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**Abstract:** The technical requirements, tests, inspection rules, sign, and package of insulation-piercing connector used in aerial insulated cable lines, bridges and culverts, galleries, tunnels, mines, cable wells, etc., for rated voltages up to 12kV are defined and described in this standard.

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## Introduction

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This standard was prepared by the Insulation-Piercing Connectors Working Group to establish standard specifications for insulation-piercing connectors with rated voltages of 12 kV or less.

The purpose of this document is to define the requirements and test code for insulation-piercing connectors.

This standard utilizes feedback from manufacturers and users.

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## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Scope

This standard defines and describes the technical requirements, tests, inspection rules, sign, and package of insulation-piercing connectors (IPCs) used in aerial insulated cable lines, bridges and culverts, galleries, tunnels, mines, cable wells, etc., for rated voltages up to 12 kV.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to support the deployment of aerial insulated cables using IPCs. This standard enables reduced cost and expanded market applicability of deployment of aerial insulated cables.

## 2. Normative references

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IEC 60060-1:2010, High-voltage test techniques—Part 1: General definitions and test requirements.<sup>1</sup>

IEC 61284:1997, Overhead lines—Requirements and tests for fittings.

ISO 2178:2016, Non-magnetic coatings on magnetic substrates—Measurement of coating thickness—Magnetic method.

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