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- a) Title modified;
- b) Added reference to CIGRE Brochure 399;
- c) In Clause 7, added test limitation for wind speed and direction during testing;
- d) In paragraph 10.5, added load increments for destruction tests;
- e) In paragraph 10.7, added a requirement for an agreement between client and testing station when testing supports made of creep-sensitive materials;
- f) In Clause 17, added requirements for sampling procedure to be provided in the test report.

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# OVERHEAD LINE STRUCTURES – LOADING TESTS

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the methods and procedures of testing supports for overhead lines.

It applies to the testing of supports and structures of overhead lines.

There is no restriction on the type of material used in the fabrication of the supports which may include, but not be limited to, metallic alloys, concrete, timber, laminated wood and composite materials. If required by the client, this document can also be applied to the testing of telecommunication supports, railway/tramway overhead electrification supports, electrical substation gantries, street lighting columns, wind turbine towers, ski-lift supports, etc.

Tests on reduced scale models of supports are not covered by this document.

## 2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-466:1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 466: Overhead lines*  
IEC 60050-466:1990/AMD1:2020

ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

CIGRE Brochure 399:2009, *Improvement on the Tower Testing Methodology*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-466:1990 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **client**

organization which contracts with the testing station and provides the test specification

### 3.2

#### **design load**

load for which the support has been designed

### 3.3

#### **failure load**

limit state loads value at which the support cannot carry any additional load as determined during the destruction test of the support