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Part 332: Selection and application principles for metal oxide varistors (MOV)

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61643 describes the theory of operation, principles for the selection and application of MOVs to be connected to power lines or telecommunication or signalling circuits up to 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC. These SPCs are designed to protect apparatus or personnel, or both, from high transient voltages.

This document applies to MOVs having two electrodes and voltage dependent elements with or without disconnectors. It does not apply to assemblies that include MOVs and their influence on the MOV's characteristics.

This standard specifically discusses the zinc-oxide type of MOVs.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60664-1:2020, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage supply systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 61051-1:2018, *Varistors for use in electronic equipment – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 61051-2:2021, *Varistors for use in electronic equipment – Part 2: Sectional specification for surge suppression varistors*

IEC 61643-11:2011, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Part 11: Surge protective devices connected to low-voltage power systems – Requirements and test methods*

IEC 61643-331:2020, *Components for low-voltage surge protection – Part 331: Performance requirements and test methods for metal oxide varistors (MOV)*

IEC 62368-1:2023, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

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