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- b) According to the results of the questionnaire(36/424/Q), the relevant content of the 28B W-clip was deleted;
- c) The  $Q_{min}$  column in Table C.1 was deleted;
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# BALL AND SOCKET COUPLINGS OF STRING INSULATOR UNITS – DIMENSIONS

## 1 Scope

The object of this international standard is to define the dimensions of a series of standard ball and socket couplings using the standard locking devices (see IEC 60372) in order to permit the assembly of insulators or metal fittings supplied by different manufacturers.

This document applies to string insulator units of the cap and pin and long rod types and their associated metal fittings.

For the pin ball and the socket, dimensions apply to the finished product after any surface treatment.

Extreme positions of the pin ball in the socket are given in Annex A.

Typical examples of gauges for checking the dimensions of pin balls and sockets are given in Annex B.

NOTE Only the dimensions necessary for assembly are dealt with in this standard. Properties of material and working loads are not specified. The co-ordination of dimensions with strength classes is specified in IEC 60305 and IEC 60433.

## 2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-471:2007, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 471: Insulators*

IEC 60372, *Locking devices for ball and socket couplings of string insulator units – Dimensions and tests*

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### 3.1

#### **ball and socket coupling**

coupling consisting of a ball, a socket and a locking device, and providing flexibility

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-471:2007, 471-03-11]

### 3.2 string insulator unit

cap and pin insulator or long rod insulator of which end fitting are suitable for flexible attachment to other similar insulator units or to connecting accessories

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-471:2007, 471-03-08]

## 4 Designated size of coupling

This document includes eight standard ball and socket couplings designated by the nominal pin diameters in millimetres. Each designated size of coupling is defined by the dimensions of the pin ball, of the socket, of the hook-on "GO" gauge, of the lower part of the insulator and of the corresponding locking device.

NOTE Dimensions of twin-balled pins for coupling of two sockets are stated in Clause 13. Dimensions of the hole for the locking devices are stated in Clause 14 and Clause 15.

## 5 Pin ball

The pin ball shall conform to the dimensions specified in Clause 10. The main dimensions governing the shape of the pin ball are  $h_1$ ,  $d_2$ ,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . Dimension  $r_3$  is given for guidance because its accurate value may be obtained only by the drawing. In addition, the shank diameter  $d_1$ , must not exceed the specified values within a length equal to  $H_3$  of the corresponding worn hook-on "GO" gauge (see Clause 12).

## 6 Socket

The socket interior shall conform to the dimensions specified in Clause 11, which also specifies the thickness of the locking device.

The 16 mm designated size of coupling according to Clause 11 includes two alternative sockets. There is only one type of pin ball fit for it, but the corresponding locking device should be used. That is, the 16A socket should be matched with the 16A locking device, the 16B socket should be matched with the 16B locking device.

NOTE Sockets according to the clause mentioned are shown with flat bottoms. Sockets with rounded bottoms with radii of curvature not less than the dimensions  $r_2$  of the pin balls can also be used. In this case, the dimensions  $R_5$  have to be correspondingly decreased.

## 7 Hook-on "GO" gauge

The external dimensions of the socket have not been laid down. However, the socket shall permit acceptance of the hook-on "GO" gauge according to Clause 12.

## 8 Lower part of the insulator

The shape of the lower part of the insulator shall be such that assembly with the socket of maximum external dimensions according to Clause 7 will always be possible.

## 9 Locking device

The locking device, i. e. a split-pin or W-clip, shall be designed for locking the minimum-size pin ball in the maximum size socket. This requirement is fulfilled if the locking devices standardized in IEC 60372 are used.

### 10 Dimensions of the pin ball

Figure 1 shows a schematic of the pin ball. Table 1 gives dimensions of the pin ball.

