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IEC 60068-2-2	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 2: Tests - Tests B: Dry heat	EN 60068-2-2	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60068-2-14	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 2: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature	EN 60068-2-14	1999 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60068-2-27	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 2: Tests - Test Ea and guidance: Shock	EN 60068-2-27	1993 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60216-3	- <sup>1)</sup>	Electrical insulating materials - Thermal endurance properties Part 3: Instructions for calculating thermal endurance characteristics	EN 60216-3	2002 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60216-5	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 5: Determination of relative thermal endurance index (RTE) of an insulating material	EN 60216-5	2003 <sup>2)</sup>
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IEC 60791:1984, Performance evaluation of insulation systems based on experience and functional tests

IEC 60792-1:1985, The multi-factor functional testing of electrical insulation systems – Part 1: Test procedures

IEC 60941:1988, Mechanical endurance functional tests for electrical insulation systems

IEC 61356:1995, Functional evaluation of electrical systems – Principles for test procedures when comparative testing is not feasible

IEC 61359:1995, Evaluation and identification of electric insulation systems – Environment evaluation

IEC 60727-1: 1982, Evaluation of electrical endurance of electrical insulation systems – Part 1: General considerations and evaluation procedures based on normal distributions

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## INTRODUCTION

The service life of electrical equipment is frequently determined by the life of its electrical insulation system (EIS) or systems. The life of an electrical insulation system can be affected by electrical, thermal, mechanical or environmental stresses acting either individually or in combination.

Intended, estimated or proven service life times are essential parameters for describing the life of electrical insulation systems. In the early days of electrotechnical engineering, life figures were rather vague. The limitation of the life of the insulation under thermal stress was one of the first indicators of the effect of ageing in some equipment in service. As experience in using EIS increased, it was appreciated that there was a need to select specific materials having satisfactory life time at a given temperature, to enable the required service life to be achieved and to allow for the calculation of the thermal capability of equipment.

IEC 60085 standardized a number of maximum temperature values and presented a list of electrical insulating materials (EIM) related to these temperatures (classes) which, when used for EIS, would "ensure an economical life for the insulation in a wide range of apparatus".

This was a clearly defined attempt to qualify EIS on the basis of (service) experience or tests and a quantification of an EIS life in terms of time. The limitation of this approach, based entirely on thermal stressing, was recognized and there was a demand for an improved life concept. This requirement and the impossibility of using the material tables in IEC 60085 at a time when many new, synthetic materials were being produced which did not fit neatly into the existing thermal classification, led to a worldwide effort to improve the situation. This led to the elaboration of the present standard, which serves as a guide to anyone developing standards and technical documents.

The user of this standard may evaluate existing test methods and provide correlation with his equipment. Therefore, the user of this standard is responsible for demonstrating the validity of the existing test method in accordance with the principles of this standard.

To determine the prospective life is a fundamental task when developing and designing an EIS. Estimated service life of an EIS needs to be established for several reasons:

- for type testing when introducing a new EIS into production;
- for quality assurance of production; and
- for estimating the remaining life for maintenance purposes.

## EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL INSULATION SYSTEMS

### 1 Scope

This International Standard establishes the basis for estimating the ageing of electrical insulation systems (EIS) under conditions of either electrical, thermal, mechanical, environmental stresses or combinations of these (multifactor stresses).

It specifies the principles and procedures that should be followed, during the development of EIS functional test and evaluation procedures, to establish the estimated service life for a specific EIS.

This standard is for use by all IEC technical committees responsible for equipment having an EIS.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60544-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Determination of the effects of ionizing radiation – Part 1: Radiation interaction and dosimetry*

IEC 60664 (all parts), *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems*

IEC 60727-1, *Evaluation of electrical endurance of electrical insulation systems – Part 1: General considerations and evaluation procedures based on normal distributions*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

#### 3.1 General terms

##### 3.1.1

##### **electrical insulation system**

##### **EIS**

insulating structure containing one or more electrical insulating materials (EIM) together with associated conducting parts employed in an electrotechnical device

##### 3.1.2

##### **electrical insulating material**

##### **EIM**

material with negligibly low electric conductivity, used to separate conducting parts at different electrical potentials

[IEV 212-01-01:1990, modified]

##### 3.1.3

##### **reference EIS**

established EIS evaluated on the basis of either a known service experience record or a known comparative functional evaluation

##### 3.1.4

##### **candidate EIS**

EIS under evaluation to determine its service capability (with regard to electrical, thermal, mechanical, environmental or multifactor stresses)

##### 3.1.5

##### **intended life**

design life of an EIS under service conditions

##### 3.1.6

##### **estimated life**

expected service life derived from either service experience or the results of tests performed in accordance with appropriate evaluation procedures, or both, as established by the responsible organization or technical committee

##### 3.1.7

##### **evaluation**

establishment of relationships between service requirements and life data obtained from service experience analysis or from the results of functional tests

#### 3.2 Terms related to service stresses and ageing

##### 3.2.1

##### **ageing stress**

electrical, thermal, mechanical or environmental stress whose action on an EIS causes irreversible property changes

##### 3.2.2

##### **potentially destructive stress**

factor of influence in service which can cause the failure of the aged EIS, alone or in combination with other stresses

**3.2.3****factor of influence**

stress imposed by conditions of operation, environment or test that affects ageing or life of an EIS

NOTE The term “factor of influence” denotes external factors (such as ambient temperature) inducing stress in the EIS as different from stress factors being part of the duty cycle of the equipment (e.g. temperature rise due to load).

**3.2.4****service conditions**

combination of factors of influence and duty that are to be expected in a specific application of an electrical device

**3.2.5****reference operating conditions**

service conditions of the equipment to which the test conditions of the functional test procedure are related

**3.2.6****service requirements**

specified factors of influence, intended performance and duty of an electrical device

**3.2.7****service experience**

the quantitative and/or qualitative record during service, with or without failure of an EIS

**3.2.8****ageing**

irreversible changes of the properties of an EIS due to action by one or more factors of influence

NOTE 1 Some changes (e.g. hydrolytic changes) can be partly reversible if the ambient conditions change.

NOTE 2 Ageing leads to degradation of the EIS.

**3.2.9****ageing factor**

factor of influence that causes ageing

**3.2.10****intrinsic ageing**

irreversible changes of fundamental properties of an EIS caused by the action of ageing factors on the EIS

**3.2.11****extrinsic ageing**

irreversible changes of properties of an EIS caused by action of ageing factors on unintentionally introduced imperfections in the EIS

**3.2.12****interaction**

modifications of the type or degree of ageing produced by the combination of two or more factors of influence relative to their ageing effect if acting individually on separate objects