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This fifth edition constitutes a technical revision. The significant technical changes to the fourth edition are:

- the introduction of voltage source inverter fuse-links, including test requirements;
- coverage of the tests on operating characteristics for a.c. by the breaking capacity tests;
- the updating of examples of standardised fuse-links for the protection of semiconductor devices.

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

This Part 4 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses or subclauses of Part 1.

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1 General

IEC 60269-1 applies with the following supplementary requirements.

Fuse-links for the protection of semiconductor devices 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.

1.1 Scope and object

These supplementary requirements apply to fuse-links for application in equipment containing semiconductor devices for circuits of nominal voltages up to 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. 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 "semiconductor 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 60269-1.

NOTE 3 IEC 60269-6 (Low-voltage fuses – Part 6: Supplementary requirements for fuse-links for the protection of solar photovoltaic energy systems) is dedicated to the protection of solar photovoltaic energy systems.

NOTE 4 These fuse-links are intended for use on systems employing the standardized voltages and tolerances of IEC 60038. Tests carried out on fuse-links in accordance with previous editions of this standard shall remain valid until such time as complimentary equipment has evolved to the standardized voltages and tolerances of IEC 60038.

The object of these supplementary requirements is to establish the characteristics of semiconductor 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 temperature rises in normal service;
   3) their power dissipation;
   4) their time-current characteristics;
   5) their breaking capacity;
   6) their cut-off current characteristics and their I^2t characteristics;
   7) their arc voltage characteristics;
b) type tests for verification of the characteristics of fuses;
c) the markings on fuses;
d) availability and presentation of technical data (see Annex B).

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