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- a) a new classification has been added related to ISGs location installation;
- b) an updated flow chart of tests has been developed.

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This part of IEC 62561 deals with the requirements and tests for lightning protection system components (LPSC), specifically isolating spark gaps (ISG) used for the installation of a lightning protection system (LPS) designed and implemented according to the IEC 62305 series.

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