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## **Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers - Part 1: General rules**



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- a) new terms and definitions are presented in Clause 3;
- b) new definitions in Clause 4 and Clause 5;
- c) gas-insulated coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers are integrated in Clause 6;
- d) new tests in routine, type, special and design test sections are introduced, see Clause 7;
- e) new Clause 8, Clause 9 and Clause 10;

f) new Annex D, Annex E, Annex F, Annex G and Annex H.

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IEC 60358-3, *Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers - Part 3: AC or DC single-phase coupling capacitor for harmonic-filters applications*

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## INTRODUCTION

This document is the first revision of IEC 60358-1, defining general rules for coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers.

The main modifications of this revision are listed below:

- terms and definitions:
  - new terms and definitions are presented in Clause 3;
- normal and special environmental conditions:
  - new definitions in Clause 4 are introduced;
- ratings:
  - addition of HV insulation levels above 800 kV;
  - new definition on rated voltage  $U_r$  for AC and DC applications;
  - Clause 5, new definitions for DC application are integrated;
  - new standard values of rated voltages are defined;
- design and construction:
  - clarification of the altitude correction for external insulation and dielectric tests;
  - external insulation requirements for DC application;
  - gas-insulated coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers are integrated in Clause 6;
  - new test with its requirements on capacitor element ageing is defined;
- type tests:
  - temperature rise test: more accurate definition of the test duration;
  - lightning impulse test: new test procedure (15 impulses) for  $U_m \geq 300$  kV;
  - mechanical test: moved from special test to type test;
  - new enclosure tightness test for gas-insulated coupling capacitors and dividers;
- routine tests:
  - tightness tests for gas-insulated equipment;
  - gas dew point measurements;
  - new flowchart of routine tests presented in Figure 3;
- special tests:
  - determination of temperature coefficient of the capacitor element;
  - new enclosure tightness test on low and hot temperature;
  - information about internal arc tests;
  - information about multiple chopped impulse tests;
  - new test on impedance measurements depending on frequency;
  - new test on thermal stability;
  - new test on corrosion;
  - new flowchart of type tests presented in Figure 4;
- design tests (new clause):
  - ageing tests of capacitor elements;

- commissioning tests (new clause):
  - new installation inspection;
  - gas dew point test moved from special test to commissioning tests;
- rules for transport, storage, erection, operation and maintenance:
  - new mandatory rules for user and manufacturer;
  - new conditions for transportation and storage;
- new annexes:
  - Annex D (informative): provide information about superimposed impulse voltages;
  - Annex E (informative): provide information on test setups for superimposed impulse voltage tests;
  - Annex F (informative): is introduced on high-frequency characteristic measurements;
  - Annex G (informative): provide information about composite AC/DC voltages;
  - Annex H (informative): present a summary of all voltages used in DC application.

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60358 applies to:

- Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers, with rated voltage > 1 000 V, connected line to ground with the low-voltage terminal either permanently earthed or connected to devices, for applications listed hereunder and other similar uses.

This document serves as a basic standard for the coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers. The different parts of this standard series will present the supplementary specifications and tests, for example IEC 60358-2, IEC 60358-3 or IEC 60358-4.

Diagrams of coupling capacitor and capacitor divider to which this standard series applies are given in Figure A.1 and Figure A.2 (see Annex A).

## 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.

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IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques - Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

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IEC 60068-2-17, *Environmental testing - Part 2-17: Tests - Test Q: Sealing*

IEC 60071-1, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-2, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 2: Application guidelines*

IEC 60071-11, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 11 : Definitions, principles and rules for HVDC system*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques - Charge-based measurement of partial discharges*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications - Mineral insulating oils for electrical equipment*

IEC 60376, *Specification of technical grade sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and complementary gases to be used in its mixtures for use in electrical equipment*

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IEC 60060-2, *High-voltage test techniques - Part 2: Measuring systems*

IEC 60085, *Electrical insulation - Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60358-2, *Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers - Part 2: AC or DC single-phase coupling capacitor connected between line and ground for power line carrier-frequency (PLC) application*

IEC 60358-3, *Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers - Part 3: AC or DC coupling capacitor for harmonic-filters applications*

IEC 60358-4, *Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers - Part 4: DC and AC single-phase capacitor dividers*

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IEC 61869-5, *Instrument transformers - Part 5: Additional requirements for capacitor voltage transformers*

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