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- a) Addition of Clause 2 and Clause 3 since the “Normative references” and “Terms and definitions” clauses are mandatory elements of the text according to the new IEC template.
- b) In Clause 6, addition of new kinds of aluminium alloy and aluminium clad steel and their values of temperature coefficients of resistance.
- c) In Clause 6, addition of guidelines for the calculation of AC resistance taken into account hysteresis and eddy current losses.

- d) In Clause 7, addition of the values of coefficient of linear expansion of aluminium alloy conductor aluminium-clad steel reinforced series.
- e) Deletion of Clause 8 “Calculation of maximum conductor length on drums” in the last version.
- f) Annex A, replaced by “A practical example of CCC calculation”.
- g) Annex B, replaced by “Indicative conditions for CCC calculation”.

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## OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CONDUCTORS – CALCULATION METHODS FOR STRANDED BARE CONDUCTORS

### 1 Scope

This document, which is a Technical Report, provides information with regard to conductors specified in IEC 61089 and other aluminium and aluminium steel conductors. Such information includes properties of conductors and useful methods of calculation. The following chapters are included in this document.

- current carrying capacity of conductors: Calculation method and typical example
- alternating current resistance, inductive and capacitive reactances
- elongation of conductors: Thermal and stress-strain data
- conductor creep
- loss of strength of aluminium wires due to high temperatures

It is noted that this document does not discuss all theories and available methods for calculating conductor properties, but provides users with simple methods that provide acceptable accuracies.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC TR 60943:1998, *Guidance concerning the permissible temperature rise for parts of electrical equipment, in particular for terminals*  
IEC TR 60943:1998/AMD1:2008

IEC 61089:1991, *Round wire concentric lay overhead electrical stranded conductors*  
IEC 61089:1991/AMD1:1997

IEC 60104:1987, *Aluminium-magnesium-silicon alloy wire for overhead line conductors*

IEC 60889:1987, *Hard-drawn aluminium wire for overhead line conductors*

IEC 61232:1993, *Aluminium-clad steel wires for electrical purposes*

IEC 61395:1998, *Overhead electrical conductors – Creep test procedures for stranded conductors*

IEC 62004:2007, *Thermal-resistant aluminium alloy wire for overhead line conductor*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses: