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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-007, Power Switchgear to supersede AS/NZS 60269.4.0:2000.

The objective of this Standard is to provide supplementary requirements for those stated in AS 60269.1 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 so 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.

This Standard is Part 4.0 of a series which, when complete, will consist of the following:

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60269.1	Part 1: General requirements
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This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, IEC 60269-4, Ed.3.0(1986), *Low-voltage fuses, Part 4: Supplementary requirements for fuse-links for the protection of semiconductor devices* incorporating its Amendment 1:1995, Amendment 2:2002 and Corrigendum 2003.

This Standard differs from the Standard it supersedes in the following major areas:

- (a) Standard is now Australian only to reflect the withdrawal of New Zealand participation in Committee EL-007.
- (b) Definition 'Semiconductor device' (Subclause 2.2.14) has been replaced.
- (c) A new definition 'Signalling device' (Subclause 2.2.16) has been added.
- (d) Characteristics of fuses 'Rated Voltage' (Clause 5.2) has been replaced.
- (e) Characteristics of fuses 'Conventional times and currents' (Subclause 5.6.2) has been replaced.
- (f) Table 2 – Conventional times and currents for 'gR' and 'gS' fuse-links has been added.
- (g) Characteristics of fuses 'Breaking range and utilization category' (Subclause 5.7.1) has been replaced.
- (h) Markings on fuse-links (Clause 6.2) has been replaced.
- (i) The standard conditions for construction (Clause 7.4) 'Operation' has been replaced.

- (j) The test 'Arrangement of the fuse-links' (Subclause 8.1.4) has been replaced.
- (k) Table 7A 'List of complete tests' has been replaced.
- (l) The test 'Verification of conventional non-fusing and fusing current' (Subclause 8.4.3.1) has been added.
- (m) 'Test method' (Subclauses 8.5.5.1 and 8.5.5.2) have been replaced.
- (n) Table 12A 'Values for breaking-capacity tests on a.c fuses' has been replaced.
- (o) Table 12B 'Values for breaking-capacity tests on d.c fuses' has been replaced.
- (p) Appendix A and Appendix B have been renamed Annex A and Annex B respectively to reflect recent style changes.

In view of the fact that this Standard should be read together with AS 60269.1 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 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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- (iv) Any French text on figures should be ignored.

The terms 'normative' and 'informative' are used to define the application of the annex to which they apply. A normative annex is an integral part of a standard, whereas an informative annex is only for information and guidance.

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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.

1.2.2 Type tests for verification of the characteristics of fuses.**1.2.3 The markings on fuses.****1.2.4 Availability and presentation of technical data (see Annex B).**