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## INTRODUCTION

This document covers surge isolation transformers whose rated impulse withstand voltage coordinates with the expected surge environment of the installation.

This type of surge protective component, SPC, isolates and attenuates transient voltages and is often used in conjunction with current diverting components (e.g. GDT, MOV, etc.) or in SPDs.

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## COMPONENTS FOR LOW-VOLTAGE SURGE PROTECTION –

### Part 352: Selection and application principles for telecommunications and signalling network surge isolation transformers (SITs)

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61643 covers the application of surge isolation transformers (SITs) that are used in telecommunication transformer applications with signal levels up to 400 V peak to peak. These transformers have a high rated impulse voltage with or without screen between the input and output windings. SITs are components for surge protection and are used to mitigate the onward propagation of common-mode voltage surges. This document describes SITs' selection, application principles and related information. This document does not cover power line communication transformers.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 61643-351, *Components for low-voltage surge protective devices – Part 351: Performance requirements and test methods for telecommunications and signalling network surge isolation transformers (SIT)*

#### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

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##### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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##### 3.1.1

##### **surge isolating transformer**

##### **SIT**

isolation transformer which has high impulse withstand voltage with/without electrostatic screen between input and output windings

##### 3.1.2

##### **electric screen**

##### **ES**

barrier or enclosure that limits the penetration of an electrostatic field

##### 3.1.3

##### **clearance**

shortest distance in air between two conductive parts

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60664-2-1:2011, 3.4]

##### 3.1.4

##### **creepage distance**

shortest distance along the surface of a solid insulating material between two conductive parts

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60664-2-1:2011, 3.7]

**3.1.5**

**impulse withstand voltage**

highest peak value of impulse voltage of prescribed form and polarity which does not cause breakdown of insulation under specified conditions

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60664-2-1:2011, 3.15]

**3.1.6**

**isolation transformer**

transformer with protective separation between the input and output windings

[SOURCE: IEC 60065:2001, 2.7.1, modified – The original definition referred to isolating transformers.]

**3.1.7**

**insulation**

that part of an electrotechnical product which separates the conducting parts at different electrical potentials

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60664-2-1:2011, 3.17]

**3.1.8**

**overvoltage**

any voltage having a peak value exceeding the corresponding peak value of maximum steady-state voltage at normal operating conditions

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60664-2-1:2011, 3.21]

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**3.1.9**

**microclimate**

climatic condition at the place where a component is installed in the product

Note 1 to entry: Only the inside product maximum air temperature (classes X1 to X7) and, optionally, the maximum air humidity class (classes Y1 to Y4) are taken into account.

[SOURCE: IEC 60721-3-9:1993, 3.1, modified – Note 1 to entry has been added.]

**3.1.10**

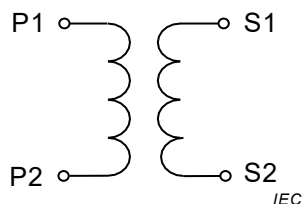
**Power over Ethernet**

**PoE**

<cabling> equipment powering via Ethernet twisted-pair cabling

**3.2 Symbols**

For the purposes of this document, the symbols shown in Figures 1 to 4 apply.



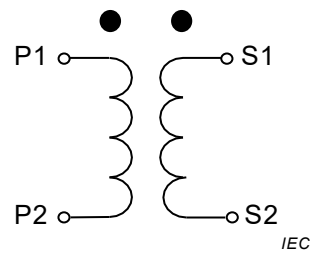
**Key**

- P1: primary winding terminal 1
- P2: primary winding terminal 2

- S1: secondary winding terminal 1
- S2: secondary winding terminal 2

**Figure 1 – Symbol for a two-winding SIT**

Figure 2 shows the symbol for a two-winding SIT with instantaneous voltage polarity indicators, similar to symbol IEC 60617-S00843:2006-09 made with terminal connections.

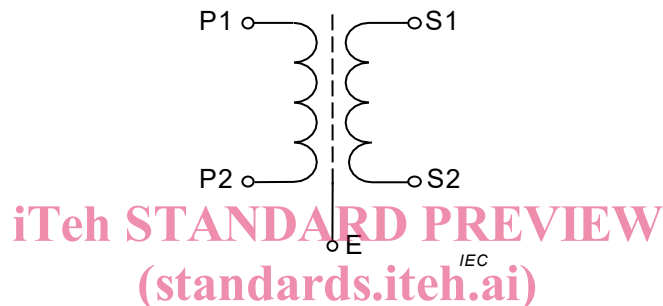
**Key**

P1: primary winding terminal 1  
 P2: primary winding terminal 2

S1: secondary winding terminal 1  
 S2: secondary winding terminal 2

**Figure 2 – Symbol for a two-winding SIT with polarity indication**

Figure 3 shows the symbol for a two-winding SIT with an electrostatic screen between the windings, similar to symbol IEC 60617-S00853:2006-10 made with terminal connections.

