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1 Scope

This document applies to the identification and marking of terminals of electrical equipment such as resistors, fuses, relays, contactors, transformers, rotating machines and, wherever applicable, to combinations of such equipment (e.g. assemblies), and it also applies to the identification of terminations of certain designated conductors. It also provides general rules for the use of certain colours or alphanumeric notations to identify conductors with the aim of avoiding ambiguity and ensuring safe operation. These conductor colours ~~or~~ and alphanumeric notations are intended to be applied on cores, busbars, and electrical equipment, and in cables or installations.

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- b) les dispositions relatives aux couleurs à utiliser pour l'identification de certains conducteurs désignés sont à présent des exigences et ne sont plus de simples recommandations;
- c) introduction d'un nouveau paragraphe sur le marquage des bornes de protection pour des entrées d'alimentation multiples sur un matériel.

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1 Domaine d'application

Le présent document s'applique à l'identification et au marquage des bornes de matériels électriques, tels que résistances, coupe-circuits à fusibles, relais, contacteurs, transformateurs, machines tournantes et, chaque fois que cela est possible, à des combinaisons de tels matériels (par exemple des ensembles). Il s'applique également à l'identification des extrémités de certains conducteurs désignés. Il prévoit également des règles générales concernant l'utilisation de certaines couleurs ou de certains caractères alphanumériques pour identifier les conducteurs dans le but d'éviter toute ambiguïté et d'assurer la sécurité de fonctionnement. Ces couleurs et caractères alphanumériques destinés aux conducteurs sont prévus pour être appliqués aux noyaux, aux barres omnibus et aux matériels électriques, ainsi qu'aux câbles ou installations.

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IEC 60417, *Symboles graphiques utilisables sur le matériel* (disponible sur <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

IEC 60617, *Symboles graphiques pour schémas* (disponible sur <http://std.iec.ch/iec60617>)