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This document applies to insulators for use on AC or DC overhead power lines and overhead traction lines with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V. **1**

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Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

- a) Introduction des supports isolants composites et des supports isolants composites creux;
- b) Actualisation de tous les alinéas portant sur les essais individuels;
- c) Introduction d'une procédure rapide d'essai individuel.



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La deuxième édition incorporait l'expérience acquise sous la forme d'une Norme internationale, qui a donné les procédures recommandées pour un essai de perturbations radioélectriques des isolateurs pour haute tension.

La présente troisième édition incorpore une clarification des dispositions et le nombre d'isolateurs à soumettre à l'essai pour les supports isolants composites, composites creux et hybrides. Cette édition incorpore aussi une clarification de la méthode rapide pour l'essai individuel.

## ESSAI DE PERTURBATIONS RADIOÉLECTRIQUES DES ISOLATEURS POUR HAUTE TENSION

### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente Norme internationale spécifie la procédure pour un essai de perturbations radioélectriques effectué en laboratoire sur des isolateurs propres et secs à une fréquence de 0,5 MHz ou 1 MHz ou, en variante, à d'autres fréquences comprises entre 0,5 MHz et 2 MHz.

Le présent document s'applique aux isolateurs destinés à des lignes aériennes en courant alternatif ou continu et des lignes aériennes de traction de tension nominale supérieure à 1 000 V.

En service, les caractéristiques des perturbations radioélectriques d'un isolateur peuvent être modifiées par les conditions ambiantes, particulièrement par la pluie, l'humidité due à d'autres influences et par la pollution. On considère qu'il est impossible de spécifier en pratique des conditions d'essai reproductibles afin de simuler une gamme de conditions ambiantes. En conséquence, seuls des essais sur des isolateurs propres et secs sont spécifiés dans le présent document.

NOTE Les effets des conditions de surface de l'isolateur, y compris la pollution, sont présentés dans la CISPR 18-2:2017, paragraphe 6.3.

### 2 Références normatives

Les documents suivants sont cités dans le texte de sorte qu'ils constituent, pour tout ou partie de leur contenu, des exigences du présent document. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

IEC 60060-1:2010, *Technique des essais à haute tension – Partie 1: Définitions et exigences générales*

IEC 60137:2017, *Traversées isolées pour tensions alternatives supérieures à 1 000 V*

IEC 60168:1994, *Essais des supports isolants d'intérieur et d'extérieur, en matière céramique ou en verre, destinés à des installations de tension nominale supérieure à 1 000 V*

IEC 60168:1994/AMD1:1997

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IEC 60383-1:2023, *Isolateurs pour lignes aériennes de tension nominale supérieure à 1 000 V – Partie 1: Éléments d'isolateurs en matière céramique ou en verre pour systèmes à courant alternatif – Définitions, méthodes d'essai et critères d'acceptation*

IEC 60383-2:1993, *Isolateurs pour lignes aériennes de tension nominale supérieure à 1 000 V – Partie 2: Chaînes d'isolateurs et chaînes d'isolateurs équipées pour systèmes à courant alternatif – Définitions, méthodes d'essai et critères d'acceptation*

IEC 61109:2008, *Isolateurs pour lignes aériennes – Isolateurs composites de suspension et d'ancrage destinés aux systèmes à courant alternatif de tension nominale supérieure à 1 000 V – Définitions, méthodes d'essai et critères d'acceptation*

IEC 61462:2007, *Isolateurs composites creux – Isolateurs avec ou sans pression interne pour utilisation dans des appareillages électriques de tensions nominales supérieures à 1 000 V – Définitions, méthodes d'essais, critères d'acceptation et recommandations de conception*

IEC 61952:2008, *Isolateurs pour lignes aériennes – Isolateurs composites rigides à socle pour systèmes à courant alternatif de tension nominale supérieure à 1 000 V – Définitions, méthodes d'essai et critères d'acceptation*

IEC 62231:2006, *Isolateurs supports composites rigides à socle destinés aux postes à courant alternatif de tensions supérieures à 1 000 V jusqu'à 245 kV – Définitions, méthodes d'essai et critères d'acceptation*

CISPR 16-1-1:2019, *Spécifications des méthodes et des appareils de mesure des perturbations radioélectriques et de l'immunité aux perturbations radioélectriques – Partie 1-1: Appareils de mesure des perturbations radioélectriques et de l'immunité aux perturbations radioélectriques – Appareils de mesure*

CISPR 18-2:2017, *Radio interference characteristics of overhead power lines and high-voltage equipment – Part 2: Methods of measurement and procedure for determining limits* (Disponible en anglais seulement)