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IEC 60136	-	Dimensions of brushes and brush-holders for electrical machinery	-	-
IEC 60276	2018	Carbon brushes, brush holders, commutators and slip-rings - Definitions and nomenclature	EN IEC 60276	2019
IEC 60356	-	Dimensions for commutators and slip-rings	-	-
IEC 60584-1	2013	Thermocouples - Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances	EN 60584-1	2013
IEC 60751	2008	Industrial platinum resistance thermometers and platinum temperature sensors	EN 60751	2008
IEC/TR 61015	-	Brush-holders for electrical machines. Guide to the measurement of the static thrust applied to brushes	-	-
ISO 1190-1	1982	Copper and copper alloys; Code of designation; Part 1: Designation of materials	-	-
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- A new Clause 9 has been added to introduce the black-band test for the characterisation of the brush grades for DC machines.

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ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES – TEST METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF THE OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF BRUSHES

1 Scope

This document applies to test methods for the measurement of the operational characteristics of brushes designed to operate on commutating and slip ring machines under specified test conditions.

By extension some tests may be relevant for other kinds of sliding electrical contacts for electrical appliances.

2 Normative references

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