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## WIND TURBINE GENERATOR SYSTEMS –

## Part 12: Wind turbine power performance testing

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A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

Annexes A and C form an integral part of this standard.

Annexes B, D and E are for information only.

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this part of IEC 61400 is to provide a uniform methodology that will ensure consistency and accuracy in the measurement and analysis of power performance by wind turbine generator systems (WTGS). The standard has been prepared with the anticipation that it would be applied by:

- the WTGS manufacturer striving to meet well-defined power performance requirements and/or a possible declaration system;
- the WTGS purchaser in specifying such performance requirements;
- the WTGS operator who may be required to verify that stated, or required, power performance specifications are met for new or refurbished units;
- the WTGS planner or regulator who must be able to accurately and fairly define power performance characteristics of WTGS in response to regulations or permit requirements for new or modified installations.

This standard provides guidance in the measurement, analysis, and reporting of power performance testing for wind turbine generator systems (WTGS). The standard will benefit those parties involved in the manufacture, installation planning and permitting, operation, utilization, and regulation of WTGS. The technically accurate measurement and analysis techniques recommended in this document should be applied by all parties to ensure that continuing development and operation of WTGS is carried out in an atmosphere of consistent and accurate communication relative to environmental concerns. This standard presents measurement and reporting procedures expected to provide accurate results that can be replicated by others.

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However, readers should be warned that the site calibration procedure is quite new. As yet there is no substantial evidence that it can provide accurate results for all sites, especially sites in complex terrain. Part of the procedure is based on applying uncertainty calculations on the measurements. In complex terrain situations it is not adequate to state that results are accurate since uncertainties might be 10 % to 15 % in standard deviation. A new measurement standard, accounting for these problems, will be developed in future.

## WIND TURBINE GENERATOR SYSTEMS –

### Part 12: Wind turbine power performance testing

#### 1 General

##### 1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400 specifies a procedure for measuring the power performance characteristics of a single wind turbine generator system (WTGS) and applies to the testing of WTGS of all types and sizes connected to the electrical power network. It is applicable for the determination of both the absolute power performance characteristics of a WTGS and of differences between the power performance characteristics of various WTGS configurations.

The WTGS power performance characteristics are determined by the measured power curve and the estimated annual energy production (AEP). The measured power curve is determined by collecting simultaneous measurements of wind speed and power output at the test site for a period that is long enough to establish a statistically significant database over a range of wind speeds and under varying wind conditions. The AEP is calculated by applying the measured power curve to reference wind speed frequency distributions, assuming 100 % availability.

The standard describes a measurement methodology that requires the measured power curve and derived energy production figures to be supplemented by an assessment of uncertainty sources and their combined effects.

##### 1.2 Normative references

The following normative documents, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 61400. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 61400 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60044-1:1996, *Instrument transformers – Part 1: Current transformers*

IEC 60186:1987, *Voltage transformers*  
Amendment 1 (1988).  
Amendment 2 (1995).

IEC 60688:1992, *Electrical measuring transducers for converting a.c. electrical quantities to analogue or digital signals*

ISO 2533:1975, *Standard atmosphere*

*Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement*, ISO information publications, 1995, 110 p. ISBN 92-67-10188-9

### 1.3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of IEC 61400, the following definitions apply.

#### 1.3.1

**accuracy**

closeness of the agreement between the result of a measurement and a true value of the measurand

#### 1.3.2

**annual energy production**

estimate of the total energy production of a WTGS during a one-year period by applying the measured power curve to different reference wind speed frequency distributions at hub height, assuming 100 % availability

#### 1.3.3

**availability**

ratio of the total number of hours during a certain period, excluding the number of hours that the WTGS could not be operated due to maintenance or fault situations, to the total number of hours in the period, expressed as a percentage

#### 1.3.4

**complex terrain**

terrain surrounding the test site that features significant variations in topography and terrain obstacles that may cause flow distortion

#### 1.3.5

**data set**

collection of data that was sampled over a continuous period

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#### 1.3.6

**distance constant**

indication of the response time of an anemometer, defined as the length of air that must pass the instrument for it to indicate 63 % of the final value for a step input in wind speed

