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Part 2: Circuit-breakers for AC and DC operation

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a) alignment with second edition of IEC 60898-1;
b) introduction of test I_{cn1}.

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Part 2: Circuit-breakers for AC and DC operation

1 Scope

Clause 1 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

Addition at the end of the first paragraph:

This standard gives additional requirements for single- and two-pole circuit-breakers which, in addition to the above characteristics, are suitable for operation with direct current, and have a rated DC voltage not exceeding 220 V for single-pole and 440 V for two-pole circuit-breakers, a rated current not exceeding 125 A and a rated DC short-circuit capacity not exceeding 10 000 A.

NOTE This standard applies to circuit-breakers able to make and break both alternating current and direct current.

Delete the last two paragraphs.

2 Normative references

Clause 2 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 60898-1:2015, *Electrical accessories – Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations – Part 1: Circuit-breakers for a.c. operation*

3 Terms and definitions

Clause 3 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

Addition:

3.5.10.3
time constant
T
rise time of a prospective direct current to reach a value of 0,63 times the maximum peak current

$T = L/R$ (ms)

4 Classification

Clause 4 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

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4.2 According to the number of poles:

Replacement:

– single-pole circuit-breakers;
– two-pole circuit-breakers with two protected poles.

4.6 According to the instantaneous tripping current (see 3.5.17)

Delete D-Type.

Addition:

4.8 According to the time constant

– circuit-breakers suitable for DC circuits with a time constant of $T \leq 4$ ms;
– circuit-breakers suitable for DC circuits with a time constant of $T \leq 15$ ms.

NOTE It is assumed that short-circuit currents of 1 500 A are not exceeded in installations in which, due to the loads connected, time constants in normal service up to 15 ms can occur. Where higher short-circuit currents can occur, the time constant of $T = 4$ ms is considered sufficient.

5 Characteristics of circuit-breakers

Clause 5 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

5.3.1 Preferred values of rated voltage

Replacement:

The preferred values of rated voltage are given in Table 1.

Examples of connections of circuit-breakers in DC systems are given in Figure 18.

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Table 1 – Preferred values of rated voltage

Circuit-breakers	AC		DC [b]		
	AC circuit supplying the circuit-breaker	Rated AC voltage	DC circuit supplying the circuit-breaker	Rated DC voltage	DC wiring examples
Single-pole	Single-phase (phase to neutral)	230 V	Two wires (unearthed system)	125 V or 220 V	Figure 18a
	Single-phase (phase to earthed middle conductor, or phase to neutral)	120 V	–	–	
	Single-phase (phase to neutral) or three-phase (3 single-pole circuit-breakers) (3-wire or 4-wire)	230/400 V	–	–	
Two-pole	Single-phase (phase-to-phase)	400 V	Two wires (earthed system)	220/440 V	Figures 18b, 18c, 18d
	Single phase (phase-to-phase, 3-wire)	120/240 V [a]	Two wires (earthed system)	125/250 V [a]	

Applicable for DC voltages:

[a] Also for single-pole circuit-breakers to be used in pairs at 250 V DC (respectively 240 V AC) and individually at 125 V DC (respectively 120 V AC).

[b] The rated voltage per pole does not exceed 220 V DC.

Applicable for AC voltages:

NOTE 1 In IEC 60038 the network voltage value of 230/400 V has been standardized. This value progressively supersedes the values of 220/380 V and 240/415 V.

NOTE 2 Wherever in this standard there is a reference to 230 V or 400 V, it can be read as 220 V or 240 V, and 380 V or 415 V, respectively.

NOTE 3 Circuit-breakers complying with this standard can be used in IT systems.

The manufacturer shall declare in his literature the minimum voltage for which the circuit-breaker is designed.

Relevant tests are under consideration.

5.3.5 Standard ranges of instantaneous tripping

Replacement:

Table 2 – Ranges of instantaneous tripping

Type	Ranges for alternating current	Ranges for direct current
B	Above 3 I_n up to and including 5 I_n	Above 4 I_n up to and including 7 I_n
C	Above 5 I_n up to and including 10 I_n	Above 7 I_n up to and including 15 I_n

6 Marking and other product information

Clause 6 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

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Replacement:

c) rated AC voltage with the symbol ∼ (IEC 60417-5032:2002-10) and rated DC voltage with the symbol ⎓ (IEC 60417-5031:2002-10).

d) rated current without symbol "A", preceded by the symbol of instantaneous tripping (B or C), for example B 16;

f) rated short-circuit capacity for AC and DC in amperes in one rectangle, without the symbol A, if valid for both AC and DC (see Example 1 below). If the rated short-circuit capacity is different for AC and DC this shall be indicated in two adjacent rectangles, without the symbol A, with the symbol ∼ (IEC 60417-5032:2002-10) near the rectangle containing the AC value and with the symbol ⎓ (IEC 60417-5031:2002-10) near the rectangle containing the DC value (see Example 2 below).

Delete j).

