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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60851 forms an element of a series of standards, which deals with insulated wires used for windings in electrical equipment. The series has three groups describing:

- a) winding wires – Test methods (IEC 60851);
- b) specifications for particular types of winding wires (IEC 60317);
- c) packaging of winding wires (IEC 60264).

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## WINDING WIRES – TEST METHODS –

### Part 3: Mechanical properties

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60851 specifies the following test methods for winding wires:

- Test 6: Elongation;
- Test 7: Springiness;
- Test 8: Flexibility and adherence;
- Test 11: Resistance to abrasion;
- Test 18: Heat bonding.

For definitions, general notes on test methods and the complete series of test methods for winding wires, IEC 60851-1 applies. This document also provides recommended friction test methods in Annex B.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60851-2:2009/AMD1:2015  
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#### 4 Test 6: Elongation

##### 4.1 Elongation at fracture

Elongation is the increase in length expressed as a percentage of the original length.

A straight piece of wire shall be elongated to the point of fracture of the conductor at a rate of  $(5 \pm 1)$  mm/s with an elongation tester or with tensile testing equipment with a free measuring length of between 200 mm and 250 mm. The linear increase at fracture shall be calculated as a percentage of the free measuring length.

Three specimens shall be tested. The three single values shall be reported. The mean value represents elongation at fracture.

#### 4.2 Tensile strength

Tensile strength is the ratio of the force at fracture to initial cross-section.

A straight piece of wire shall be elongated to the point of fracture of the conductor at a rate of  $(5 \pm 1)$  mm/s with tensile testing equipment with a free measuring length of between 200 mm and 250 mm and which records the force at fracture.

Three specimens shall be tested. The initial cross-section and the three single values of the force at fracture shall be reported. The mean value of the ratio of the force at fracture and the initial cross-section represents the tensile strength.

### 5 Test 7: Springiness

#### 5.1 General

Springiness is the recoil measured in degrees after the wire is wound in the form of a helical coil or bent through an angle.

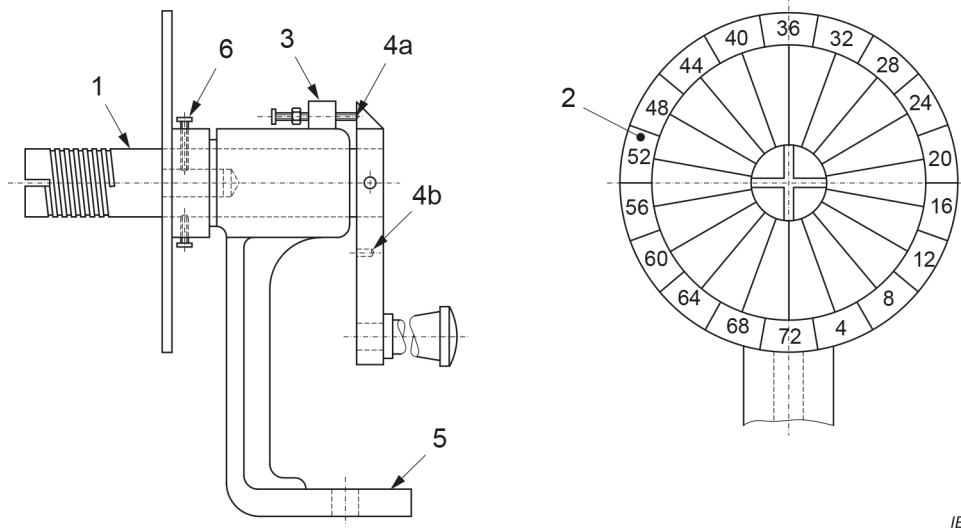
#### 5.2 Round wire with a nominal conductor diameter from 0,080 mm up to and including 1,600 mm

##### 5.2.1 Principle

A straight piece of wire is wound five times around a mandrel with a diameter and under a tension applied to the wire as specified in the relevant standard. The reading of the angle by which the end of the five turns recoils is the measure of springiness.

##### 5.2.2 Equipment

Figure 1 shows an example of the test equipment with details of the mandrel given in Figure 2 and Table 1. Figure 2 indicates a helical groove, which may be used to facilitate winding. The provision of this groove, however, is not mandatory. The dial is marked with 72 equally spaced divisions so that with five turns of the wire the reading corresponds to the number of degrees that each turn springs back.

