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a) The scope has been widened to cover connectors for copper conductors from 10 mm<sup>2</sup> down to 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup> and has been limited to 1 200 mm<sup>2</sup> for connectors for copper and aluminium conductors because test experience and applications are rare for conductors of larger cross-sectional areas.

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- Part 1-2: Test methods and requirements for insulation piercing connectors for power cables for rated voltages up to 1 kV ( $U_m = 1,2$  kV) tested on insulated conductors
- Part 1-3: Test methods and requirements for compression and mechanical connectors for power cables for rated voltages above 1 kV ( $U_{\text{m}} = 1,2 \text{ kV}$ ) up to 30 kV ( $U_{\text{m}} = 36 \text{ kV}$ ) tested on non-insulated conductors

This Part 1-1 of IEC 61238 deals with type tests for compression and mechanical connectors for use on copper or aluminium conductors of power cables for rated voltages up to 1 kV ( $U_{\rm m}$  = 1,2 kV).

When a design of connector meets the requirements of this document, then it is expected that in service:

- a) the resistance of the connection will remain stable within specified limits;
- b) the temperature of the connector will be of the same order or less than that of the conductor during current heating;
- c) if the intended use demands it, application of short-circuit currents will not affect a) and b);
- d) independently from the electrical performance, conforming axial tensile strength will ensure an acceptable mechanical performance for the connections to the cable conductors, when applicable.

It should be stressed that, although the object of the electrical and mechanical tests specified in this document is to prove the suitability of connectors for most operating conditions, they do not necessarily apply to situations where a connector may be raised to a high temperature by virtue of connection to a highly rated plant, to corrosive conditions, or where the connector is subjected to external mechanical stresses such as excessive vibration, shock and large displacement after installation. In these instances, the tests in this document may need to be supplemented by special tests agreed between supplier and purchaser.

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## Part 1-1: Test methods and requirements for compression and mechanical connectors for power cables for rated voltages up to 1 kV $(U_m = 1,2 \text{ kV})$ tested on non-insulated conductors

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61238 applies to compression and mechanical connectors for power cables for rated voltages up to 1 kV ( $U_{\rm m}$  = 1,2 kV), for example buried cables or cables installed in buildings, having

- a) conductors complying with IEC 60228 having nominal cross-sectional areas between 2,5 mm<sup>2</sup> and 1 200 mm<sup>2</sup> for copper and between 16 mm<sup>2</sup> and 1 200 mm<sup>2</sup> for aluminium;
- b) a maximum continuous conductor temperature not exceeding 90 °C.

This document is not applicable to connectors for overhead line conductors nor to connectors with a sliding contact.

The object of this document is to define the type test methods and requirements which apply to compression and mechanical connectors for power cables with copper or aluminium conductors. The reference method is to perform the tests on unused conductors.

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IEC 60228, Conductors of insulated cables

IEC 60493-1, Guide for the statistical analysis of ageing test data – Part 1: Methods based on mean values of normally distributed test results

IEC 60949:1988, Calculation of thermally permissible short-circuit currents, taking into account non-adiabatic heating effects IEC 60949:1988/AMD1:2008

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