Addition:

m) time constant *T*15 within a rectangle, if applicable, associated with the marking for the short-circuit capacity at the time constant of 15 ms (see Example 3 below).

Replacement of the first paragraph following l):

If, for small devices, the space available does not allow all the above data to be marked, at least the information under c) and d) shall be marked and visible when the circuit-breaker is installed.

The information under a), b), e), f), g), h), i), l) and m) may be marked on the side or on the back of the device and be visible only before the device is installed.

Alternatively, the information under g) may be on the inside of any cover which has to be removed in order to connect the supply wires. Any remaining information not marked shall be given in the manufacturer's literature.

EXAMPLE 1 [6 000]

EXAMPLE 2 [10 000] ∼

[6 000] ⎓

EXAMPLE 3 [1 500 | *T*15]

The terminals shall be marked with + or – if necessary. Additionally, arrows indicating the direction of the current are allowed.

Indications on the possible connection diagrams according to Figure 18 shall be given in the manufacturer's documentation

7 Standard conditions for operation in service

Clause 7 of IEC 60898-1:2015 applies.

8 Requirements for construction and operation

Clause 8 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

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8.6.1 Standard time-current zone

Replacement:

Table 7 – Time-current operating characteristics

Test	Type	Test current AC	Test current DC	Initial condition	Limits of tripping or non-tripping time	Result to be obtained	Remarks
a	B, C	1,13 I_n		Cold [a]	$t \geq 1$ h ($I_n \leq 63$ A) $t \geq 2$ h ($I_n > 63$ A)	No tripping	
b	B, C	1,45 I_n		Immediately following test a	$t < 1$ h ($I_n \leq 63$ A) $t < 2$ h ($I_n > 63$ A)	Tripping	Current steadily increased within 5 s
c	B, C	2,55 I_n		Cold [a]	1 s < t < 60 s ($I_n \leq 32$ A) 1 s < t < 120 s ($I_n > 32$ A)	Tripping	
d	B C	3 I_n 5 I_n	4 I_n 7 I_n	Cold [a]	0,1 < t < 45 s ($I_n \leq 32$ A) 0,1 < t < 90 s ($I_n > 32$ A) 0,1 < t < 15 s ($I_n \leq 32$ A) 0,1 < t < 30 s ($I_n > 32$ A)	Tripping	Current established by closing an auxiliary switch
e	B C	5 I_n 10 I_n	7 I_n 15 I_n	Cold [a]	t < 0,1 s	Tripping	Current established by closing an auxiliary switch

[a] The term "cold" means without previous loading, at the reference calibration temperature.

8.8 Performance at short-circuit currents

Replacement of the third paragraph:

It is required that circuit-breakers be able to make and to break any value of current up to and including the value corresponding to the rated short-circuit capacity at rated frequency, at a power-frequency recovery voltage equal to 105 % (±5 %) of the rated operational voltage and at any power factor not less or any time constant not greater than the appropriate limit of the range stated in 9.12.5. It is also required that the corresponding values of I^2t lie below the I^2t characteristic (see 3.5.13).

9 Tests

Clause 9 of IEC 60898-1:2015 is applicable except as follows:

9.2 Test conditions

Addition after the fourth paragraph:

For direct current, the test voltage (current) shall have a ripple of ω ≤ 5 % or have the minimum instantaneous value of the voltage (current) no lower than the required test voltage (current) −5 %

9.10.3.1 General test conditions

Replacement of second paragraph:

For the upper values of the test current, the test is made on each protected pole:

– *for alternating current, at rated voltage between phase to neutral with a power factor between 0,95 and 1;*

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– *for direct current, a time constant of T = 4 ms or, for circuit-breakers marked with T15, a time constant of T = 15 ms.*

9.10.3.2 For circuit-breakers of the B-type

Replacement:

An alternating current equal to 3 I_n is passed through all poles connected in series, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

An alternating current equal to 5 I_n is then passed through each pole separately, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

A direct current equal to 4 I_n is passed through all poles connected in series, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

A direct current equal to 7 I_n is then passed through each pole separately, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

9.10.3.3 For circuit-breakers of the C-type

Replacement:

An alternating current equal to 5 I_n is passed through all poles connected in series, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

An alternating current equal to 10 I_n is then passed through each pole separately, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

A direct current equal to 7 I_n is passed through all poles connected in series, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

A direct current equal to 15 I_n is then passed through each pole separately, starting from cold. The opening time shall comply with Table 7.

9.11.1 General test conditions

Addition after the fourth paragraph:

The direct current shall have a ripple of $\omega \leq 5$ % and a time constant of T = 4 ms (with a tolerance of $^{0}_{-10}$ %) or, for circuit-breakers marked with T15, a time constant of T = 15 ms (with a tolerance of $^{0}_{-10}$ %).

9.11.2 Test procedure

Replacement of the first paragraph:

One set of circuit-breakers is submitted to 4 000 operating cycles at alternating current, and another set to 1 000 operating cycles at direct current, both at their rated current.

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