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IEC 60060	series	High-voltage test techniques	HD 588.1 S1 EN 60060-2	1991 1994
IEC 60071-1	1993	Insulation co-ordination Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules	EN 60071-1	1995
IEC 60099	series	Surge arresters	EN 60099	series
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## THYRISTOR VALVES FOR HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) POWER TRANSMISSION –

### Part 1: Electrical testing

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This part of IEC 60700 cancels and replaces IEC 60700, published in 1981, and constitutes a technical revision.

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

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

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

Annex C is for information only.

# THYRISTOR VALVES FOR HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) POWER TRANSMISSION –

## Part 1: Electrical testing

### 1 Scope

This standard applies to thyristor valves with metal oxide surge arresters directly connected between the valve terminals, for use in a line commutated converter for high voltage d.c. power transmission or as part of a back-to-back link. It is restricted to electrical type and production tests.

The tests specified in this standard are based on air insulated valves. For other types of valves, the test requirements and acceptance criteria must be agreed.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60700. 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 60700 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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ISO/IEC Guide 25:1990, *General requirements for the competence of calibration and testing laboratories*

IEC 60060, *High-voltage test techniques*

IEC 60060-1:1989, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

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

IEC 60099, *Surge arresters*

IEC 60270:1981, *Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 61803,— *Determination of power losses in high-voltage direct current (HVDC) converter stations* <sup>1)</sup>

### 3 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60700, the following definitions apply.

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### 3.1 Insulation co-ordination terms

#### 3.1.1

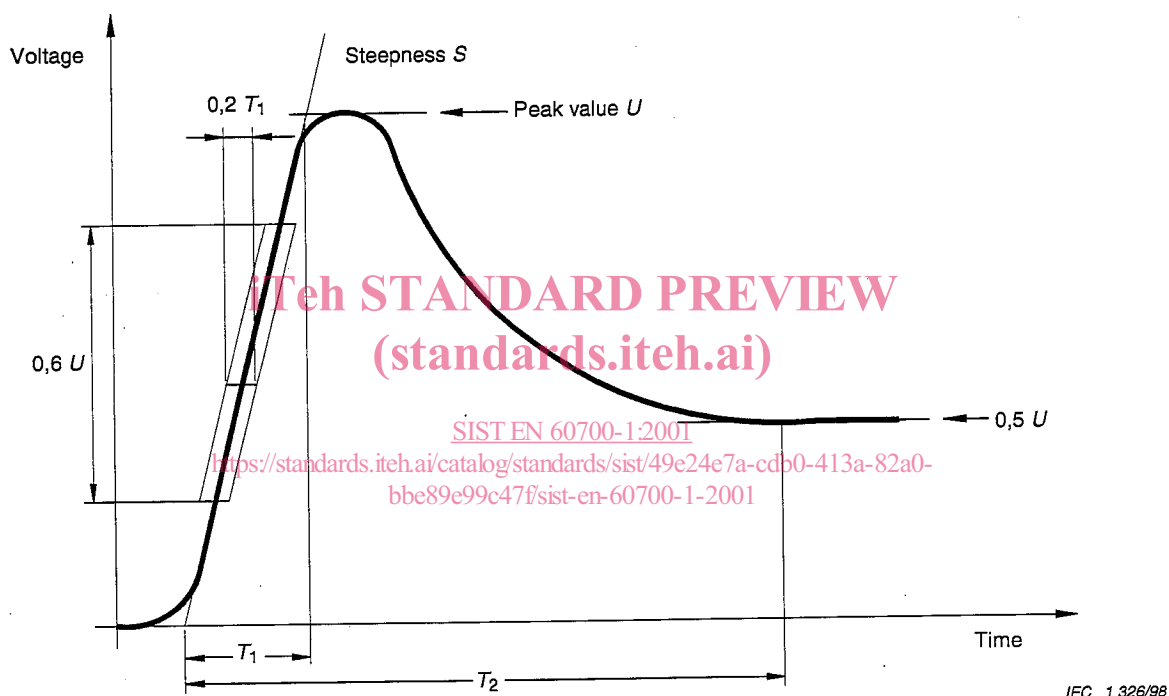
##### test withstand voltage

value of a test voltage of standard waveshape at which a new valve, with unimpaired integrity, does not show any disruptive discharge and meets all other acceptance criteria specified for the particular test, when subjected to a specified number of applications or a specified duration of the test voltage, under specified conditions

#### 3.1.2

##### step front impulse

fast-front voltage impulse whose time to peak is less than that of a standard lightning impulse but not less than that of a very-fast-front voltage as defined in IEC 60071-1. For this standard, a step front impulse voltage for test purposes is defined by figure 1.



