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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- numerous changes regarding verification methods to align with IEC 61439-1;
- modification of marking;
- add routine verification of rated output;
- new Annex D with guidance on methods for temperature rise verification;
- update of normative references;
- general editorial review.

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POWER CAPACITORS – LOW-VOLTAGE POWER FACTOR CORRECTION BANKS

1 Scope

This International Standard is applicable to low-voltage AC shunt capacitor banks intended to be used for power factor correction purposes, possibly equipped with a built-in switchgear and controlgear apparatus capable of connecting to or disconnecting from the mains part(s) of the bank with the aim to correct its power factor.

Low-voltage power factor correction banks if not otherwise indicated hereinafter and where applicable comply with the requirements of IEC 61439-1 and IEC 61439-2.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61439-1:2011, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 61439-2:2011, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies*

IEC 60831-1:2014, *Shunt power capacitors of the self-healing type for AC systems having a rated voltage up to and including 1 000 V – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guide for installation and operation*

IEC 60931-1:1996, *Shunt power capacitors of the non-self-healing type for AC systems having a rated voltage up to and including 1000 V – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guide for installation and operation*

IEC 61642:1997, *Incus: AC networks affected by harmonics – Application of filters and shunt capacitors*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61439-1, IEC 61439-2, IEC 60831-1 and IEC 60931-1 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1

Low-voltage AC capacitor bank or power factor correction bank

Combination of one or more low-voltage capacitor units together with associated switching devices and control, measuring, signalling, protective, regulating equipment, etc., completely