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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) The scope is more precise, stating that only bare contact to the part to be tested is reliable for these contact *voltage detectors*. The rationale is that tests on painted or coated conductors have led to wrong indications, as this non-conductive paint or coat acts as a capacitor with different capacity according to the thickness. This capacity has an effect on the *threshold voltage*.
- b) A *contact probe* is introduced as a new type of non-conductive *contact electrode*.
- c) A new type "*exclusively outdoor type*" has been defined and implemented into the requirements and test procedure.

- d) A *selector* for voltage and frequency is allowed if foreseeable misuse is excluded.
- e) The marking for *voltage detectors* with low *interference voltage* has been made more precise.
- f) The indication groups have been made more precise and requirements and tests for the "*ready to operate state*" and "*stand-by state*" added.
- g) Requirements and tests for electromagnetic compatibility have been implemented.
- h) An example for good electrical connection for the tests is introduced.
- i) A new test set-up with one bar has been added for *voltage detectors* of category L for overhead line configuration.
- j) A dielectric test for tubes and rods has been implemented for those not covered by IEC 60855-1 or IEC 61235.
- k) Old Annex E (mechanical shock test – pendulum method) has been deleted (see IEC 60068-2-75 pendulum method) and replaced by an information and a guideline on the use of the *limit mark* and the *contact electrode extension*.
- l) Annex E and Annex F have swapped places to make it easier for the reader to combine the classification of defects (Annex D) and the rationale for this classification (new Annex E).
- m) A new informative Annex H has been created to give information for further developments of *voltage detectors* due to field experiences.
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INTRODUCTION

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LIVE WORKING – VOLTAGE DETECTORS –

Part 1: Capacitive type to be used for voltages exceeding 1 kV AC

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61243 is applicable to portable *voltage detectors*, with or without built-in power sources, to be used on electrical systems for voltages of 1 kV to 800 kV AC, and frequencies of 50 Hz and/or 60 Hz.

This document applies only to *voltage detectors* of capacitive type used in contact with the bare part to be tested, as a complete device including its *insulating element* or as a separate device, adaptable to an *insulating stick* which, as a separate tool, is not covered by this document (see 4.4.2.1 for general design).

Other types of *voltage detectors* are not covered by this document.

NOTE Self ranging *voltage detectors* (formally "multi range *voltage detectors*") are not covered by this document.

Some restrictions or formal interdictions on their use are applicable in case of switchgear of IEC 62271 series design, due to insulation coordination, on overhead line systems of electrified railways (see Annex B) and systems without neutral reference. For systems without neutral reference, the insulating level is adapted to the maximum possible voltage to the earth (ground).

Products designed and manufactured according to this document contribute to the safety of users provided they are used by persons trained for the work, in accordance with the hot stick working method and the instructions for use.

Except where otherwise specified, all the voltages defined in this document refer to values of phase-to-phase voltages of three-phase systems. In other systems, the applicable phase-to-phase or phase-to-earth (ground) voltages are used to determine the *operating voltage*.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-1, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2-6: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-14, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60068-2-31, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-75, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*