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- a) Composite station post and composite hollow core station post insulators have been included;
- b) All paragraphs of Samples test were actualized;
- c) Sample test fast procedure was introduced.

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The first edition of IEC 60437 presented the available information on a radio interference test on high-voltage insulators as a technical report. This allowed further experience in conducting the test and the interpretation of results to be gained.

The second edition incorporated that experience in the form of an International Standard, which gave the recommended procedures for a radio interference test on high-voltage insulators.

This third edition incorporates clarification of test arrangements and the number of insulators to be tested for composite station posts, composite hollow core station posts and hybrid insulators. This edition also incorporates clarification on the fast method for the sample test.

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# RADIO INTERFERENCE TEST ON HIGH-VOLTAGE INSULATORS

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the procedure for a radio interference (RI) test carried out in a laboratory on clean and dry insulators at a frequency of 0,5 MHz or 1 MHz or, alternatively, at other frequencies between 0,5 MHz and 2 MHz.

This document applies to insulators for use on AC or DC overhead power lines and overhead traction lines with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V.

In service the RI characteristics of an insulator may be modified by the ambient conditions, particularly rainfall and other moisture, and by pollution. It is not considered feasible to specify reproducible test conditions to simulate a range of ambient conditions. Hence only tests on clean and dry insulators are specified in this document.

NOTE The effects of insulator surface conditions, including pollution, are prescribed in CISPR 18-2:2017, clause 6.3.

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IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60137:2017, *Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V*

IEC 60168:1994, *Tests on indoor and outdoor post insulators of ceramic material or glass for systems with nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V*

IEC 60168:1994/AMD1:1997

IEC 60168:1994/AMD2:2000

IEC 60383-1:2023, *Insulators for overhead lines with a nominal voltage above 1 000 V – Part 1: Ceramic or glass insulator units for a.c. systems – Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*

IEC 60383-2:1993, *Insulators for overhead lines with a nominal voltage above 1 000 V – Part 2: Insulator strings and insulator sets for a.c. systems – Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*

IEC 61109:2008, *Insulators for overhead lines – Composite suspension and tension insulators for a.c. systems with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V – Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*

IEC 61462:2007, *Composite hollow insulators – Pressurized and unpressurized insulators for use in electrical equipment with rated voltage greater than 1 000 V – Definitions, test methods, acceptance criteria and design recommendations*

IEC 61952:2008, *Insulators for overhead lines – Composite line post insulators for A.C. systems with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V – Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*