#### NOTES

$U$  = Specified peak value of step front impulse test voltage (kV)

$S$  = Specified steepness of step front impulse test voltage (kV/ $\mu$ s)

$T_1$  = Virtual front time =  $\frac{U}{S}$  ( $\mu$ s)

The following conditions shall be satisfied:

- The peak value of the recorded test voltage shall be  $U \pm 3\%$ . This tolerance is the same as that in IEC 60060 for standard lightning impulse.
- Over a voltage excursion of not less than  $0,6 U$ , the rising portion of the recorded test voltage shall be entirely contained between two parallel lines of steepness  $S$  and separation  $0,2 T_1$ .
- The value of the test voltage at  $T_2$  shall not be lower than  $0,5 U$ .  $T_2$  is defined as the time interval between the origin and the instant when the voltage has decreased to half the peak value of the waveform which is obtained from system study. However, it shall be assured that an unintentional  $dv/dt$  switching of the thyristors can be adequately detected.

Figure 1 – Step front impulse test voltage

**3.1.3****internal and external insulation**

air external to the components and insulating materials of the valve, but contained within the profile of the valve or multiple valve unit is considered as part of the internal insulation system of the valve. The external insulation is the air between the external surface of the valve or multiple valve unit and its surroundings.

**3.1.4****valve protective firing**

means of protecting the thyristors from excessive voltage by firing them at a predetermined voltage

**3.2 Valve construction terms****3.2.1****valve support**

that part of the valve which mechanically supports and electrically insulates from earth the active part of the valve which houses the valve sections

NOTE – A part of a valve which is clearly identifiable in a discrete form to be a valve support may not exist in all designs of valves.

**3.2.2****valve structure**

physical structure holding the thyristor levels of a valve which is insulated to the appropriate voltage above earth potential

**3.2.3****redundant thyristor levels**

thyristor levels in the series string which may be short circuited, while the specified type test performance of the valve is still met

**3.2.4****valve base electronics**

electronic unit, at earth potential, which is the interface between the control system for the converter and the thyristor valves

**3.3 Type tests**

Those tests which are carried out to verify that the valve design will meet the requirements specified. In this standard, type tests are classified under two major categories: dielectric tests and operational tests.

**3.3.1****dielectric tests**

those tests which are carried out to verify the high voltage characteristics of the valve

**3.3.2****operational tests**

those tests which are carried out to verify the turn-on, turn-off and current related characteristics of the valve

**3.4 Production tests**

Those tests which are carried out to verify proper manufacture, so that the properties of a valve correspond to those specified.

### 3.4.1

#### **routine tests**

those production tests which are carried out on all valves, valve sections or components

### 3.4.2

#### **sample tests**

those production tests which are carried out on a small number of valves, valve sections or components taken at random from a batch

## 4 General requirements

### 4.1 Guidelines for the performance of type tests

#### 4.1.1 Evidence in lieu

Each design of valve shall be subjected to the type tests specified in this standard. If the valve is demonstrably similar to one previously tested, the supplier may, in lieu of performing a type test, submit a test report of a previous type test for consideration by the purchaser. This should be accompanied by a separate report detailing the differences in the design and demonstrating how the referenced type test satisfies the test objectives for the proposed design.

#### 4.1.2 Test object

- a) Certain type tests may be performed either on a complete valve or on valve sections, as indicated in table 2. For those type tests on valve sections, the total number of valve sections tested shall be at least as many as the number in a complete valve.
- b) The same valve sections shall be used for all type tests unless otherwise stated.
- c) Prior to commencement of type tests, the valve, valve sections and/or the components of them should be demonstrated to have withstood the production tests to ensure proper manufacture.

#### 4.1.3 Sequence of tests

The type tests specified can be carried out in any order.

NOTE – Tests involving partial discharge measurement may provide added confidence if performed at the end of the dielectric type test programme.

#### 4.1.4 Test procedures

The tests shall be performed in accordance with IEC 60060, where applicable.

#### 4.1.5 Ambient temperature for testing

The tests shall be performed at the prevailing ambient temperature of the test facility, unless otherwise specified.

#### 4.1.6 Frequency for testing

AC dielectric tests can be performed at either 50 Hz or 60 Hz. For operational tests, specific requirements regarding the frequency for testing are given in the relevant clauses.