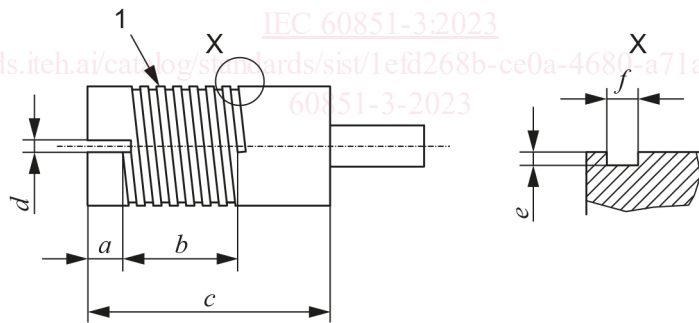


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**Key**

- 1 mandrel
- 2 dial
- 3 locking device
- 4 locking device
- 5 base-plate
- 6 mandrel-fixing screw

**Figure 1 – Test equipment to determine springiness**



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**Key**

- 1 7 threads
- 2 part X enlarged

**Figure 2 – Construction and details of the mandrel (see Table 1)**

**Table 1 – Mandrels for springiness**

Mandrel diameter <sup>a</sup> mm	Dimensions <sup>b</sup> mm					
	a	b	c	d	e	f
5	6,0	7,5	32	0,30	0,05	0,13
7	6,0	9,0	34	0,40	0,07	0,18
10	6,0	9,0	34	0,60	0,10	0,25
12,5	6,0	9,0	40	0,80	0,14	0,35
19	10,0	11,0	45	1,20	0,20	0,50
25	12,5	12,5	45	2,00	0,28	0,70
37,5	12,5	14,5	47	2,40	0,40	1,00
50	12,5	17,5	50	3,00	0,80	2,00

<sup>a</sup> At the bottom of the groove, if provided.

<sup>b</sup> See Figure 2.

### 5.2.3 Procedure

The specified mandrel shall be mounted and locked in position with its axis horizontal and with the slot or hole for fastening the wire corresponding with the zero of the dial. The mandrel shall be dusted with powdered talc (French chalk) to prevent the wire clinging to the mandrel.

A tension shall be applied to a straight piece of wire of about 1 m in length by attaching the specified load to one end of the wire. The handle to rotate the mandrel shall be unlatched. The other end of the wire shall be inserted into the slot or hole so that sufficient wire projects on the other side of the mandrel and the wire is in firm contact with the mandrel. The weight shall be slowly lowered with the wire suspended vertically below the mandrel and with the dial zero and the slot or hole pointing downwards.

With the free end of the wire being held securely, the mandrel shall be rotated for five complete turns counterclockwise (looking at the face of the dial) and further until the zero on the dial is vertically upwards. The handle shall then be latched in this position. The load shall be removed while the wire is held in position, and the wire shall then be cut about 25 mm beyond the end of the fifth turn. This end of the wire shall be bent into a vertical position in line with the dial zero to act as a pointer.

A pencil or similar tool shall be placed to the left of this end of the wire to prevent any sudden springback. The coil shall then be allowed to unwind slowly and without jerking.

NOTE If the wire springs back suddenly, it is possible to obtain erroneous results.

The mandrel and the dial shall then be unlatched and rotated clockwise to bring the pointer back into a vertical position. The springback angle is equal to the reading on the dial in line with the pointer. With very springy wires, the pointer may recoil more than one complete revolution. If this is the case, 72 shall be added to the dial reading for each complete revolution of recoil.

Three specimens shall be tested. The three single values shall be reported. The mean value represents springiness.

### **5.3 Round wire with a nominal conductor diameter over 1,600 mm and rectangular wire**

#### **5.3.1 Principle**

A straight piece of wire shall be bent through an angle of 30°. After removing the force, the reading of the angle by which the wire springs back is the measure of springiness.

#### **5.3.2 Equipment**

Figure 3 shows an example of the test equipment basically consisting of two jaws, one of which is fixed (2) and one is movable (1), and a sector graduated in degrees (5) with the 0° to 10° sector of the scale graduated in 0,5° increments. The graduated sector is an arc placed in a plane at 90° to the clamp faces. Its centre is located at the outer edge of the fixed jaw (3). The lever arm with its fulcrum placed at the centre of the arc can move over the graduated sector in the vertical plane.

