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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-006, Industrial Switchgear and Controlgear, to supersede AS/NZS 3439.5:2009 five years from the date of publication.

The AS/NZS 61439 series will supersede the AS/NZS 3439 series five years from the date of publication. During this period, low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies may comply with either series. After five years it is anticipated that the AS/NZS 3439 series will be withdrawn.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the user with guidance on the specification that should be provided in order to achieve the desired design of a low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 61439-5, Ed. 2.0 (2014), *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies, Part 5: Assemblies for power distribution in public networks* and its Corrigendum 1 (2015), which has been added at the end of the source text.

Where tests on the ASSEMBLY have been conducted in accordance with the IEC 60439, IEC 61439 or AS/NZS 3439 series and the test results fulfil the requirements of the relevant part of AS/NZS 61439, the verification of these requirements need not be repeated (see Clause 10.1).

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

- (a) Confirmation that tests carried out on the most onerous PENDA are deemed to verify the performance of similar and less onerous assemblies of the same general construction and rating.
- (b) More precise timing/conditions for impact force withstand tests for PENDAs designed for operation in an arctic climate.
- (c) Correction of the direction of the applied force in the static load test.
- (d) This Standard is to be read in conjunction with AS/NZS 61439.1. The provisions of the general rules dealt with in AS/NZS 61439.1 (hereinafter referred to as Part 1) are only applicable to this standard insofar as they are specifically cited. When this standard states ‘addition’, ‘modification’ or ‘replacement’, the relevant text in Part 1 is to be adapted accordingly.
- (e) Subclauses that are numbered with a 101 (102, 103 etc.) suffix are additional to the same subclause in Part 1.
- (f) Tables and figures in this Part 5 that are new are numbered starting with 101.
- (g) New annexes in this Part 5 are lettered AA, BB, etc.
- (h) In this Standard, terms written in small capitals are defined in Clause 3.

The reader’s attention is drawn to the fact that Annex DD lists all of the ‘in-some-country’ clauses on differing practices of a less permanent nature relating to the subject of this standard.

As this Standard is reproduced from an International Standard, the following applies:

- (i) In the source text ‘this part of IEC 61439’ should read ‘this Australian/New Zealand Standard’.
- (ii) A full point substitutes for a comma when referring to a decimal marker.

References to International Standards should be replaced by references to Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standards, as follows:

<i>Reference to International Standard</i>	<i>Australian/New Zealand Standard</i>
IEC	AS/NZS
61439 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies	61439 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies
61439-1 Part 1: General rules	61439.1 Part 1: General rules (IEC 61439-1, Ed. 2.0 (2011) MOD)

Only normative references that have been adopted as Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standards have been listed.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' have been used in this Standard to define the application of the annexes to which they apply. A 'normative' annex is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an 'informative' annex is only for information and guidance.

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Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies**Part 5:****Assemblies for power distribution in public networks****1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61439 defines the specific requirements for public electricity network distribution assemblies (PENDAs).

PENDAs have the following criteria:

- used for the distribution of electrical energy in three phase systems for which the rated voltage does not exceed 1 000 V a.c. (see Figure 101 for a typical distribution network);
- stationary;
- open ASSEMBLIES are not covered by this standard;
- suitable for installation in places where only skilled persons have access for their use, however, outdoor types may be installed in situations that are accessible to ordinary persons;
- for indoor or outdoor use.

The object of this standard is to state the definitions and to specify the service conditions, construction requirements, technical characteristics and tests for PENDAs. Network parameters may require tests at higher performance levels.

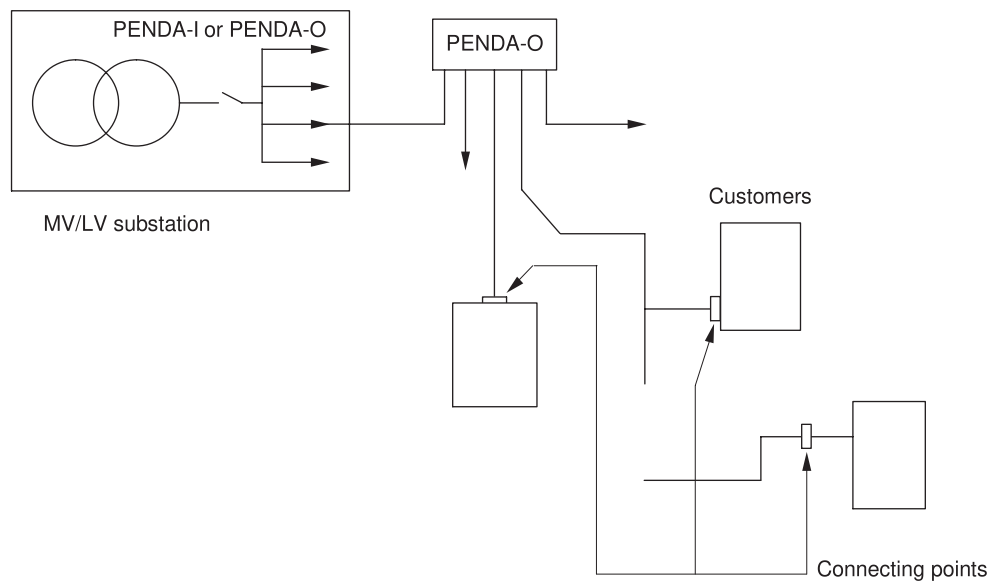
PENDAs may also include control and or signalling devices associated with the distribution of electrical energy.