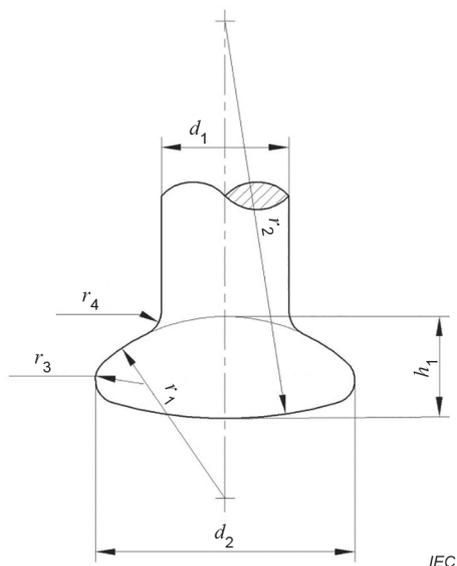


Figure 1 – Schematic of the pin ball

Table 1 – Dimensions of the pin ball

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*Dimensions in millimetres*

Designated size of coupling	$d_1$	$d_2$	$h_1$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r_3^a$	$r_4$
11	$11,9^{0}_{-1,1}$	$22,8^{0}_{-1,3}$	$9,1^{0}_{-1,2}$	35,0	35,0	3,5	$1,5^{+1,0}_{0}$
16	$17,0^{0}_{-1,2}$	$33,3^{0}_{-1,5}$	$13,4^{0}_{-1,3}$	23,0	50,0	3,0	$3,0^{+1,0}_{-0,5}$
20	$21,0^{0}_{-1,3}$	$41,0^{0}_{-1,6}$	$19,5^{0}_{-1,4}$	27,0	60,0	5,7	$3,5^{+1,0}_{-1,0}$
24	$25,0^{0}_{-1,4}$	$49,0^{0}_{-1,8}$	$21,0^{0}_{-1,7}$	40,0	70,0	6,6	$4,0^{+1,5}_{-1,0}$
28	$29,0^{0}_{-1,5}$	$57,0^{0}_{-1,9}$	$23,5^{0}_{-1,8}$	55,0	80,0	8,0	$4,5^{+1,5}_{-1,0}$
32	$33,0^{0}_{-1,6}$	$65,0^{0}_{-2,1}$	$27,0^{0}_{-1,9}$	70,0	90,0	10,0	$5,0^{+1,5}_{-1,0}$
36	$37,0^{0}_{-1,6}$	$73,0^{0}_{-2,1}$	$34,0^{0}_{-1,9}$	50,0	110,0	10,5	$8,0^{+1,5}_{-1,0}$
40	$41,0^{0}_{-1,6}$	$81,0^{0}_{-2,1}$	$39,5^{0}_{-1,9}$	55,0	120,0	12,5	$9,0^{+1,5}_{-1,0}$

<sup>a</sup> Given for guidance.

## 11 Dimensions of the socket end

Figure 2 shows a schematic of the socket end. Table 2 gives dimensions of the socket end.

