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- Additional definitions have been included to address the request for reviewing this standard, in particular nomenclature of commutator/slip-rings markings, brush markings and commutation sparks codes.

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### **1 Scope**

This document applies to carbon brushes for electrical machinery. For the present, it applies only to carbon brushes for commutators and slip-rings in rotating machines.

Terms and definitions are relative to the brush construction (references 100's to 500's and parts of 900's) and to the markings when operating on a rotating machine (references 600's to 800's).

By extension, terms and definitions may be relevant for any kind of sliding electrical contacts for electrical machinery.

### **2 Normative references**

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IEC 60136, *Dimensions of brushes and brush-holders for electrical machinery*

IEC 60773, *Test methods and apparatus for measurement of the operational characteristics of brushes*

### **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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NOTE Brushes are classified according to the class of grade used, as follows.

#### **3.1 grade**

brush material used for the brush body, defined by its composition and its physical properties

#### **3.2 carbon**

consists of various forms of amorphous carbon, generally made of a mixture of carbonaceous powders agglomerated with a binder, moulded and baked at suitable temperature to carbonize the binder

Note 1 to entry: Also named hard carbon (or plain carbon).

Note 2 to entry: The material can contain additives and can be impregnated with oils, wax or resin. This material contains principally carbon, because it is not graphitized during baking operation.

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