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

### Part 2-3: Particular requirements and tests for ignition transformers for gas and oil burners

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

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This part is intended to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 61558-1 and its amendments. It is based on the second edition (2005) of that standard.

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- explanatory matters: in smaller roman type.

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

## Part 2-3: Particular requirements and tests for ignition transformers for gas and oil burners

### 1 Scope

#### *Replacement:*

This part of IEC 61558 deals with the safety of **ignition transformers** for gas and oil burners. **Ignition transformers** incorporating **electronic circuits** are also covered by this standard.

NOTE 1 Safety includes electrical, thermal, mechanical and chemical aspects.

Unless otherwise specified, from here onward, the term **transformer** covers **ignition transformers** for gas and oil burners.

This part applies to **fixed** single-phase air-cooled (natural or forced) **associated dry-type transformers** used in the ignition systems of gas and oil burners. The windings may be encapsulated or non-encapsulated.

The **rated supply voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V a.c., and the **rated supply frequency** and the **internal operational frequency** do not exceed 500 Hz.

The **rated short-circuit output current** does not exceed 500 mA a.c.

The **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 15 000 V a.c.

This part is not applicable to external circuits and their components intended to be connected to the input and output terminals or socket-outlets of the **transformers**.

**Transformers** covered by this part are used in applications where **double or reinforced insulation** between circuits is not required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

NOTE 2 Attention is drawn to the following:

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

NOTE 3 Future technological development of **transformers** may necessitate a need to increase the upper limit of the frequencies, until then this part may be used as a guidance document.



## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 61558-1 :2005, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

ISO 3864-1:2002, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Part 1: Design principles for safety sign in workplaces and public areas – Part 1: Design principles for safety signs in workplaces and public areas*

## 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

*Addition:*

### 3.1.101

#### **ignition transformer**

**fixed** single-phase air-cooled **associated transformer** within an ignition system generating an arc between two electrodes connected to the high voltage output of the **transformer**. This **transformer** is intended to be used with a control unit built-in in the ignition system

### 3.1.102

#### **rated duty factor**

time interval during which the **transformer** operates, expressed as a percentage of the duration of the entire cycle

### 3.5.101

#### **rated short-circuit output current**

**output current** at the **rated supply voltage** and the **rated frequency** when the **output winding** is short-circuited, assigned to the **transformer** by the manufacturer

### 3.5.102

#### **rated no-load output voltage**

**output voltage** when the **transformer** is connected to the **rated supply voltage** at the **rated supply frequency** under no-load conditions, assigned to the **transformer** by the manufacturer

*Replacement:*

**3.5.4** not applicable.

**3.5.5** not applicable.

## 4 General requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

## 5 General notes on tests

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

## 6 Ratings

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

*Addition:*

**6.101** The **rated no-load output voltage** shall not exceed 15 000 V a.c.

**6.102** Void.

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

**6.104** The **rated supply voltage** shall not exceed 1 000 V a.c.

**6.105** The **rated short-circuit output current** shall not exceed 500 mA a.c.

**6.106** Preferred values of the **rated no-load output voltage**, the **rated short-circuit output current**, and the **rated duty factor** are given in Table 101.

*Compliance with the requirements of 6.101 to 6.106 is checked by inspection of the marking.*

## 7 Classification

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

**7.1 Replacement:**

According to their protection against electric shock:

– **class I transformers**, for specific use only.

NOTE **Incorporated transformers** are not classified. Their class of protection against electric shock is determined by the way the **transformer** is incorporated.

**7.2 Replacement:**

According to short-circuit protection or protection against abnormal conditions:

- **inherently short-circuit proof transformers;**
- **fail-safe transformers.**

**7.4 Replacement:**

According to their mobility:

- fixed **ignition transformers** for gas and oil burners.

**7.5 Replacement:**

According to their duty type:

- **continuous duty;**
- **intermittent duty cycle.**

**7.6**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows

**7.6.2** not applicable.

## 8 Marking and other information

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

**8.1** Items b), c), d), and f) are not applicable.

**8.1 h)** *Replacement:*

**Transformers** shall be marked with one of the graphical symbols shown in 8.11;

**8.1 q)** *Replacement:*

**Transformers** for **intermittent duty cycle** shall be marked with the **rated duty factor** expressed as a percentage and the duration of the entire cycle expressed in minutes.

NOTE Preferred value for the entire cycle of **intermittent duty** is 3 min.

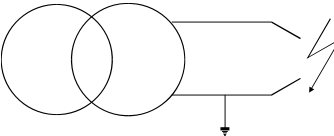
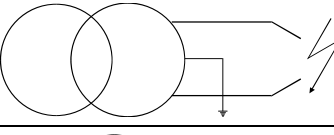
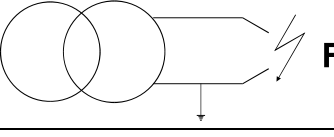
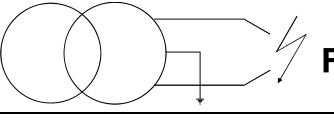
*Addition:*

**8.1.101 Transformers** shall be marked with the graphical symbol according to 8.11 with the colour in accordance with ISO 3864-1.

For **incorporated transformers**, the above graphical symbol may be either on the **transformer** or on the equipment placed close to the **transformer**. If the graphical symbol is not on the **transformer**, the manufacturer shall state in the instruction sheets that this graphical symbol shall be placed on the equipment close to the **transformer**.

**8.1.102 Transformers** shall be marked with the **rated short-circuit output current** in milliamperes and with the **rated no load output voltage** in kV.

**8.11** *Addition:*

Symbol or graphical symbol	Explanation or title	Identification
	<b>Inherently short-circuit proof ignition transformer</b> with one end of the <b>output winding</b> for connection to the protective earth	
	<b>Inherently short-circuit proof ignition transformer</b> with the midpoint of the <b>output winding</b> for connection to the protective earth	
	<b>Fail-safe ignition transformer</b> with one end of the <b>output winding</b> for connection to the protective earth	
	<b>Fail-safe ignition transformer</b> with the midpoint of the <b>output winding</b> for connection to the protective earth	

#### 8.14 Addition:

Ultimate safety of **transformers** is dependent upon the control unit and this shall be stated in the instruction sheet.

### 9 Protection against electric shock

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

### 10 Change of input voltage setting

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.

### 11 Output voltage and output current under load

*Replacement:*

#### 11 Output voltage and output current

**11.1** The output current shall not differ from the **rated short-circuit output current** by more than 10 %.

*Compliance is checked by the following test:*

The output terminals of the **transformer** are short-circuited by means of a suitable ammeter. The **transformer** is connected to the **rated supply voltage** at the **rated frequency** and operated at the **rated duty factor** until steady-state conditions are reached. The output current is then measured.

With the supply voltage reduced to 85 %, the minimum output current value shall not be less than 70 % of the **rated short-circuit output current**.

**11.2** The **no-load output voltage** shall not differ from the **rated no-load output voltage** by more than 10 %.

*Compliance is checked by the following test:*

The **transformer** is connected to the **rated supply voltage** at the **rated frequency**. The r.m.s. value of the **no-load output voltage** is measured. During this test, the protective earthing terminal shall be connected to the protective earth.

NOTE The test equipment should be selected such that no voltage rise occurs due to the capacitance (i.e., increase in the capacitance) in the test equipment or measurement network.