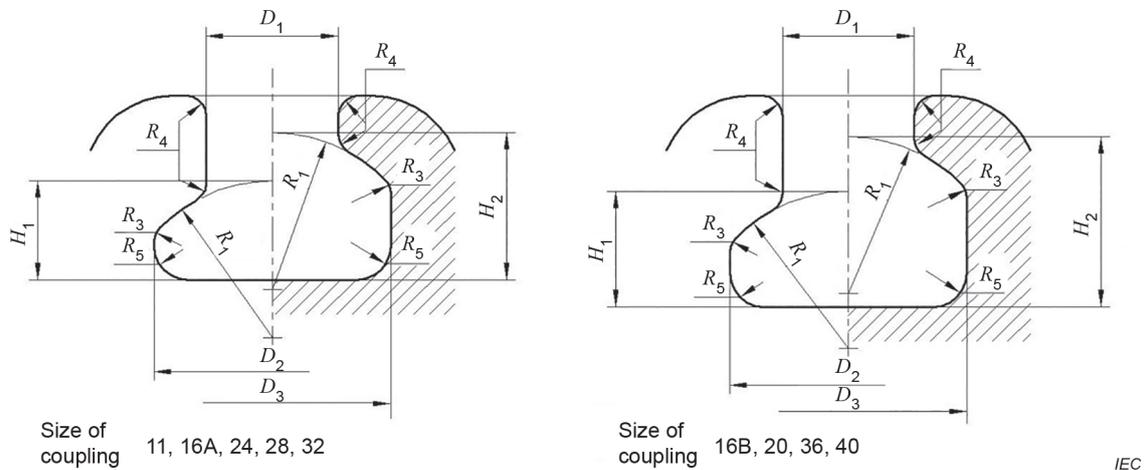


Figure 2 – Schematic of the socket end

Table 2 – Dimensions of the socket end

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Dimensions in millimetres

Designated size of coupling	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$H_1$	$H_2$ for W-clips and alternative split-pins	$H_2$ for standard split-pins	$R_1$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$T^b$
					Min.	Min.					
11	$12,5_0^{+1,3}$	24,5	24,5	$10,5_0^{+1,3}$	15,5	16,3	35,0	4,0	1,5	4,0	$4,8_0^{+0,2}$
16	$19,2_0^{+1,6}$	34,5	34,5	$14,5_0^{+1,6}$	20,5	21,6	23,0	3,0	3,0	5,0	$5,5_0^{+0,2}$
					25,0	25,5					$7,9_0^{+0,2}$
20	$23,0_0^{+2,1}$	42,5	42,5	$20,5_0^{+2,1}$	28,5	29,3	27,0	6,0	3,5	7,0	$7,0_0^{+0,2}$
24	$27,5_0^{+2,5}$	51,0	51,0	$23,5_0^{+2,5}$	32,5	33,5	40,0	5,0	4,0	10,0	$8,7_0^{+0,2}$
28	$32,0_0^{+2,9}$	59,0	59,0	$26,0_0^{+2,9}$	36,5	37,4	55,0	8,0	4,5	12,0	$10,0_0^{+0,2}$
32	$36,0_0^{+3,3}$	67,5	67,5	$30,0_0^{+3,3}$	42,0	43,0	70,0	10,0	5,0	14,0	$11,5_0^{+0,2}$
36	$40,0_0^{+3,3}$	75,5	75,5	$38,0_0^{+3,3}$	-	51,0	50,0	10,5	8,0	16,0	$11,5_0^{+0,2}$
40	$44,0_0^{+3,3}$	83,5	83,5	$43,5_0^{+3,3}$	-	56,5	55,0	12,5	9,0	17,0	$11,5_0^{+0,2}$

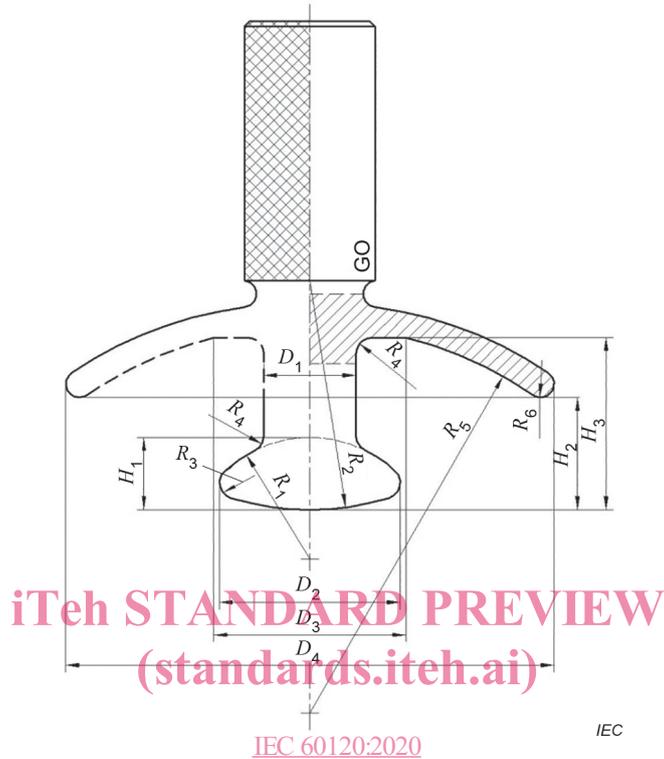
<sup>a</sup> A greater value is given because in this case the split-pin does not always rest on the bottom of the socket. The position of the standard split-pin is determined by the position  $H_3$  of the centre of the hole and its diameter  $D_4$  (see clause 14) and dimension  $F_2$  (see IEC 60372) and is also influenced by the tips of legs resting in contact with the socket. The values of  $H_2$  ensure the correct clearances for split-pins.

