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Foreword

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Information about this document

BS 3288 applies primarily to fittings for overhead electric power lines. The various parts of BS 3288 specify the performance, general requirements and dimensional requirements for insulator and conductor fittings. The general and dimensional requirements may be applied to similar fittings used on overhead railway electrification systems and in substations. This British Standard is not applicable to fittings exclusively intended for use on aerial bundled conductor systems or to low voltage connectors.

BS 3288-1 is part of a series that contains the following current parts:

- Part 2: *Specification for a range of fitting*
- Part 3: *Dimensions of ball and socket couplings of string insulator units.*

The original suite of standards also contained BS 3288-4 but this has been superseded by BS EN 60372.

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1 Scope

This British Standard specifies performance and general requirements for insulator and conductor fittings for use on overhead power lines. It defines the relevant tests and test procedures together with the acceptance criteria.

The tests and test procedures may also be applied to similar fittings, outside the scope of this standard, intended for use in:

- the overhead equipment of electric traction lines;
- substations.

2 Normative references

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

BS 3288-2, *Insulator and conductor fittings for overhead power lines – Part 2: Specification for a range of fittings*

BS 3288-3, *Insulator and conductor fittings for overhead power lines – Part 3: Dimensions of ball and socket couplings for string insulator units*

BS 4727, *Glossary of electrotechnical, power, telecommunications, electronics, lighting and colour terms*

BS 4872-1:1982, *Specification for approval testing of welders when welding procedure is not required – Part 1: Fusion welding of steel*

BS EN 1562, *Founding – Malleable cast irons*

BS EN 1563, *Founding – Spheroidal graphite cast irons*

BS EN 60372:2004, *Locking devices for ball and socket couplings of string insulator units – Dimensions and tests*

BS EN 61284, *Overhead lines – Requirements and tests for fittings*

BS EN ISO 1461, *Hot dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles – Specifications and test methods*

BS EN ISO 15620, *Welding – Friction welding of metallic materials*

PD 970, *Mild steels for mechanical and allied engineering purposes – Requirements for carbon, carbon manganese and alloy hot worked or cold finished steels*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the definitions given in BS 4727 and the following apply.

3.1 cap and pin insulator

insulator comprising an insulating part having the form of a disc or bell, with or without ribs on its lower surface, and fixing devices consisting of an outside cap and an inside pin attached axially

3.2 clamp

any fitting which can be fixed onto a conductor