipped with one or more  
203 metal fittings

204 Note 1 to entry: According to IEC TS 62896.

205 Note 2 to entry: The mechanical functions are mainly characterised by the core, the external electrical functions are mainly  
206 characterised by the polymeric housing. The housing may cover the core completely or partly. In the latter case the exposed  
207 portions of the ceramic core are usually covered by glaze.



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210 **3.6**  
211 **core**

212 central insulating part of an insulator which provides the mechanical characteristics

213 Note 1 to entry: The housing and sheds are not part of the core.

214 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-11]

215 **3.7**

216 **insulator trunk**

217 central insulating part of an insulator from which the sheds project

218 Note 1 to entry: Also known as shank on smaller insulators.

219 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-11]

220 **3.8**

221 **housing**

222 external insulating part of a composite insulator providing the necessary creepage distance and  
223 protecting core from environment

224 Note 1 to entry: An intermediate sheath made of insulating material may be part of the housing.

225 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-09]

226 **3.9**

227 **shed (of an insulator)**

228 insulating part, projecting from the insulator trunk, intended to increase the creepage distance

229 Note 1 to entry: The shed can be with or without ribs.

230 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-15]

231 **3.10**

232 **creepage distance**

233 shortest distance or the sum of the shortest distances along the surface on an insulator between  
234 two conductive parts which normally have the operating voltage between them

235 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-04]

236 **3.11**

237 **arcing distance**

238 shortest distance in air external to the insulator between the metallic parts which normally have  
239 the operating voltage between them

240 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-01]

241 **3.12**

242 **sheath**

243 uniform and continuous tubular covering made of insulating material

244 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-151, 151-12-41]

### 245 **3.13**

#### 246 **Interfaces**

247 surface between the different materials

248 Note 1 to entry: Various interfaces can be found in most composite insulators, e.g.:

249 - between housing and fixing devices;

250 - between various parts of the housing; e.g. between sheds, or between sheath and sheds;

251 - between core and housing.

### 252 **3.14**

#### 253 **end fitting fixing device**

254 integral component or formed part of an insulator, intended to connect it to a supporting

255 structure, or to a conductor, or to an item of equipment, or to another insulator

256 Note 1 to entry: Where the end fitting is metallic, the term "metal fitting" is normally used.

257 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-06, modified by the addition of a synonym]

### 258 **3.15**

#### 259 **connection zone**

260 zone where the mechanical load is transmitted between the insulating body and the fixing

261 device

### 262 **3.16**

#### 263 **coupling**

264 part of the fixing device which transmits load to the hardware external to the insulator

### 265 **3.17**

#### 266 **tracking**

267 progressive degradation of the surface of a solid insulating material by local discharges to form

268 conducting or partially conducting paths (see IEC 60060-212-01-42)

269 Note 1 to entry: Tracking paths are conductive even under dry conditions..

### 270 **3.18**

#### 271 **erosion**

272 Loss of material due to leakage current or electrical discharge.

273 Note 1 to entry: Light surface traces, commonly tree-shaped, can occur on composite insulators as on ceramic

274 insulators, after partial discharge. These traces are not considered to be objectionable as long as they are nonconductive. When

275 they are conductive they are classified as tracking.

### 276 **3.19**

#### 277 **crack**

278 any internal fracture or surface fissure of depth greater than 0,1 mm

### 279 **3.20**

#### 280 **puncture**

281 permanent loss of dielectric strength due to a disruptive discharge passing through the solid

282 insulating material of an insulator

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284 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-471, 471-01-14, modified to define puncture as the result of a

285 discharge, rather than the discharge itself]

### 286 **3.21**

#### 287 **lot**

288 group of insulators or insulator bodies offered for acceptance from the same manufacturer, of the

289 same design and manufactured under similar conditions of production

290 Note 1 to entry: One or more lots may be offered together for acceptance; the lot(s) offered may consist of the whole,

291 or part, of the quantity ordered