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- Some nomenclature has been deleted or added, whereas remaining definitions have been detailed and clarified, to reflect the technical evolution since 1987.
- 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

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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.