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POWER SUPPLY UNITS AND COMBINATIONS THEREOF –****Part 2-12: Particular requirements and tests for constant voltage  
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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) adjustment of structure and references in accordance with IEC 61558-1:2017;
- b) description of constructions moved to IEC 61558-1:2017;
- c) new symbol for power supply unit with linearly regulated output voltage.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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

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This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61558-1:2017.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61558-1:2017, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements and tests for constant voltage transformers and power supply units for constant voltage*.

A list of all parts in the IEC 61558 series published under the general title *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof*, can be found on the IEC website.

Future standards in this series will carry the new general title as cited above. Titles of existing standards in this series will be updated at the time of the next edition.

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In this document, the following print types are used:

- requirements proper: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type*;
- explanatory matter: in smaller roman type:

In the text of this document, the words in **bold** are defined in Clause 3.

Subclauses, notes, figures and tables additional to those in IEC 61558-1:2017 are numbered starting from 101; supplementary annexes are entitled AA, BB, etc.

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## INTRODUCTION

IEC TC 96 has a group safety function in accordance with IEC Guide 104 for transformers other than those intended to supply distribution networks, in particular transformers and power supply units intended to allow the application of protective measures against electric shock as defined by TC 64, which is about electrical installations and protection against electric shock, but in certain cases including the limitation of voltage and horizontal safety function for SELV, in accordance with IEC 60364-4-41.

The group safety function (GSF) is used because of responsibility for safety extra-low voltage (SELV) in accordance with IEC 61140:2016, 5.2.6 and IEC 60364-4-41:2005, 414.3.1 or control circuits in accordance with IEC 60204-1:2016, 7.2.4.

The group safety function is used for each part of IEC 61558-2 because different standards of the IEC 61558 series can be combined in one construction but in certain cases with no limitation of rated output power.

For example an auto-transformer in accordance with IEC 61558-2-13 can be designed with a separate SELV-circuit in accordance with the particular requirements for IEC 61558-2-6 relating to the general requirements of IEC 61558-1.

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## SAFETY OF TRANSFORMERS, REACTORS, POWER SUPPLY UNITS AND COMBINATIONS THEREOF –

### Part 2-12: Particular requirements and tests for constant voltage transformers and power supply units for constant voltage

#### 1 Scope

##### *Replacement:*

This part of IEC 61558 deals with the safety of **constant voltage transformers** for general applications and **power supply units for constant voltage** for general applications. **Constant voltage transformers** incorporating **electronic circuits** are also covered by this document.

NOTE 1 Safety includes electrical, thermal and mechanical aspects.

Unless otherwise specified, from here onward, the term **transformer** covers **constant voltage transformers** for general applications and **power supply units for constant voltage** for general applications.

This document is applicable to **stationary** or **portable** single-phase or polyphase, air-cooled (natural or forced) **independent** or **associated dry-type**:

- **constant voltage auto-transformers**;
- **constant voltage separating transformers**;
- **constant voltage isolating transformers**;
- **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**.

The windings can be encapsulated or non-encapsulated.

For **power supply units** (linear) this document is applicable. For **switch mode power supply units** IEC 61558-2-16 is applicable together with this document. Where two requirements are in conflict, the most severe take precedence.

The **rated supply voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V AC. The **rated supply frequency** does not exceed 500 Hz, the **internal operating resonant frequency** does not exceed 30 kHz and the **internal operating frequency** does not exceed 100 MHz.

The **rated output** does not exceed:

- 40 kVA for single-phase **constant voltage auto-transformers**;
- 200 kVA for polyphase **constant voltage auto-transformers**;
- 25 kVA for single-phase **constant voltage separating transformers** and **constant voltage isolating transformers**;
- 40 kVA for polyphase **constant voltage separating transformers** and **constant voltage isolating transformers**;
- 10 kVA for single-phase **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**;
- 16 kVA for polyphase **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**.

This document is applicable to **transformers** without limitation of the **rated output**, subject to an agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.



NOTE 2 **Transformers** intended to supply distribution networks are not included in the scope.

#### Where applicable to **constant voltage auto-transformers**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 415 V ripple-free DC, and for **independent constant voltage auto-transformers** the **no-load output voltage** and the **rated output voltage** exceed 50 V AC or 120 V ripple-free DC;
- **constant voltage auto-transformers** covered by this document are used only in applications where no **insulation** between circuits is required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

#### Where applicable to **constant voltage separating transformers**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 415 V ripple-free DC, and for **independent constant voltage separating transformers** the **no-load output voltage** and the **rated output voltage** exceed 50 V AC or 120 V ripple-free DC;
- **constant voltage separating transformers** covered by this document are used only in applications where **double** or **reinforced insulation** between circuits is not required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

#### Where applicable to **constant voltage isolating transformers**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does exceed 50 V AC or 120 V ripple-free DC and where applicable, does not exceed 500 V AC or 708 V ripple-free DC. The **no-load output voltage** and the **rated output voltage** can be up to 1 000 V AC or 1 415 V ripple-free DC for special applications;
- **constant voltage isolating transformers** covered by this document are used only in applications where **double** or **reinforced insulation** between circuits is required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

#### Where applicable to **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 50 V AC or 120 V ripple-free DC;
- **constant voltage safety isolating transformers** covered by this document are used only in applications where **double** or **reinforced insulation** between circuits is required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

This document is not applicable to external circuits and their components intended to be connected to the input terminals and output terminals of the **transformers**.