<sup>b</sup> Thickness of the locking device.

<sup>c</sup> See Clause 6.

### 12 Dimensions of the hook-on "GO" gauge

Figure 3 shows a schematic of the hook-on "GO" gauge. Table 3 gives dimensions of the hook-on "GO" gauge.



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Figure 3 – Schematic of the hook-on "GO" gauge

Table 3 – Dimensions of the hook-on "GO" gauge (1 of 2)

*Dimensions in millimetres*

Designated size of coupling	Gauge	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$	$H_1$	$H_2$	$H_3$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$R_6$
11	New	12,000	22,950	25,322	60,15	9,250	17,775	23,775	35,075	35,075	3,631	1,450	49,70	2,80
		11,980	22,920	25,348	59,95	9,220	17,860	23,860	35,060	35,060	3,616	1,460	49,80	2,70
		11,960	22,890	25,374	59,75	9,190	17,945	23,945	35,045	35,045	3,601	1,470	49,90	2,60
		11,900	22,800	25,400	59,55	9,100	18,000	24,000	35,000	35,000	3,556	1,500	50,00	2,50
16	New	17,122	33,490	35,326	90,59	13,572	20,686	31,786	23,086	50,086	3,071	2,939	71,70	2,80
		17,096	33,450	35,351	90,39	13,536	20,768	31,868	23,068	50,068	3,055	2,952	71,80	2,70
		17,070	33,410	35,376	90,19	13,500	20,850	31,950	23,050	50,050	3,039	2,965	71,90	2,60
		17,000	33,300	35,400	89,99	13,400	20,900	32,000	23,000	50,000	2,993	3,000	72,00	2,50
20	New	21,150	41,220	45,484	120,95	19,702	25,551	42,151	27,101	60,101	5,845	3,425	89,55	3,45
		21,120	41,170	45,523	120,65	19,656	25,678	42,278	27,078	60,078	5,824	3,440	89,70	3,30
		21,090	41,120	45,561	120,35	19,610	25,805	42,405	27,055	60,055	5,803	3,455	89,85	3,15
		21,000	41,000	45,600	120,05	19,500	25,900	42,500	27,000	60,000	5,753	3,500	90,00	3,00
24	New	25,172	49,250	50,490	140,90	21,242	25,971	46,171	40,121	70,121	6,732	3,914	104,55	3,45
		25,136	49,190	50,527	140,60	21,186	26,093	46,293	40,093	70,093	6,706	3,932	104,70	3,30
		25,100	49,130	50,564	140,30	21,130	26,215	46,415	40,065	70,065	6,680	3,950	104,85	3,15
		25,000	49,000	50,600	140,00	21,000	26,300	46,500	40,000	70,000	6,615	4,000	105,00	3,00

<sup>a</sup> The contour of the new gauge shall fall between the maximum and minimum contours.  
<sup>b</sup> See Clause B.1.

