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for fuse-links for the protection of  
semiconductor devices**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/7, Power Switchgear to supersede AS 2005.40—1989.

The objective of this Standard is to provide supplementary requirements for those stated in AS/NZS 60269.1:2000 for fuse-links for application in equipment containing semi-conductor devices for circuits of rated voltages up to 1000 V a.c. or circuits of nominal voltages up to 1500 V d.c. and also, in so far as they are applicable, for circuits of higher voltages and to establish the characteristics of semi-conductor fuse-links in such a way that they can be replaced by other fuse links having the same characteristics, provided that their dimensions are identical.

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This Standard differs from AS 2005.40—1989 by the addition of the text of IEC 60269-4 Amendment 1:1995 only.

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In view of the fact that this Standard should be read together with AS/NZS 60269.1, *Low-voltage fuses, Part 1: General requirements*, the numbering of its clauses and sub-clauses is made to correspond to the latter. Regarding the tables, their numbering also corresponds to that of AS/NZS 60269.1, however, when additional tables appear, they are referred to by capital letters, for example, Table A, Table B, etc.

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**1 General**

Fuse-links for the protection of semiconductor devices shall comply with all requirements of IEC Publication 60269-1, if not otherwise indicated hereinafter, and shall also comply with the supplementary requirements laid down below.

**1.1 Scope**

These supplementary requirements apply to fuse-links for application in equipment containing semiconductor devices for circuits of rated voltages up to 1 000 V a.c. or circuits of nominal voltages up to 1 500 V d.c. and also, in so far as they are applicable, for circuits of higher nominal voltages.

*Notes*

1. - Such fuse-links are commonly referred to as "semiconductor fuse-links".
2. - In most cases, a part of the associated equipment serves the purpose of a fuse-base. Owing to the great variety of equipment, no general rules can be given; the suitability of the associated equipment to serve as a fuse-base should be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the user. However, if separate fuse-bases or fuse-holders are used, they should comply with the appropriate requirements of IEC Publication 60269-1.

**1.2 Object**

The object of these supplementary requirements is to establish the characteristics of semiconductor fuse-links in such a way that they can be replaced by other fuse-links having the same characteristics, provided that their dimensions are identical. For this purpose, this standard refers in particular to:

**1.2.1 The following characteristics of fuses:**

- a) their rated values;
- c) their temperature rises in normal service;
- d) their power dissipation;
- e) their time-current characteristics;
- f) their breaking capacity;
- g) their cut-off current characteristics and their  $I^2t$  characteristics;
- h) their arc voltage limits.