Attention is drawn to the following if necessary:

- for **transformers** intended to be used in vehicles, on board ships, and aircraft, additional requirements (from other applicable standards, national rules, etc.) ;
- measures to protect the **enclosure** and the components inside the enclosure against external influences such as fungus, vermin, termites, solar-radiation, and icing;
- the different conditions for transportation, storage, and operation of the **transformers**;
- additional requirements in accordance with other appropriate standards and national rules may be applicable to **transformers** intended for use in special environments.

Future technological development of **transformers** may necessitate a need to increase the upper limit of the frequencies. Until then this document may be used as a guidance document.

This group safety publication focusing on safety guidance is primarily intended to be used as a product safety standard for the products mentioned in the scope, but is also intended to be used by technical committees in the preparation of publications for products similar to those mentioned in the scope of this group safety publication, in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

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## 2 Normative references

This clause of IEC 61558-1:2017 is applicable except as follows:

### *Addition*

IEC 61558-1:2017, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-16:2021, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof – Part 16: Particular requirements and tests for switch mode power supply units and transformers for switch mode power supply units for general applications*

## 3 Terms and definitions iTeh Standards

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61558-1 apply, except as follows:

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### 3.1 Transformers

#### *Addition*

#### 3.1.101

##### **constant voltage transformer**

**transformer** intended to limit the influence of the input voltage variations

Note 1 to entry: This type of **transformer** can also limit the influence of transients.

### 3.5 Ratings

#### *Addition*

#### 3.5.101

##### **regulation tolerance**

deviation in per cent of the **rated output voltage** when the **constant voltage transformer** is supplied within the **rated supply voltage** variation

#### 3.5.102

##### **internal operating resonant frequency**

frequency produced within a **constant voltage transformer**

## 4 General requirements

This clause of IEC 61558-1:2017 is applicable.

## 5 General notes on tests

This clause of IEC 61558-1:2017 is applicable.

## 6 Ratings

This clause of IEC 61558-1:2017 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

**6.101** The **rated output voltage** shall not exceed:

- 1 000 V AC or 1 415 V ripple-free DC for **constant voltage auto-transformers** and **constant voltage separating transformers**;
- 250 V AC for single-phase **portable constant voltage isolating transformers**;
- 400 V AC for polyphase **portable constant voltage isolating transformers**, and
- 500 V AC or 708 V ripple-free DC for **constant voltage isolating transformers**. For **constant voltage isolating transformers**, the **rated output voltage** can be up to 1 000 V AC or 1 415 V ripple-free DC to be in accordance with the national wiring rules or for a special purpose;
- 50 V AC or 120 V ripple-free DC for **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**;

The **rated output voltage** shall exceed:

- 50 V AC or 120 V ripple-free DC for **independent constant voltage auto-transformers**, **constant voltage separating transformers** and **constant voltage isolating transformers**.

**6.102** The **rated output** shall not exceed:

- 40 kVA for single-phase **constant voltage auto-transformers**,
- 200 kVA for polyphase **constant voltage auto-transformers**,
- 25 kVA for single-phase **constant voltage separating** and **isolating transformers**,
- 40 kVA for polyphase **constant voltage separating** and **isolating transformers**,
- 10 kVA for single-phase **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**,
- 16 kVA for polyphase **constant voltage safety isolating transformers**,

except for **constant voltage transformers** subject to an agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

**6.103** The **rated supply frequency** shall not exceed 500 Hz.

**6.104** The rated value of the output **regulation tolerance** shall be given at the **rated supply voltage** range, the **rated output**, and the power factor of 1.

**6.105** For **independent transformers** the input voltage variation shall not be less than 10 %.

**6.106** The **internal operating resonant frequency** shall not exceed 30 kHz.

**6.107** The **internal operating frequency** shall not exceed 100 MHz.

*Compliance with the requirements of 6.101 to 6.107 is checked by inspection of the marking.*

## **7 Classification**

This clause of IEC 61558-1:2017 is applicable.

## **8 Marking and other information**

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### **8.1**

a)

*Replacement of the first sentence by the following:*

**rated supply voltage(s)** and the input voltage variation in %;

b)

*Replacement of the first sentence by the following:*

**rated output voltage(s)** and the **regulation tolerance** of this voltage(s) in %;

h)

*Replacement of the content up to the first semi-colon by the following:*

relevant graphical symbols shown in Table 101 that indicate the kind of **transformer**;

### **8.11**

*Addition:*

The symbol for linear **power supply units** shall be used in conjunction with the symbol indicating the kind of **transformer**.