#### 1.3.7

**extrapolated power curve**

extension of the measured power curve by estimating power output from the maximum measured wind speed to cut-out wind speed

#### 1.3.8

**flow distortion**

change in air flow caused by obstacles, topographical variations, or other wind turbines that results in a deviation of the measured wind speed from the free stream wind speed and in a significant uncertainty

#### 1.3.9

**free stream wind speed**

speed of the undisturbed natural air flow, usually at hub height

#### 1.3.10

**hub height (wind turbines)**

height of the center of the swept area of the wind turbine rotor above the terrain surface

NOTE – For a vertical axis wind turbine the hub height is the height of the equator plane.

**1.3.11****measured power curve**

table and graph that represents the measured, corrected and normalized net power output of a WTGS as a function of measured wind speed, measured under a well-defined measurement procedure

**1.3.12****measurement period**

period during which a statistically significant database has been collected for the power performance test

**1.3.13****measurement sector**

a sector of wind directions from which data are selected for the measured power curve

**1.3.14****method of bins**

data reduction procedure that groups test data for a certain parameter into wind speed intervals (bins)

NOTE – For each bin, the number of data sets or samples and their sum are recorded, and the average parameter value within each bin is calculated.

**1.3.15****net electric power output**

measure of the WTGS electric power output that is delivered to the electrical power network

**1.3.16****obstacles**

stationary obstacles, such as buildings and trees, neighboring the WTGS that cause wind flow distortion

**1.3.17****pitch angle**

angle between the chord line at a defined blade radial location (usually 100 % of the blade radius) and the rotor plane of rotation

**1.3.18****power coefficient**

ratio of the net electric power output of a WTGS to the power available in the free stream wind over the rotor swept area

**1.3.19****power performance**

measure of the capability of a WTGS to produce electric power and energy

**1.3.20****rated power**

quantity of power assigned, generally by a manufacturer, for a specified operating condition of a component, device or equipment

NOTE – (Wind turbines) Maximum continuous electrical power output which a WTGS is designed to achieve under normal operating conditions.

**1.3.21****standard uncertainty**

uncertainty of the result of a measurement expressed as a standard deviation

**1.3.22****swept area**

area of the projection, upon a plane perpendicular to the wind velocity vector, of the circle along which the rotor blade tips move during rotation

**1.3.23****test site**

location of the WTGS under test and its surroundings

**1.3.24****uncertainty in measurement**

parameter, associated with the result of a measurement, which characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand

**1.4 Symbols and units**

$A$	swept area of the WTGS rotor	[m <sup>2</sup> ]
$AEP$	annual energy production	[kWh]
$B_{10min}$	measured air pressure averaged over 10 min	[Pa]
$c$	sensitivity factor on a parameter (the partial differential)	
$C_{P,i}$	power coefficient in bin $i$	
$D$	rotor diameter	[m]
$D_e$	equivalent rotor diameter	[m]
$D_n$	rotor diameter of neighbouring and operating wind turbine	[m]
$f_i$	the relative occurrence of wind speed in a wind speed interval	
$F(V)$	the Rayleigh cumulative probability distribution function for wind speed	
$l_h$	height of obstacle	[m]
$l_w$	width of obstacle	[m]
$L$	distance between the WTGS and the meteorology mast	[m]
$L_e$	distance between the WTGS or the meteorology mast and an obstacle	[m]
$L_n$	distance between the WTGS or the meteorology mast and a neighbouring and operating wind turbine	[m]
$M$	number of uncertainty components in each bin	
$M_A$	number of category A uncertainty components	
$M_B$	number of category B uncertainty components	
$N$	number of bins	
$N_h$	number of hours in one year $\approx 8760$	[h]
$N_i$	number of 10 min data sets in bin $i$	
$N_k$	number of pre-processed data sets within a 10 min period	
$N_s$	number of data samples of pre-processed data sets	
$P_i$	normalized and averaged power output in bin $i$	[kW]