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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 1509:1973), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- ~~—~~ ambient temperature and altitudes have been updated;
- ~~—~~ operation forces have been updated;
- ~~—~~ time/current characteristics have been updated;
- ~~—~~ mechanical shocks test have been updated;
- ~~—~~ high voltage and insulation tests have been updated;
- ~~—~~ tests of temperature rise and minimum and maximum limit of ultimate trip current have been updated;
- ~~—~~ operating forces test have been updated;
- ~~—~~ mechanical strength tests have been updated;

— ~~—~~ overload and re-closure test have been updated.

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## Introduction

This document provides performance requirements of the general purpose push-pull three-pole circuit-breakers normal ratings up to and including 35 A for aircraft.

The purpose of this document are as follows:

- a) ~~a)~~ To standardize the requirements for push-pull three-pole trip-free circuit-breakers that are physically and environmentally diversified.
- b) ~~b)~~ To provide the applicable document for push-pull three-pole trip-free circuit-breakers.

In order to satisfy the purpose of this document, requirements such as those for physical, environmental and individual items are specified in accordance with the detail requirements that are issued individually.

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# General purpose push-pull three-pole circuit-breakers for aircraft — Performance requirements

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the performance requirements for push-pull, three-pole, trip-free circuit breakers having an inverse time/current characteristic of normal ratings up to and including 35 A for use in nominal 115 V/200 V three-phase 400 Hz a.c. circuits.

## 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.

ISO 2635, *Dimensions and conductor resistance of general purpose electrical cables with copper conductors, for aircraft*

ISO 1033, *Aircraft — Dimensions for general purpose push-pull three-pole circuit-breakers*

ISO 1540, *Aerospace — Characteristics of aircraft electrical systems*

ISO 7137, *Aircraft — Environmental conditions and test procedures for airborne equipment*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

### 3.1

#### **push-pull three-pole circuit-breaker**

**Circuit-breaker** breaker with a single button to trip and reset the breaker, by pushing to make and pulling to break

### 3.2

#### **trip-free circuit-breaker**

Circuit-breaker so designed that holding the push-button in the closed position does not override the tripping mechanism and does not permit subsequent closure of the contacts, until the push-button has been returned to the open position and the tripping mechanism has reset

## 4 Design requirements

### 4.1 Ambient temperature and altitudes

The circuit-breaker shall be suitable for use at specified ambient temperatures and altitudes. There are two temperature ranges:  $-55\text{ °C}$  to  $+70\text{ °C}$  or  $-55\text{ °C}$  to  $+125\text{ °C}$ ; and the maximum altitude according to the product standard shall not be less than 22 000 m.

### 4.2 Operation and instructions

The circuit-breaker shall be operated by a single button, perpendicular to the plane of the mounting panel, pushed to make and pulled to break the circuit. The portion of the button visible when the circuit-breaker is in the closed position shall be black. A white band on the button shall be exposed when the circuit-breaker is in the open position.

### 4.3 Fixing type

The circuit-breaker shall be suitable for through-panel mounting, preferably by single-hole fixing, and shall operate satisfactorily when mounted in any attitude.

### 4.4 Trip-free function

The circuit-breaker shall be trip-free and shall incorporate an automatic overload tripping device in each pole.

### 4.5 Working characteristics

The three sets of contacts shall open and close together when manually operated at normal load and shall open together when automatically tripped on overload current in one or more lines, when the push-button shall move to the open or off position. The difference in time between the making or breaking of the three sets of contacts shall be not more than 5 ms.

### 4.6 Re-close

The circuit-breaker shall be so designed that, after tripping on overload, it cannot re-close automatically.

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## 5 Dimensions

The envelope and fixing dimensions for the circuit-breakers should conform to ISO 1033.

## 6 Construction

### 6.1 Push-button

The push-button shall be insulated from all current-carrying parts, and shall not remain in an intermediate position, or give a false indication.

### 6.2 Operation forces

The circuit-breaker shall be so constructed that the forces required to operate it manually do not exceed the following values:

- closing force: 8 N to 80 N;
- tripping force: 5 N to 30 N.