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

- a) removal of previous classification and introduction of a simple division into Type I for impulses (direct lightning current detection) and Type II for lightning surge current detection, with appropriate testing for each type;
- b) modification and addition of terms and definitions;
- c) addition of a new Annex C (tests flow chart).

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62561 deals with the requirements and tests for lightning protection system components (LPSC) that may be used to determine the number of impulses or nominal currents on specific conductors associated with a lightning protection system (LPS) designed and implemented according to IEC 62305 series of standards.

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LIGHTNING PROTECTION SYSTEM COMPONENTS (LPSC) –

Part 6: Requirements for lightning strike counters (LSC)

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62561 specifies the requirements and tests for devices intended to count the number of lightning strikes based on the current flowing in a conductor. This conductor may be part of a lightning protection system (LPS) or connected to an SPD installation on other conductors, which are not intended to conduct a significant portion of lightning currents.

LSCs may also be suitable for use in hazardous atmospheres and there are therefore extra requirements necessary for the components to be installed in such conditions.

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IEC 60068-2-52:1996, *Environmental testing – Part 2-52: Tests – Test Kb: Salt mist, cyclic (sodium, chloride solution)*

IEC 60068-2-75:1997, *Environmental testing – Part 2-75: Tests – Test Eh: Hammer tests*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61000-6-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-4: Generic standards – Emission standard for industrial environments*

ISO 6988:1985, *Metallic and other non-organic coatings – Sulphur dioxide test with general condensation of moisture*

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lightning strike counter

LSC

device intended to count the number of lightning strikes based on current flowing in a conductor