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**Capacitors for high-voltage alternating current circuit-breakers -
Part 1: General and grading capacitors**

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62146 includes generalities of capacitors used on alternating current circuit-breakers and introduces specifications for grading capacitors. Regarding grading capacitors, their function is to control the voltage distribution across the individual interrupter units of a multi-break circuit-breaker.

Capacitors can also be used in parallel to the interrupter unit on single break circuit-breakers to modify the Transient Recovery Voltage (TRV). This TRV capacitor application is covered by IEC 62146-2:2023.

Capacitors for high-voltage alternating circuit breakers are sub-components for the circuit-breaker and are specified in accordance with the circuit-breaker specifications according to IEC 62271-1, IEC 62271-100, and if applicable to IEC 62271-203.

This document applies to grading capacitors falling into one or both of the following categories for:

- mounting on air-insulated circuit-breakers.
- mounting on enclosed circuit-breakers (for example immersed in insulating gas, in oil, etc.).

The testing for each of the above applications is in some cases different.

The object of this document is:

- to define uniform rules regarding performances, testing and rating;
- to define specific safety rules;
- to provide a guidance for installation and operation.

NOTE CIGRÉ TB-368 presents a study about the operating environment of voltage grading capacitors applied to high-voltage circuit-breakers (see [2]¹).

This document does not apply to capacitors not directly associated with high-voltage alternating current circuit-breakers.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques - Part 1: General terminology and test requirements*

IEC 60068-2-17:2023, *Environmental testing - Part 2-17: Tests - Test Q: Sealing*

IEC 60071-2:2023, *Insulation co-ordination - Part 2: Application guidelines*

IEC 60270:2025, *High-voltage test techniques - Charge-based measurement of partial discharges*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications - Mineral insulating oils for electrical equipment*

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

IEC 60567, *Oil-filled electrical equipment - Sampling of gases and analysis of free and dissolved gases in mineral oils and other insulating liquids - Guidance*

IEC 60815 (all parts), *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions*

IEC 60867, *Insulating liquids - Specifications for unused liquids based on synthetic aromatic hydrocarbons*

IEC 61099, *Insulating liquids - Specifications for unused synthetic organic esters for electrical purposes*

IEC 61462, *Composite hollow insulators - Pressurized and unpressurized insulators for use in electrical equipment with AC rated voltage greater than 1 000 V AC and DC voltage greater than 1 500 V - Definitions, test methods, acceptance criteria and design recommendations*

IEC 62146-2:2023, *Capacitors for high-voltage alternating current circuit-breakers - Part 2: TRV capacitors*

IEC 62155:2003, *Hollow pressurized and unpressurized ceramic and glass insulators for use in electrical equipment with rated voltages greater than 1 000 V*

IEC 62271-1, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications for alternating current switchgear and controlgear*

IEC 62271-100, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 100: Alternating-current circuit-breakers*

IEC 62271-203, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 203: AC gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV*

IEC 62271-205, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 205: Compact switchgear assemblies for rated voltages above 52 kV*

IEC 62271-300, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 300: Seismic qualification of alternating current circuit-breakers*

IEC 62770, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications - Unused natural esters for transformers and similar electrical equipment*

IEC 63012, *Insulating liquids - Unused modified or blended esters for electrotechnical applications*

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 - [4] IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing - Part 2-42: Tests - Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*
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 - [6] IEC Guide 109, *Environmental aspects - Inclusion in electrotechnical product standards*
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