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#### 1 Scope ~~and object~~

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- Shunt capacitors for a.c. power systems having a rated voltage above 1 000 V (IEC 60871-1, -2, -3 and -4).
- Capacitors for inductive heat-generating plants operating at frequencies between 40 Hz and 24 000 Hz (IEC 60110-1 and -2).
- Series capacitors (IEC 60143-1, -2, -3 and -4).
- ~~Capacitors for motor applications and the like~~ AC motor capacitors (IEC 60252-1 and -2).
- Coupling capacitors and capacitor dividers (IEC 60358-1).
- Capacitors ~~to be used in~~ power electronic circuits (IEC 61071).
- Small a.c. capacitors to be used for fluorescent and discharge lamps (IEC 61048 and IEC 61049).
- Capacitors for suppression of radio interference (under consideration).
- Capacitors intended to be used in various types of electrical equipment, and thus considered as components.
- Capacitors intended for use with d.c. voltage superimposed on the a.c. voltage.

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~~IEC 60252:1993, A.C. motor capacitors~~

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IEC 61000-2-2:1990/2002, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-2: Environment – Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public low-voltage power supply systems

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