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## **Elsäkerhet i elektriska starkströmsanläggningar för lågspänning – Utrustning för provning, mätning och övervakning av skyddsåtgärder – Del 6: Jordfelsövervakning i TT- och TN- och IT-system**

*Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC –  
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Part 6: Effectiveness of residual current devices (RCD) in TT, TN and IT systems*

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mesures de protection - Partie 6: Efficacité des dispositifs à  
courant différentiel résiduel (DDR) dans les réseaux TT, TN  
et IT  
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000 V und DC 1 500 V - Geräte zum Prüfen, Messen oder  
Überwachen von Schutzmaßnahmen - Teil 6: Wirksamkeit  
von Fehlerstrom-Schutzeinrichtungen (RCD) in TT-, TN-  
und IT-Systemen  
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| + A1 (mod)         | 2016        |                                                                                                                                                                                                | + A1               | 2019        |
| IEC 61010-2-030    | 2017        | Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use<br>- Part 2-030: Particular requirements for equipment having testing or measuring circuits          | EN IEC 61010-2-030 | 2021        |
| -                  | -           |                                                                                                                                                                                                | + A11              | 2021        |
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| IEC 61557-1        | 2019        | Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC - Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures - Part 1: General requirements   | EN IEC 61557-1     | 2021        |

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in TT, TN and IT systems**

## FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 61557-6 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 85: Measuring equipment for electrical and electromagnetic quantities.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2007. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) addition of requirements for testing a new type of RCD;
- b) addition of requirements for type B RCDs (former Annex B);
- c) addition of new Annex B on recommended tripping times;

d) alignment of the structure with that of the whole IEC 61557 series.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

| FDIS         | Report on voting |
|--------------|------------------|
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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61557-1:2019.

A list of all parts in the IEC 61557 series, published under the general title *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures*, can be found on the IEC website.

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

# **ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN LOW VOLTAGE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS UP TO 1 000 V AC AND 1 500 V DC – EQUIPMENT FOR TESTING, MEASURING OR MONITORING OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES –**

## **Part 6: Effectiveness of residual current devices (RCD) in TT, TN and IT systems**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61557 specifies the requirements applicable to measuring equipment for testing the effectiveness of protective measures of residual current devices (RCD) installed in TT, TN and IT systems.

It is not the purpose of this document to verify the RCD according to their product standards.

NOTE Applicable tripping tests for time and current of RCD are listed in Annex A, Table A.1.

### **2 Normative references**

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IEC 61010-1:2010, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*  
IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016<sup>1</sup>

IEC 61010-2-030:2017, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 2-030: Particular requirements for equipment having testing or measuring circuits*

IEC 61010-031, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated probe assemblies for electrical test and measurement*

IEC 61557-1:2019, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 1: General requirements*

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<sup>1</sup> A consolidated version of this publication exists, comprising IEC 61010-1:2010 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016.