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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) Title modified;
- b) The scope of this standard is changed from carbon contact strips to contact strips;
- c) Replacement of several reference standards;
- d) Several terms and abbreviated terms are introduced;
  - The definitions of metalized contact strip and metal contact strip are introduced according to the metal or carbon content by weight;
  - The definitions of contact strip structures and types are introduced;

- e) Requirements for data sheets are introduced;
- f) Table 1: Schedule of tests and Table 2: Sequence of tests are introduced;
- g) The requirements for certain test methods and test acceptance criteria are updated;
- h) Test of metal content for metalized contact strip, test of the coefficient of friction, optional test of the impact resistance of the carbon material and optional test of wear properties are added;
- i) Annex A and Annex B are introduced.

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# RAILWAY APPLICATIONS – CURRENT COLLECTION SYSTEMS – PANTOGRAPHS, TESTING METHODS FOR CONTACT STRIPS

## 1 Scope

This document gives rules for testing methods for newly manufactured pantographs contact strips. Not all tests may be relevant to some designs of contact strips. This document excludes tests using a particular pantograph. Additional supplementary tests, out of the scope of this document, may be necessary to determine suitability for a particular application and are by prior agreement between customer and manufacturer.

NOTE The customer can, among others, be the system integrator, the manufacturer, the purchaser, the operator of the vehicle or the purchaser of the pantograph or a supervisory authority.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60413:1972, *Test procedures for determining physical properties of brush materials for electrical machines*

IEC 60773:2021, *Rotating electrical machines – Test methods and apparatus for the measurement of the operational characteristics of brushes*

ISO 148-1:2016, *Metallic materials – Charpy pendulum impact test – Part 1: Test method*

ISO 179-1:2010, *Plastics – Determination of Charpy impact properties – Part 1: Non-instrumented impact test*

ISO 180:2019, *Plastics – Determination of Izod impact strength*

ISO 6508-1: *Metallic materials – Rockwell hardness test – Part 1: Test method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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### 3.1 General

#### 3.1.1

##### **air flow continuity**

uninterrupted flow of air