Table 3 (2 of 2)

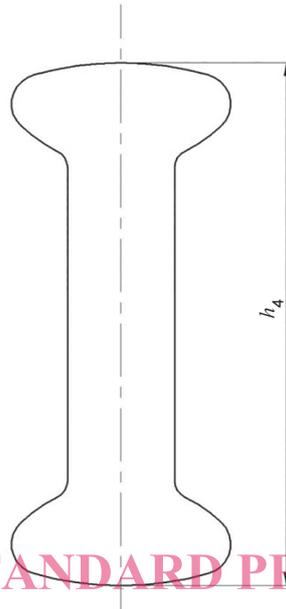
Designated size of coupling	Gauge	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$	$H_1$	$H_2$	$H_3$	$R_1$	$R_2$	$R_3$	$R_4$	$R_5$	$R_6$
		New	29,190	57,290	66,870	165,94	23,770	29,100	51,100	55,135	80,135	7,994	4,414	129,55
28	Nominal contour	29,150	57,215	66,915	165,64	23,708	29,250	51,250	55,104	80,104	7,967	4,432	129,70	3,30
	Min. contour <sup>a</sup>	29,110	57,140	66,960	165,34	23,646	29,400	51,400	55,073	80,073	7,938	4,450	129,85	3,15
	Worn <sup>b</sup>	29,000	57,000	67,000	165,04	23,500	29,500	51,500	55,000	80,000	7,864	4,500	130,00	3,00
32	Max. contour <sup>a</sup>	33,220	65,310	85,800	198,45	27,300	34,000	61,400	70,150	90,150	9,719	4,914	149,55	3,45
	Nominal contour	33,170	65,230	85,850	198,22	27,225	34,175	61,600	70,112	90,113	9,683	4,932	149,70	3,30
	Min. contour <sup>a</sup>	33,120	65,150	85,900	197,98	27,150	34,350	61,800	70,075	90,075	9,647	4,950	149,85	3,15
36	Worn <sup>b</sup>	33,000	65,000	86,000	197,83	27,000	34,500	62,000	70,000	90,000	9,572	5,000	150,00	3,00
	Max. contour <sup>a</sup>	37,220	73,310	105,800	230,90	34,300	41,000	71,850	50,135	110,165	10,219	7,914	169,55	3,45
	Nominal contour	37,170	73,230	105,850	230,60	34,225	41,175	72,100	50,104	110,123	10,183	7,932	169,70	3,30
40	Min. contour <sup>a</sup>	37,120	73,150	105,900	230,30	34,150	41,350	72,350	50,073	110,081	10,147	7,950	169,85	3,15
	Worn <sup>b</sup>	37,000	73,000	106,000	230,00	34,000	41,500	72,500	50,000	110,000	10,072	8,000	170,00	3,00
	Max. contour <sup>a</sup>	41,220	81,310	126,800	262,90	39,800	46,500	82,300	55,135	120,180	12,219	8,914	189,55	3,45
40	Nominal contour	41,170	81,230	126,850	262,60	39,725	46,675	82,600	55,104	120,133	12,183	8,932	189,70	3,30
	Min. contour <sup>a</sup>	41,120	81,150	126,900	262,30	39,650	46,850	82,900	55,073	120,086	12,147	8,950	189,85	3,15
	Worn <sup>b</sup>	41,000	81,000	127,000	262,00	39,500	47,000	83,000	55,000	120,000	12,072	9,000	190,00	3,00

<sup>a</sup> The contour of the new gauge shall fall between the maximum and minimum contours.

<sup>b</sup> See Clause B.1.

### 13 Dimensions of twin-balled pins

Figure 4 shows a schematic of the twin-balled pins. Table 4 gives dimensions of the twin-balled pins.



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Figure 4 – Schematic of twin-balled pins

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Table 4 – Dimensions of twin-balled pins

Dimensions in millimetres

Designated size of coupling	$h_4$
11	$47,0^{0}_{-2,5}$
16	$63,0^{0}_{-3,0}$
20	$83,0^{0}_{-3,2}$
24	$90,0^{0}_{-3,5}$
28	$97,0^{0}_{-3,5}$
32	$120,0^{0}_{-4,0}$
36	$135,0^{0}_{-4,0}$
40	$150,0^{0}_{-4,0}$
NOTE For other dimensions, see Clause 10.	

### 14 Dimensions of the hole for the split-pin

Figure 5 shows a schematic of the hole for the split-pin. Table 5 gives dimensions of the hole for the split-pin.