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#### **Foreword**

This document (EN 50152-2:2012) has been prepared by CLC/SC 9XC "Electric supply and earthing systems for public transport equipment and ancillary apparatus (Fixed installations)".

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This document supersedes EN 50152-2:2007.

EN 50152-2:2012 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50152-2:2007:

This standard was revised to reflect the latest versions of standards referenced and to remove text already included in the EN 62271 series. The scope was extended to include single-phase and two-phase devices. Definitions were added to provide the necessary precision and to meet the needs of railway applications. Table 1 was reworked according to the changes of EN 50124-1:2001, Table A.2 and Table B.1. Table 2 'Coordination table of rated values for devices' of the previous version was removed. Ratings previously given under the clause 'type tests' were moved to the new Table 2 'Mechanical endurance classes and recommended use'.

EN 50152 series under the generic title *Railway applications* — *Fixed installations* — *Particular requirements for alternating current switchgear* is divided as follows:

- Part 1: Circuit-breakers with nominal voltage above 1 kV;
- Part 2: Disconnectors, earthing switches and switches with nominal voltage above 1 kV;
- Part 3-1: Measurement, control and protection devices for specific use in a.c. traction systems Application guide;
- Part 3-2: Measurement, control and protection devices for specific use in a.c. traction systems Single-phase current transformers;
- Part 3-3: Measurement, control and protection devices for specific use in a.c. traction systems Single-phase inductive voltage transformers.

#### Introduction

This standard needs to be read in conjunction with EN 62271-1:2008, EN 62271-102:2002 and/or EN 62271-103:2011, depending on the equipment involved.

References in subclauses in EN 62271-102 need to be to EN 62271-1 instead of EN 60694.

Where a particular clause of EN 62271-1, EN 62271-102 or EN 62271-103 is not mentioned in this standard, that clause applies as far as reasonable. Where requirements relate exclusively to three-phase systems or to voltages outside those in use in traction systems, they are not applicable. Where this standard states "addition" or "replacement", the relevant text of EN 62271-1, EN 62271-102 and EN 62271-103 needs to be adapted accordingly. When a clause is named applicable to both EN 62271-102 or EN 62271-103, then reference needs to be made only to the standard appropriate for the respective switching device.

The numbering of clauses in EN 62271 series is not used in this European Standard. The numbering in square brackets refers to the numbering of clauses in EN 62271 series. References specific to numbering of clauses in EN 62271-102 have the prefix '102.' and specific to EN 62271-103 have the prefix '103.'.

Where terms defined in EN 62271 series conflict with definitions of same terms as given in IEC 60050-811:1991, or the other railway applications documents listed in the normative references, the definitions in EN 62271-1. EN 62271-102 and EN 62271-103 need to be used.

NOTE 1 The clause numbering in EN 62271-102 and EN 62271-103 is the same as in EN 62271-1. Additional requirements specific to the type of switching device start with subclause numbers from 100.

NOTE 2 The suffix N which appears in this standard for rated values is not used in EN 62271 series.

#### 1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to single-pole and two-pole alternating current (a.c.) disconnectors, earthing switches and switches which are:

- designed for indoor or outdoor fixed installations in tractions systems, and
- operated with an a.c. line voltage and frequency as specified in EN 50163.
- NOTE 1 EN 50163 specifies the a.c. traction systems 15 kV 16,7 Hz and 25 kV 50 Hz.
- NOTE 2 As rails of a.c. traction systems are connected to earth and included in the return current path all phase to earth voltages will be within the tolerances as specified in EN 50163. Nevertheless phase to phase voltages are sometimes higher, e.g. in autotransformer systems.
- NOTE 3 The two poles of a switch can be connected in series to provide secure isolation (i.e. two breaks in series).

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 50121-5, Railway applications — Electromagnetic compatibility — Part 5: Emission and immunity of fixed power supply installations and apparatus

EN 50124-1:2001, Railway applications — Insulation coordination — Part 1: Basic requirements — Clearances and creepage distances for all electrical and electronic equipment

EN 50152-1:2012, Railway applications — Fixed installations — Particular requirements for alternating current switchgear — Part 1: Circuit breakers with nominal voltage above 1 kV

EN 50163:2004, Railway applications — Supply voltages of traction systems

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EN 62271-102:2002, High-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches (IEC 62271-102:2001 + corrigendum Apr. 2002 + corrigendum May 2003)

EN 62271-103:2011, High voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 103: Switches for rated voltages above 1 kV up to and including 52 kV (IEC 62271-103:2011)

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 62271-1:2008, EN 62271-102:2002, EN 62271-103:2011 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

#### switching device

general term covering disconnectors, earthing switches and switches

Note 1 to entry: This definition of 'switching device' is limited to this standard. There may be different or more comprising use in other parts of the EN 50152 and EN 62271 series (e.g. in EN 62271-1:2008, 3.1.1).

