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IEC 60060-2	1994	High-voltage test techniques - Part 2: Measuring systems	EN 60060-2 <sup>2)</sup>	1994
IEC 60068-2-11	1981	Environmental testing - Part 2-11: Tests - Test Ka: Salt mist	EN 60068-2-11	1999
IEC 60068-2-14	2009	Environmental testing - Part 2-14: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature	EN 60068-2-14	2009
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IEC 60270	2000	High-voltage test techniques - Partial discharge measurements	EN 60270	2001
IEC 60507	1991	Artificial pollution tests on high-voltage insulators to be used on a.c. systems	EN 60507	1993
IEC/TS 60815-1	2008	Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions - Part 1: Definitions, information and general principles	-	-
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ISO 3274	-	Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) - Surface texture: Profile method - Nominal characteristics of contact (stylus) instruments	EN ISO 3274	-
ISO 4287	-	Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) - Surface texture: Profile method - Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters	EN ISO 4287	-

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ISO 4892-2	-	Plastics - Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources - Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps	EN ISO 4892-2	-
ISO 4892-3	-	Plastics - Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources - Part 3: Fluorescent UV lamps	EN ISO 4892-3	-

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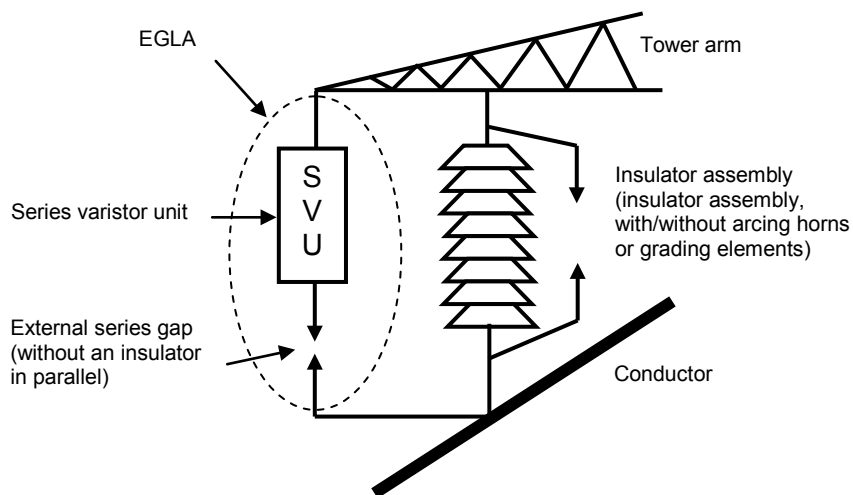
## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60099 applies to the externally gapped line arrester (EGLA)

This type of surge arrester is connected directly in parallel with an insulator assembly. It comprises a series varistor unit (SVU), made up from non-linear metal-oxide resistors encapsulated in a polymer or porcelain housing, and an external series gap, see Figure 1.

The purpose of an EGLA is to protect the parallel-connected insulator assembly from lightning-caused overvoltages. The external series gap, therefore, should spark over only due to fast-front overvoltages. The gap should withstand all power-frequency and slow-front overvoltages occurring on the system.

In the event of SVU failure, the external series gap should be able to isolate the SVU from the system.



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**Figure 1 – Configuration of an EGLA with insulator and arcing horn**

## SURGE ARRESTERS –

### Part 8: Metal-oxide surge arresters with external series gap (EGLA) for overhead transmission and distribution lines of a.c. systems above 1 kV

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60099 covers metal-oxide surge arresters with external series gap (externally gapped line arresters (EGLA) that are applied on overhead transmission and distribution lines, only to protect insulator assemblies from lightning-caused flashovers.

This standard defines surge arresters to protect the insulator assembly from lightning-caused overvoltages only. Therefore, and since the metal-oxide resistors are not permanently connected to the line, the following items are not considered for this standard:

- switching impulse sparkover voltage;
- residual voltage at steep current and switching current impulse;
- thermal stability;
- long-duration current impulse withstand duty;
- power-frequency voltage versus time characteristics of an arrester;
- disconnecter test;
- aging duties by power-frequency voltage.

Considering the particular design concept and the special application on overhead transmission and distribution lines, some unique requirements and tests are introduced, such as the verification test for coordination between insulator withstand and EGLA protective level, the follow current interrupting test, mechanical load tests, etc.

Designs with the EGLA's external series gap installed in parallel to an insulator are not covered by this standard.

#### 2 Normative references

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