This standard applies to all PENDAs whether they are designed, manufactured on a one-off basis or fully standardised and manufactured in quantity.

The manufacture and/or assembly may be carried out other than by the original manufacturer (see 3.10.1 of IEC 61439-1:2011).

This standard does not apply to individual devices and self-contained components, such as motor starters, fuse switches, electronic equipment, etc. which comply with the relevant product standards.

This standard does not apply to specific types of ASSEMBLIES covered by other parts of IEC 61439 series.



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Figure 101 – Typical distribution network

NOTE 1 If a PENDA is equipped with additional equipment (for example meters), in such a way that the main function is changed considerably, then other standards can also apply as agreed between user and manufacturer (see 8.5 of IEC 61439-1:2011).

NOTE 2 Where local regulations and practices permit, a PENDA according to this standard can be used in other than public networks.

2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

Addition:

IEC 60695-11-10:2013, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

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

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials – Brinell hardness test – Part 1: Test method*

3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

3.1 General terms

Additional terms:

3.1.101**public electricity network distribution ASSEMBLY****PENDA**

ASSEMBLY, generally for installation in a public electricity network which in use, receives electrical energy from one or more supplies and distributes that energy through one or more cables to other equipment

Note 1 to entry: A PENDA is installed, operated and maintained solely by skilled persons.

Note 2 to entry: Some types of a PENDA were previously known as a cable distribution cabinet (CDC).

3.1.101.1**outdoor public electricity network distribution ASSEMBLY****PENDA-O**

cubicle type public electricity network distribution ASSEMBLY that is suitable for outdoor installation in places that may, or may not, be accessible to the public

3.1.101.2**indoor public electricity network distribution ASSEMBLY****PENDA-I**

public electricity network distribution ASSEMBLY suitable for installation indoors, generally without an enclosure, but including all structural parts necessary to support busbars, functional units and other ancillary devices, necessary to complete the ASSEMBLY

3.3 External design of ASSEMBLIES**3.3.1****open-type ASSEMBLY**

This term of Part 1 does not apply.

3.9 Verification

Modifications:

3.9.1**design verification**

Delete the note.

3.9.1.2**verification comparison**

This term of Part 1 does not apply.

3.9.1.3**verification assessment**

This term of Part 1 does not apply.

4 Symbols and abbreviations

This clause of Part 1 applies.

5 Interface characteristics

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

5.4 Rated diversity factor (RDF)

Addition:

In the absence of an agreement between the ASSEMBLY manufacturer and user concerning the actual load currents, the assumed loading of the outgoing circuits of the ASSEMBLY or group of outgoing circuits may be based on the values given in Table 101.

Table 101 – Values of assumed loading

Number of main circuits	Assumed loading factor
2 and 3	0,9
4 and 5	0,8
6 to 9 inclusive	0,7
10 (and above)	0,6

6 Information

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

6.1 Assembly designation marking

Addition to first paragraph:

Designation plates may be placed inside an enclosure of an ASSEMBLY provided their intended place ensures good legibility and visibility when the door(s) is open or the cover is removed.

Replacement of item d):

d) IEC 61439-5.

6.3 Device and/or component identification

Additional paragraph:

In the case of removable fuse-carriers which are specific to a fuseway, a label shall be placed on the fuse carrier as well as on the fuse base, to avoid incorrect interchangeability of the fuse-carrier.

Additional subclause:

6.101 Circuit identification

It shall be possible to identify each functional unit in a clearly visible manner.

7 Service conditions

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

7.1.1.2 Ambient air temperature for outdoor installations

Replacement of last paragraph with:

Unless the user specifies a PENDA shall be suitable for use in an arctic climate, the lower limit of ambient air temperature is -25°C . For an arctic climate the lower limit of ambient temperature is -50°C .

7.2 Special service conditions

Addition of the following note to item h):

NOTE Exposure to vibration arising from traffic and/or occasional ground excavation is a normal service condition for PENDAs.

Additional paragraph:

Additional requirements for a PENDA-O, to be installed where heavy snowfalls occur and where they are adjacent to areas where there is snow clearance by ploughing, are subject to agreement between manufacturer and user.

8 Constructional requirements

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.

8.1 Strength of materials and parts

8.1.1 General

Addition:

A PENDA-O shall be arranged for ground mounting, transformer mounting, pole mounting, surface wall mounting or mounting within a recess within a wall, as agreed between user and manufacturer.

A PENDA may be direct coupled to a transformer by means of a flange coupling or it may connect to its supply by means of cable or via busbars as agreed between user and manufacturer. Outgoing circuits shall be suitable for connection by means of cables.

