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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-007, Power Switchgear to supersede AS 62271.203—2005, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear*, Part 203: *Gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV* (IEC 62271-203, Ed.1.0 (2003) MOD).

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear in which the insulation is obtained, at least partly, by an insulating gas other than air at atmospheric pressure, for alternating current of rated voltages above 52 kV, for indoor and outdoor installation, and for service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz.

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102*	Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches	AS 1306
103	Switches for rated voltages above 1 kV and less than 52 kV	*AS/NZS 60265.1
104	Switches for rated voltages of 52 kV and above	*AS 60265.2
105	Alternating current switch-fuse combinations	*AS 2024
106	Alternating current contractors and contractor-based motor-starters	*AS 60470
110*	Inductive load switching	AS 4372
200*	AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV	AS 2264
201*	AC insulation-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV	AS 2264
202*	High-voltage/low-voltage prefabricated substations	AS 61330
203*	Gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV	AS 2263
301*	Dimensional standardization of terminals	AS 2395
303	Use and handling of sulphur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) in high-voltage switchgear and controlgear	*AS 2791
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60044	Instrument transformers	60044	Instrument transformers
60044-1	Part 1: Current transformers	60044.1	Part 1: Current transformers
60044-2	Part 2: Inductive voltage transformers	60044.2	Part 2: Inductive voltage transformers
60068	Basic environmental testing procedures	60068	Environmental testing
60068-2-11	Part 2.11: Tests—Test Ka: Salt mist	60068.2.11	Part 2.11: Tests—Test Ka: Salt mist
60270	High-voltage test techniques—Partial discharge measurements	60270	High-voltage test techniques—Partial discharge measurements
		AS/NZS	
60137	Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1000 V	60137	Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1000 V
60840	Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$ kV) up to 150 kV ( $U_m = 170$ kV)—Test methods and requirements	60840	Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$ kV) up to 150 kV ( $U_m = 170$ kV)—Test methods and requirements

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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

**High-voltage switchgear and controlgear**

## Part 203:

## Gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV

**1 General****1.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 62271 specifies requirements for gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear in which the insulation is obtained, at least partly, by an insulating gas other than air at atmospheric pressure, for alternating current of rated voltages above 52 kV, for indoor and outdoor installation, and for service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz.

For the purpose of this standard, the terms “GIS” and “switchgear” are used for “gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear”.

The gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear covered by this standard consists of individual components intended to be directly connected together and able to operate only in this manner.

This standard completes and amends, if necessary, the various relevant standards applying to the individual components constituting GIS.

**1.2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60044-1:1996, *Instrument transformers – Part 1: Current transformers*

IEC 60044-2:1997, *Instrument transformers – Part 2: Inductive voltage transformers*

IEC 60068-2-11, *Basic environmental testing procedures – Part 2-11: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist*

IEC 60137:2008, *Insulating bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V*

IEC 60141-1, *Tests on oil-filled and gas-pressure cables and their accessories – Part 1: Oil-filled, paper-insulated, metal-sheathed cables and accessories for alternating voltages up to and including 400 kV*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques – Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 60376, *Specification of technical grade sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) for use in electrical equipment*

IEC 60480, *Guidelines for the checking and treatment of sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) taken from electrical equipment and specification for its re-use*

IEC 60840, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 30 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 36 kV) up to 150 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 170 kV) – Test methods and requirements*