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This introduction is not part of IEEE Std C37.010–2016, IEEE Guide for AC High-Voltage Circuit Breakers > 1000 Vac Rated on a Symmetrical Current Basis.

This guide is a revision of IEEE Std C37.010™-1999 (Reaff 2005) and contains substantive changes due to the efforts of three coordinated Working Groups on revision and coordination of IEEE Std C37.04™, IEEE Std C37.09™, and IEEE Std C37.010.

Although much of the approach of IEEE Std C37.010–1999 has been retained, many editorial changes, significant enhancements, and some fundamental changes have been made.

Some of the major issues include the following:

- Some background information and clarification for controlled switching (IEEE Std C37.012™).
- Some background information and clarification for inductive current switching (IEEE Std C37.015™).

Evaluate existing test data for differing dc time constants ( $X/R$ ).

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## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Scope

This application guide applies to the ac indoor and outdoor high-voltage circuit breakers rated in accordance with the methods given in IEEE Std C37.04 and IEEE Std C37.04a, listed in IEEE Std C37.06™, and tested in accordance with IEEE Std C37.09 and IEEE Std C37.09a.<sup>1</sup> Circuit breakers rated and manufactured to meet other standards should be applied in accordance with application procedures adapted to their specific ratings or applications.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for the application of high-voltage circuit breakers which are rated in accordance with IEEE Std C37.04 and IEEE Std C37.06 and which are tested in accordance with IEEE Std C37.09 and other related standards.

## 2. Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document (i.e., they must be understood and used, so each referenced document is cited in text and its relationship to this document is explained). For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments or corrigenda) applies.

ANSI C37.7, Interrupting rating factors for reclosing service for AC high-voltage circuit breakers rated on a total current basis.<sup>2</sup>

IEC 62271-100, High-voltage switchgear and controlgear—Part 100: High-voltage alternating-current circuit-breakers.<sup>3</sup>

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