A reliable locking device shall be provided on outdoor enclosures which prevents access by unauthorized persons. Doors, lids and covers shall be so designed that, after they are locked, they do not open due to subsequent moderate ground settlement, nor due to exposure to vibration arising from traffic and/or ground excavation and reinstatement works.

8.1.3.2 Resistance of insulating materials to heat and fire

Additional subclause:

8.1.3.2.101 Verification of category of flammability

The insulating materials used for enclosures, barriers and other insulating parts shall have flame retardant properties in accordance with 10.2.3.102 of this standard.

8.1.5 Mechanical strength

Additional subclause:

8.1.5.101 Verification of mechanical strength

The mechanical properties of a PENDA-O shall comply with 10.2.101 of this standard.

Parts of the PENDA-O intended to be embedded in the ground shall withstand the stresses imposed on them during installation and normal service and comply with 10.2.101.9.

Additional subclause:

8.1.101 Thermal stability

The thermal stability of a PENDA shall be verified according to 10.2.3.101.

8.2 Degree of protection provided by an ASSEMBLY enclosure

8.2.1 Protection against mechanical impact

Subclause 8.2.1 of Part 1 does not apply.

8.2.2 Protection against contact with live parts, ingress of solid foreign bodies and water

Addition:

Open type ASSEMBLIES (IP00) are not covered by this standard.

When a PENDA-O is intended to be installed in places accessible to the public, its enclosure shall, when fully-installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, provide a degree of protection of at least IP34D according to IEC 60529. In other locations, the minimum level of protection shall be at least IP33.

PENDA-O's that are intended to be installed in places accessible to the public shall, unless otherwise stated by the user, be designed such that when any temporary cables are connected, the enclosure shall provide a degree of protection of at least IP23C according to IEC 60529. See 8.8 of this standard.

8.4 Protection against electric shock

8.4.2.1 General

The third paragraph does not apply.

Additional subclause:

8.4.2.101 Earthing and short-circuiting means

The outgoing units in an ASSEMBLY shall be so constructed that they can be earthed and short-circuited in a secure manner by means of a device(s) recommended by the manufacturer, which ensures the manufacturer's indicated degree of protection (IP code) is maintained for all parts of the ASSEMBLY. This requirement is not applicable if it could cause a safety hazard arising from the system conditions and/or operational practice.

8.4.3.1 Installation conditions

Additional paragraph:

For an ASSEMBLY that is expected to feed overhead cable lines, outgoing units shall be designed in such a way that an attached cable(s) can be earthed at the termination(s).

8.8 Terminals for external conductors

Replacement of the first three paragraphs with the following:

In the absence of a special agreement between user and manufacturer, terminals shall be capable of accommodating cables having copper or aluminium conductors from the smallest to the largest cross-sectional area corresponding to the appropriate rated current (see Table AA.1).

The terminations for outgoing circuits shall be located so that adequate spacing is provided and to facilitate terminating the phase conductors of a cable irrespective of their lay.

Where specified by the user, the incoming circuit shall be suitable for connection by means of either bare or insulated bars.

Additional subclauses:

8.101 Marking as an obstacle to snow clearance

Where a PENDA-O is intended for use in regions where heavy snowfalls occur in accordance with 7.2, or alternatively, if required by the user, it shall be possible to mark it as an obstacle to snow clearance. Holders shall be provided, attached to the PENDA-O, to accommodate marking rods and it shall be possible to install and make adjustments to the position of the marking rod from outside the PENDA-O. The holders shall be constructed in a manner which ensures that the holder or marking rod will give way to a mechanical force before the transmitted force to the PENDA-O's enclosure reaches the value which would adversely affect the degree of protection (IP code).

8.102 Ease of operation and maintenance

All parts of the ASSEMBLY shall, as far as practicable, be readily accessible and replaceable without excessive dismantling. The conditions for interchangeability of parts of the ASSEMBLY may be subject to an agreement between the user and the manufacturer.

The design shall be such that the cables can be readily connected from the front.

When a PENDA does not have a means of measurement incorporated, it shall be possible, by the use of a portable instrument, to readily and safely measure voltages in all phases of incoming units and on both sides of all current breaking and/or switch devices of outgoing units, also the current in one phase of all outgoing units. During this operation all live parts of the PENDA shall be protected sufficiently to retain the required degree of protection in accordance with 8.2. Instructions concerning the procedure to be adopted shall be provided by the manufacturer.

If the ASSEMBLY is intended to be connected to a live reserve power, for example a standby generator, the switchgear connecting device shall be designed so that connection can be made with the live parts having a degree of protection of IP10 according to IEC 60529.

Locking arrangements shall be provided on a PENDA to secure the door(s) and prevent unauthorised access. The fixings of any covers etc. which are removable for installation or maintenance operations shall only be accessible while the door(s) are open.

9 Performance requirements

This clause of Part 1 applies.

10 Design verification

This clause of Part 1 applies except as follows.