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## INTRODUCTION

This document deals with the performance test methods for binary power generation systems.

Binary power generation systems are capable of generating electric power even with a relatively low temperature heat source, such as factory waste heat as well as renewable energy, such as hot spring water, geothermal heat, solar heat, etc..

The system utilizes the heat of said heat source by transferring it to a working fluid via a heat transport medium, instead of directly heating working fluid. Hence, it is called “binary system.”

By standardizing the performance measuring method of binary power generation systems, energy conservation performance can be assessed legitimately, and it will also be reflected in energy saving measures based on actual use. Increase of suppliers motivation for realizing high energy saving performance is expected, and energy saving products will be promoted around the world.

In addition, the world demand for binary power generation systems is also rising, and it is expected to grow rapidly in the future.

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# **BINARY POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS WITH CAPACITY LESS THAN 100 KW – PERFORMANCE TEST METHODS**

## **1 Scope**

This document specifies the performance test methods for binary power generation systems.

It defines the normalized test conditions and estimates the power generation efficiency of binary power generation systems.

It specifies the binary power generation systems having heating medium of non-pressurized hot water, with a maximum temperature less than 100 °C created by renewable energy or wasted heat in the industrial field and cold water as cooling medium.

It is applied to binary power generation systems with electric power generation capacity of less than 100 kW.

This document specifies performance testing, the standard conditions and the test methods for determining the electric power output and power generation efficiency of binary power generation systems.

It includes heating conditions (temperature, flow rate) and cooling conditions (temperature, flow rate).

The requirements of testing and rating contained in this document are based on the use of matched assemblies.

This document does not include binary power generation systems more than 100 kW in electric power generation capacity.

The subject heating medium here is non-pressurized hot water with a temperature of less than 100 °C.

## **2 Normative references**

There are no normative references in this document.

## **3 Terms and definitions**

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### 3.1

#### **binary power generation system**

consists of five main components, i.e., an evaporator, a condenser, a working fluid pump, an expander and a generator, and a system in which a working fluid having a low boiling point is heated and evaporated by hot water, and the expander is driven by the working fluid gas to generate electricity

### 3.2

#### **working fluid**

medium used within the thermodynamic cycle that receives heat from the heat source via a heat transport medium and produces power by fluid expansion

### 3.3

#### **heat source**

supplies heat to drive the system

Note 1 to entry: This power generation system utilizes factory waste heat, hot spring water, geothermal heat and solar heat as heat sources from which it extracts heat with hot water (heat transfer medium) and thereby heats the working fluid through an evaporator to generate vapour.

### 3.4

#### **cooling source**

releases heat taken from the system by the cooling medium

Note 1 to entry: In this system, the working fluid is cooled by cold water (heat transfer medium) through heat exchanger (condenser) to generate a super cooled liquid; the heat received from the system is released into cooling source of ground water, river water, the atmosphere, etc.

### 3.5

#### **evaporator**

heat exchanger that heats and evaporates working fluid liquid by using hot water

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### 3.6

#### **condenser**

heat exchanger that cools and condenses working fluid gas by using cold water

### 3.7

#### **working fluid pump**

fluid machine for sending working fluid liquid by the action of pressure with mechanical energy from condenser to evaporator

### 3.8

#### **expander**

machine that generates power by expanding a high-pressure working medium (working fluid vapour) heated with an evaporator and thereby driving a generator

Note 1 to entry: More specifically, high-pressure medium vapour taken in from the expander's inlet internally expands and then is discharged from the outlet port as low-pressure medium vapour; this process converts fluid energy into mechanical power.

Note 2 to entry: Generally, expanders are categorized according to their expansion mechanism, into kinetic type (centrifugal, axial, etc.) and displacement type (reciprocating, rotary, scroll, screw, etc.), and are selected depending on operating conditions and capacity range.

### 3.9

#### **grid-connected inverter**

module that converts high-frequency AC (Alternating Current) from a power generator into DC (Direct Current), and then converts that DC into high-quality AC for connecting to power grid

The generating power is measured with a combination of 6 temperature points.

**Table 1 – Test conditions**

Test	Item	Hot water temperature	Hot water flow rate	Cooling water temperature	Cooling water flow rate	Tolerance	Measured net power
1	5.2	90 °C ± 1 °C	20 l/min/kW ± 1 l/min/kW	20 °C ± 1 °C	30 l/min/kW ± 1,5 l/min/kW	within ± 10 % declared by manufacturer brochure	Y1 kW To be compared with value declared by manufacturer brochure
2	5.1	80 °C ± 1 °C	20 l/min/kW ± 1 l/min/kW	20 °C ± 1 °C	30 l/min/kW ± 1,5 l/min/kW	—	Y2 kW
3	5.1	70 °C ± 1 °C	20 l/min/kW ± 1 l/min/kW	20 °C ± 1 °C	30 l/min/kW ± 1,5 l/min/kW	—	Y3 kW
4	5.1	90 °C ± 1 °C	20 l/min/kW ± 1 l/min/kW	30 °C ± 1 °C	30 l/min/kW ± 1,5 l/min/kW	—	Y4 kW
5	5.1	80 °C ± 1 °C	20 l/min/kW ± 1 l/min/kW	30 °C ± 1 °C	30 l/min/kW ± 1,5 l/min/kW	—	Y5 kW
6	5.1	70 °C ± 1 °C	20 l/min/kW ± 1 l/min/kW	30 °C ± 1 °C	30 l/min/kW ± 1,5 l/min/kW	—	Y6 kW
7	5.2	As specified in manufacturer brochure, °C	As specified in manufacturer brochure, l/min/kW	As specified in manufacturer brochure, °C	As specified in manufacturer brochure, l/min/kW	within ± 10 % declared by manufacturer brochure	Y7 kW To be compared with value declared by manufacturer brochure

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## 5.2 Rated test condition

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The rated values (performance) shall be evaluated under the conditions of Test 1 in Table 1, at hot water temperature of 90 °C ± 1 °C and cooling water temperature of 20 °C ± 1 °C.

If the manufacturer defines the rated value under its own operating conditions other than the specified test conditions, the manufacturer shall specify the test conditions as shown in Test 7 of Table 1, and evaluated as rated value.

### 5.2.2 Tolerance of the rated net power

The measured rated net power shall be within ±10 % of rated net power stated in the specification brochure of the manufacturer.

## 5.3 Accuracy of instruments used for measurement

### 5.3.1 Thermometer

The accuracy of a thermometer used for measurement shall be ± 0,1 °C.

### 5.3.2 Flowmeter

The accuracy of a flowmeter used for measurement shall be ± 2 %.

### 5.3.3 Three-phase power meter

The accuracy of a three-phase power meter used for measurement shall be ± 0,2 %.