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This part is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60269-1:2006, *Low-voltage fuses, Part 1: General requirements.*

This Part 6 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses or subclauses of Part 1.

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LOW-VOLTAGE FUSES –

Part 6: Supplementary requirements for fuse-links for the protection of solar photovoltaic energy systems

1 General

IEC 60269-1 applies with the following supplementary requirements.

Fuse-links for the protection of solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems shall comply with all requirements of IEC 60269-1, if not otherwise indicated hereinafter, and shall also comply with the supplementary requirements laid down below.

NOTE The abbreviation “PV” (photovoltaic) is used in this document.

1.1 Scope and object

These supplementary requirements apply to fuse-links for protecting PV strings and PV arrays in equipment for circuits of nominal voltages up to 1 500 V DC, and also, in so far as they are applicable, for circuits of higher nominal voltages.

NOTE 1 Such fuse-links are commonly referred to as “PV fuse-links”.

NOTE 2 In most cases, a part of the associated equipment serves the purpose of a fuse-base. Owing to the great variety of equipment, no general rules can be given; the suitability of the associated equipment to serve as a fuse-base should be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the user. However, if separate fuse-bases or fuse-holders are used, they should comply with the appropriate requirements of IEC 60269 series.

NOTE 3 PV fuse-links protect down stream inverter components such as capacitors or the discharge of capacitors back into the arrays or array wiring up to the rated breaking capacity.

The object of these supplementary requirements is to establish the characteristics of PV fuse-links in such a way that they can be replaced by other fuse-links having the same characteristics, provided that their dimensions are identical. For this purpose, this standard refers in particular to

a) the following characteristics of fuses:
   1) their rated values;
   2) their utilisation category;
   3) their temperature rises in normal service;
   4) their power dissipation;
   4) their time-current characteristics;
   6) their breaking capacity;
   7) their dimensions or size (if applicable).
b) type tests for verification of the characteristics of fuses;
c) the markings on fuses.

1.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60269-1, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*