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**Insulators for overhead lines with a
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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-010, Overhead Lines to partly supersede AS/NZS 2947.2:2002, *Insulators—Porcelain and glass for overhead power lines—Voltages greater than 1000 V a.c.*, Part 2: *Characteristics*. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to specify characteristics for cap and pin insulators for use on overhead power lines.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 60305 Ed.4.0 (1995), *Insulators for overhead lines with a nominal voltage above 1000 V—Ceramic or glass insulator units for a.c. systems—Characteristics of insulator units of the cap and pin type*.

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1 Scope and object

This International Standard applies to string insulator units of the cap and pin type with insulating parts of ceramic material or glass, intended for a.c. overhead lines with a nominal voltage greater than 1 000 V and a frequency not greater than 100 Hz. It also applies to insulators of similar design used in substations.

This standard applies to string insulator units of the cap and pin type either with ball and socket couplings or with clevis and tongue couplings.

This standard applies to string insulator units for use on overhead lines in clean areas and polluted areas. For use in areas characterized by very heavy pollution levels and for other particular or extreme environmental conditions, it may be necessary for certain dimensions to be changed and insulator units having different creepage distances, spacing and forms may be preferred (for example, flat profile, hemispherical etc.). Insulators for use on d.c. systems may also need different dimensions. In any case, it is recommended that the standardized mechanical characteristics of the present International Standard and coupling sizes are retained.

The object of this standard is to prescribe specified values for the mechanical characteristics and for the main dimensions of string insulator units of the cap and pin type.

The power frequency, lightning impulse and puncture withstand voltages of string insulator units are not specified in this standard. IEC 60383-1 gives the electrical characteristics which define string insulator units; their values shall be agreed between purchaser and manufacturer.

Ball and socket couplings are covered by IEC 60120, clevis and tongue couplings by IEC 60471.

NOTE – For the definition of pollution levels see IEC 60815.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.