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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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| FDIS | Report on voting |
| 14/347/FDIS | 14/355/RVD |

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annexes A, B and C are for information only.

Annex D forms an integral part of this standard.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2008. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigendum of December 2000 have been included in this copy.

INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60076 specifies the insulation requirements and the corresponding insulation tests with reference to specific windings and their terminals. It also recommends clearances in air between live parts of bushings on oil-immersed power transformers and to objects at earth potential (clause 16). Guidance can be obtained from IEC 60071.

The insulation levels and dielectric tests which are specified in clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 in this standard apply to the internal insulation only. Whilst it is reasonable that the rated withstand voltage values which are specified for the internal insulation of the transformer should also be taken as a reference for its external insulation, this may not be true in all cases. A failure of the non-self-restoring internal insulation is catastrophic and normally leads to the transformer being out of service for a long period, while an external flashover may involve only a short interruption of service without causing lasting damage. Therefore, it may be that, for increased safety, higher test voltages are specified by the purchaser for the internal insulation of the transformer than for the external insulation of other components in the system. When such a distinction is made, the external clearances must be adjusted to fully cover the internal insulation test requirements.

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1 Scope

This International Standard applies to single-phase and three-phase oil-immersed power transformers (including auto-transformers), with the exception of certain small and special transformers, as defined in the scope of IEC 60076-1. It identifies transformer windings to their highest voltage for equipment U_m associated with their corresponding rated insulation levels and details the relevant applicable dielectric tests and minimum external clearances in air between live parts of bushings and to objects at earth potential.

For categories of power transformers and reactors which have their own IEC standards, this standard is applicable only to the extent in which it is specifically called up by cross reference in the other standards.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60076. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60076 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60050(421), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 421: Power transformers and reactors*

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60060-2, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 2: Measuring systems*

IEC 60071-1:1993, *Insulation coordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-2:1976, *Insulation coordination – Part 2: Application guide*

IEC 60076-1, *Power transformers – Part 1: General*

IEC 60137:1995, *Bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V*

IEC 60270, *Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 60722, *Guide to the lightning impulse and switching impulse testing of power transformers and reactors*

IEC 60790, *Oscilloscopes and peak voltmeters for impulse tests*

IEC 61083-1, *Digital recorders for measurements in high-voltage impulse tests – Part 1: Requirements for digital recorders*

IEC 61083-2, *Digital recorders for measurements in high-voltage impulse tests – Part 2: Evaluation of software used for the determination of the parameters of impulse waveforms*

CISPR 16-1:1993, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods – Part 1: Radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus*