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NOTE This standard also covers fault detection during, for example, lightning impulse testing.

This standard:

- defines the terms used;
- defines parameters and their tolerances;
- describes methods to estimate uncertainties of high-current measurements;
- states the requirements which a complete measuring system shall meet;
- describes the methods for approving a measuring system and checking its components;
- describes the procedure by which the user shall show that a measuring system meets the requirements of this standard, including limits set for uncertainty of measurement.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this International Standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60051-2:1984, *Direct acting analogue electrical measuring instruments and their accessories – Part 2: Special requirements for ammeters and voltmeters*

IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 61180-1, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment – Part 1: Definitions, test and procedure requirements*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM: 1995)*

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For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.