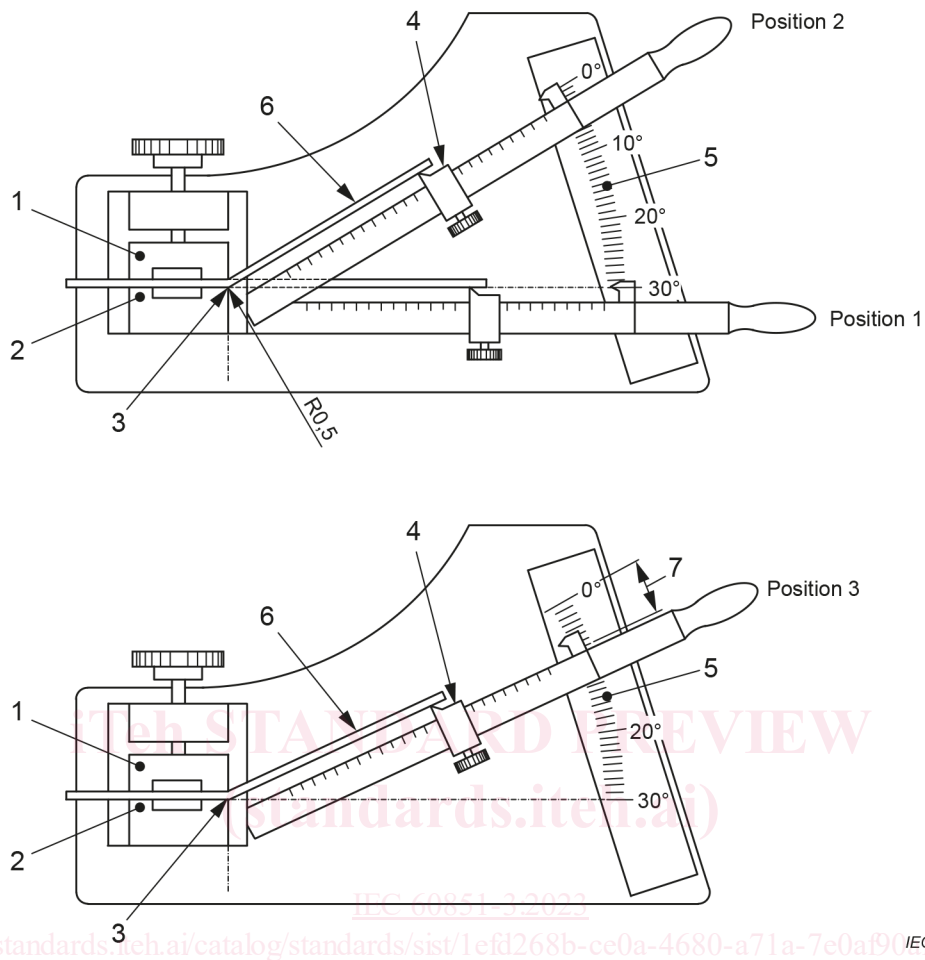
The lever arm shall have a pointer or marker to provide a proper reading of the springback angle. On the lever arm with approximately 305 mm length scaled off in millimetres with the origin at the centre of the arc, is a slider (4) with a knife edge.

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Dimensions in millimetres

**Key**

- 1 moveable jaw
- 2 fixed jaw
- 3 centre of graduated sector
- 4 slider
- 5 graduated sector
- 6 wire specimen
- 7 springback

**Figure 3 – Test equipment to determine springiness****5.3.3 Specimen**

A wire sample of at least 1 200 mm in length shall be removed from the spool with as little bending of the wire as possible. It shall be straightened by hand and cut into three pieces each of 400 mm length. Elongation by tools shall not be used. Unnecessary bending shall be avoided to minimize work hardening.

**5.3.4 Procedure**

The conductor diameter or thickness, multiplied by 40, determines the position of the slider on the lever arm. The specimen shall be tightened between the jaws with a force just sufficient to prevent slipping. The specimen shall be tightened in such a position as to allow bending the wire in the same direction as it was wound on the spool. The free end of the specimen shall exceed the slider knife edge by  $(12 \pm 2)$  mm.