#### 3.2

#### single-pole switching device

switching device with one electrically separated conducting path for the main circuit suitable for use in a single-phase circuit

#### 3.3

#### two-pole switching device

switching device with two independent electrically separated conducting paths for the main circuit

Note 1 to entry: The two paths may be connected in series for use in a single-phase circuit where the establishment of the two paths is simultaneous.

Note 2 to entry: This device may be used to interrupt or establish simultaneously a single-phase circuit in two different points.

#### 3.4

#### combined switching device

switching device where the main circuit of the switching device, the operating link and operating drive may be used in combination with those from different manufacturers

Note 1 to entry: This is common practice in some countries especially for mast switches.

#### 3.5

#### nominal voltage $(U_n)$

suitable approximate voltage value used to designate or identify a given supply system

[SOURCE: EN 50124-1:2001, 1.3.2.1]

Note 1 to entry: This value is also assigned to the switching device to show its usability in the supply system.

Note 2 to entry: An AT-System which is supplied with 2 phases, having a phase shift of 180° between them, is commonly named 2 x  $U_n$  according to the  $U_n$  supplied to the catenary system.

#### 3.6

#### rated voltage

 $U_{\rm Ne}$ 

value of voltage assigned by the manufacturer to the equipment or part of it and to which operating and performance characteristics are referred

[SOURCE: EN 50124-1:2001, 1.3.2.3, modified]

Note 1 to entry: This value is also used to determine its dielectric characteristics and will be used instead of the rated insulation voltage ( $U_{Nm}$ ) as defined and used in EN 50124-1:2001.

Note 2 to entry: The abbreviation  $U_r$  is not used for railway switching devices.

#### 3.7

#### Over Voltage category

O۷

classification of the circuit protection against internal and external overvoltages

#### 3.8

#### **Pollution Degree**

PD

classification of the pollution to be considered due to the micro climate

#### 3.9

#### line

general term covering the catenary and bare feeder conductors in fixed installations

Note 1 to entry: This definition is added as line is understood in most cases as HV transmission line.

#### 3.10

#### index of definitions

same as in 3.8 of EN 62271-103:2011, but amended according to the definitions above and those of EN 62271-102:2002, Clause 3.

#### 4 Normal and special service conditions

[2]

Clause 2 of EN 62271-1:2008 is applicable except as follows:

The minimum ambient air temperature under normal service conditions for indoor switching devices shall be -5 °C.

For special service conditions, agreement shall be made between purchaser and supplier. EN 50125-2 should be taken as a guidance to select appropriate classifications.

NOTE The altitude reference of EN 50124-1 (up to 2 000 m) applies to insulation coordination only and is not considered in this standard.

5 Rating [4]

#### 5.1 General

Clause 4 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as noted in 5.2-5.8 below.

#### 5.2 Nominal voltage $(U_n)$

The standard values of nominal voltage  $U_0$  are 15 kV and 25 kV as listed in Table 1 of EN 50163:2004.

### 5.3 Rated voltage ( $U_{Ne}$ )

[4.1]

Subclause 4.1 of EN 62271-1:2008 is replaced by the following:

The rated voltage  $U_{\rm Ne}$  shall be chosen taking into consideration the maximum voltage level suitable to be permanently applied to the switching device (i.e. highest permanent voltage  $U_{\rm max1}$  as defined in EN 50163:2004).

The value of  $U_{\rm Ne}$  shall be used whenever EN 62271-1, EN 62271-102 or EN 62271-103 reference to  $U_{\rm r}$  unless another value is named explicitly.

NOTE 1 The insulation characteristics determined by applying  $U_{\text{max1}}$  are expected to be suitable to allow the highest non-permanent voltage  $U_{\text{max2}}$  taken from EN 50163:2004.

NOTE 2 The rated voltage for fixed installations in railway applications is a phase to earth value.

#### 5.4 Insulation coordination

#### 5.4.1 General

Insulation coordination shall be conducted according to EN 50124-1 e.g. selection of values for overvoltage category (OV) and pollution degree (PD).

The rated voltage  $U_{\rm Ne}$  shall be used when EN 50124-1 refers to the rated insulation voltage  $U_{\rm Nm}$ .

The definition of the four overvoltage categories shall be as in EN 50124-1:2001, 2.2.2.1.

The definition of the seven pollution degrees shall be as in EN 50124-1:2001, 2.5 and Table A.4.

#### 5.4.2 Rated insulation level

[4.2]

Subclause 4.2 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as follows:

The values of the rated impulse withstand voltage  $U_{Ni}$  and of the power-frequency withstand voltage  $U_{d}$  shall be as given in Table 1, taken from the values listed in EN 50124-1:2001.

Table 1 — Nominal voltages  $(U_n)$ , rated impulse voltages  $(U_{Ni})$  and short-duration power-frequency withstand voltage  $(U_d)$  for circuits connected to the contact line

			Common value		Across the isolating distance	
$m{U_{n}}$ kV	$oldsymbol{U}_{Ne}$ k ${V}$	ov	$m{U_{ m Ni}}$ kV	$U_{ m d}$ kV	$m{U_{ extsf{Ni}}}$ kV	$U_{ m d}$ kV
	17,25	3 a	95	38	110	50
15		4	125	50	145	60
15	17,25 <sup>b</sup>	3 a	145	70	165	80
		4	170	70	195	95
	27,5	3	170	70	200	95
25		4	200	95	220	110
25	27,5 b	3	200	95	220	110
		4	250	95	290	110

NOTE The rated short-duration power-frequency withstand voltage is represented by  $U_d$  as used in EN 62271-1 not by  $U_a$  as used in EN 50124-1:2001.  $U_a$  is used in EN 62271-1 for the rated auxiliary voltage.

All test voltages for dielectric tests on the main circuit shall be taken from Table 1.

#### 5.5 Rated frequency

[4.3]

Subclause 4.3 of EN 62271-1:2008 is replaced by the following:

The standard values of the rated frequency are 16,7 Hz and 50 Hz as listed in Table 1 of EN 50163:2004.

# 5.6 Rated supply voltage of closing and opening devices and of auxiliary and control circuits ( $U_a$ )

[4.8]

Subclause 4.8 of EN 62271-1:2008 is applicable with the following addition.

The relative tolerance as specified in 4.8.3 of EN 62271-1:2008 does not apply to a.c. power supplies fed from a transformer connected to the traction line voltage. This tolerance shall be agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

NOTE In this case the relative tolerance of 4.8.3 of EN 62271-1:2008 will not be sufficient due to the high fluctuation of the traction line voltage.

#### 5.7 Rated making and breaking current

Subclauses 4.101 of EN 62271-102:2002 is applicable for earthing switches.

Subclauses 4.101 to 4.115 of EN 62271-103:2011 are applicable for switches except as follows.

A switch shall be classified either general purpose switch, limited purpose switch or special purpose switch according to the requirements of 4.113 to 4.115 of EN 62271-103:2011.

a Not commonly used.

b For higher requirements on insulation system.
This is common practice in some countries with larger number of installations at altitude up to 2 000 m without additionally applying an altitude correction factor.

Switch-disconnectors shall comply with the requirements for switches and also for disconnectors.

It is recommended that the rated capacitive line charging current and the rated capacitive cable charging current do not exceed 2 A for 16,7 Hz and 10 A for 50 Hz.

NOTE Such capacitive current equals a circuit of around 2,5 km of typical cable or 100 km of typical line.

When breaking of higher capacitive currents is required, switches shall be suitable to switch a capacitor bank. Rated capacitive switching currents shall be agreed between purchaser and supplier.

#### 5.8 Rated values for mechanical endurance

[102: 4.106]

Subclause 4.106 of EN 62271-102:2002 is applicable for all switching devices except as follows.

Values for mechanical endurance classes of switching devices shall be as given in Table 2:

Table 2 — Mechanical endurance classes and recommended use

Mechanical endurance class	Operating cycles	Recommended for				
Class 1	1 000	earthing switches				
Class 2	3 000	disconnectors				
Class 3	10 000	switches				
NOTE Each operating cycle consist	TE Each operating cycle consists of one OPEN and one CLOSE operation.					

#### 6 Design and construction

[5]

#### 6.1 General

Clause 5 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable, except as follows:

For switches with a breaking medium such as gas, the effective pressure of this gas at 20  $^{\circ}$ C shall not exceed 1,5 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (in addition to the atmospheric pressure of 10<sup>5</sup> Pa).

#### 6.2 Combined switching devices

The manufacturer of combined switching devices or their components shall state:

— for the main circuit: the maximum operating force and related travel required to operate the

device

— for the operating link: the maximum force it can transfer

— for operating drives: the minimum operating force and related travel provided by the drive.

The manufacturer of a component shall state the operating conditions which are covered by these data, e.g thickness of ice coating and contact opening or closing.

The party responsible for installation of an operating link shall consider the maximum force required to operate the link the maximum length and number of intermediate supports required, and the maximum loss of travel within the link.

Combined switching device are typically push-pull operated therefore force and travel are named. If the combined switching device uses a rotational operation then the torque shall be provided instead of the force and the rotational angle instead of the travel.

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When selecting components for a combined switching device the possible operating conditions of the specific application need to be considered, e.g.

- environmental conditions, particularly ice conditions;
- physical arrangement of the individual components and distance between them;
- wear over the life time.

guidance.

Due to the large number of installation conditions and combinations it is not possible to provide a fixed

7 Type tests [6]

#### 7.1 General

NOTE

Clause 6 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as in 7.2-7.5 below.

7.2 Dielectric tests [6.2]

Subclause 6.2 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as follows:

For dielectric tests the values given in Table 1 shall apply.

#### 7.3 Electromagnetic compatibility tests (EMC)

[6.9]

Subclause 6.9 of EN 62271-1:2008 is applicable except as follows:

Emission and immunity levels shall be taken from EN 50121-5.

#### 7.4 Making and breaking tests

[103: 6.101]

Subclause 6.101 of EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as follows:

These tests shall be performed at rated voltage  $U_{\rm Ne}$  and rated frequency  $f_{\rm r}$ .

The resulting breaking current shall be tested in accordance with the requirements of EN 50152-1:2012, 6.101 of EN 62271-103:2011.

#### 7.5 Operating and mechanical endurance test

[6.102]

#### 7.5.1 General

Subclause 6.102 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as follows

The mechanical endurance test shall consist of operating cycles as assigned to the switching device and as given in Table 2.

Subclause 6.102.5 of EN 62271-102:2002 is applicable also for earthing switches assigned class 2 or class 3.

#### 7.5.2 Endurance tests of combined switching devices

The requirements for mechanical endurance tests and extended mechanical endurance tests of 6.102 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 are amended by the following:

The endurance test, mechanical endurance and extended mechanical endurance, of combined switching devices shall be performed on a typical combination. Components shall be tested at least in one typical combination.

If applicable the majority of operations of the endurance test shall be carried out with that pair of force and travel of the operating drive providing the highest product of travel multiplied by force. Each series of 1 000 operations shall include a minimum of 100 operations for each pair of force and travel combination being specified.

The number of operating cycles at the specified minimum supply voltage and/or minimum pressure of compressed gas supply shall be shared equally if more than one pair of force and travel combination is specified. There shall be a minimum of 20 operations for each pair.

NOTE: In most cases operators and manufactures have agreed upon one specific travel for their combined switching devices.

#### 8 Routine tests [7]

Clause 7 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as follows:

Voltage reference in dielectric tests shall be made to the values given in Table 1.

NOTE 1 Subclauses 7.1 to 7.4 of EN 62271-102:2002 and of EN 62271-103:2011 only contain cross references to EN 62271-1.

NOTE 2 Subclauses 7.101 of EN 62271-102:2002 requires an on-site mechanical operations test for equipment having routine tests on separate components only. For the number of operating cycles it references to 6.102.3.2 of EN 62271-102:2002.

This conforms with the requirement of on-site routine tests for disconnectors used in overhead catenary systems according to 8.12 of EN 50119:2009.

#### 9 Guide to the selection of switching devices for service

[8]

Clause 8 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable except as follows:

Definitions and ratings of this standard prevail.

#### 10 Information to be given with inquiries, tenders and orders

[9]

Clause 9 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable.

#### 11 Rules for transport, storage, erection, operation and maintenance

[10]

Clause 10 of EN 62271-102:2002 and EN 62271-103:2011 is applicable.

#### 12 Safety [11]

Clause 11 of EN 62271-1:2008 is applicable.

# 13 Influence of the product on the environment

[12]

Clause 12 of EN 62271-1:2008 is applicable.

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