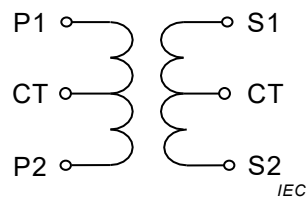
**Key**

P1: primary winding terminal 1  
 P2: primary winding terminal 2  
 E: earth terminal (electrostatic screen terminal)

S1: secondary winding terminal 1  
 S2: secondary winding terminal 2

**Figure 3 – Symbol for a two-winding SIT with electric screen**

Figure 4 shows the symbol for SIT centre tapped windings, similar to symbol IEC 60617-S00855:2006-10 made with two centre tapped windings and terminal connections. When testing is done with shorted windings, the centre tap is also connected to the short. Other testing is done without any connection to the centre tap terminal.

**Key**

P1: primary winding terminal 1  
 P2: primary winding terminal 2  
 CT: centre tap terminal

S1: secondary winding terminal 1  
 S2: secondary winding terminal 2

**Figure 4 – SIT with centre tapped windings**

### 3.3 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms given in Table 1 apply.

**Table 1 – List of abbreviated terms used in this document**

ABD	Avalanche Breakdown Diode
ES	Electrostatic Screen
IBN	Isolated Bonding Network
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IR	Insulation Resistance
LAN	Local Area Network
SIT	Surge Isolation Transformer
SPD	Surge Protective Device
SPC	Surge Protective Components
PoE	Power over Ethernet

#### 4 Service conditions

##### 4.1 Temperature range

Normal range: -20 °C to 40 °C

Extended range: This range is decided based on agreement between manufacturer and user.

##### 4.2 Humidity

Not exceeding 90 %.

##### 4.3 Altitude

Normal range: Not exceeding 1 000 m. IEC 61643-352:2018

Extended range: This range is decided based on agreement between manufacturer and user.

##### 4.4 Microclimate

When microclimate condition applies, use the classes of Table 2.

**Table 2 – Classification of microclimate condition**

High air temperature severity (°C)	Class	Typical component temperature range (°C)	Product application
55	X1		
70	X2	0 to 70	Commercial
85	X3	-40 to 85	Industrial
100	X4		
125	X5	-55 to 125	Military
155	X6	-65 to 150	Storage <sup>a</sup>
200	X7		

<sup>a</sup> Storage temperature rating verification is outside the scope of this document. See IEC 60068-2-1:2007 and IEC 60068-2-2:2007.

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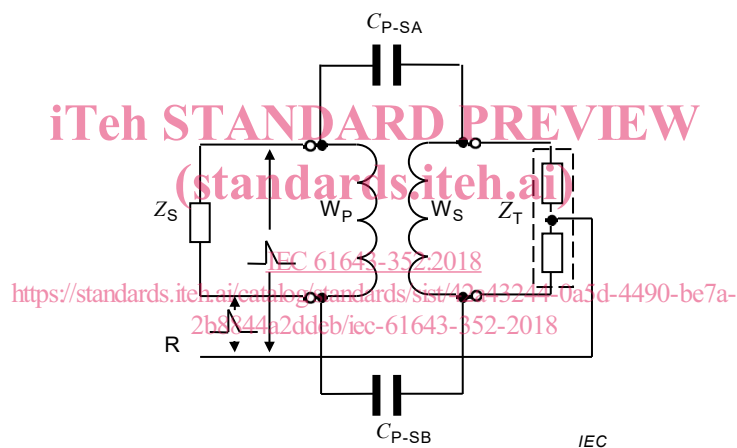
### 5.1 SIT surge mitigation

An SIT couples a service across the transformer insulation by magnetic induction. When common-mode surges occur on the incoming service the insulation is voltage stressed. The insulation has three physical paths:

- solid insulation – insulation material interposed between the two-windings;
- creepage distance;
- clearance.

Clearance distances should be set so that the maximum expected voltage difference does not breakdown the clearance. Creepage distances should be set so that the maximum expected voltage difference and pollution degree do not cause surface flashover or breakdown (tracking). Solid insulation thickness should be set so that the maximum expected voltage difference does not cause breakdown.

The higher frequency components of a surge impulse will be electrostatically coupled by SIT internal-winding capacitance (shown as  $C_{P-SA} + C_{P-SB}$ ) from one winding to the other, see Figure 5.



#### Key

$W_P$ : primary winding

$C_{P-SA}$ ,  $C_{P-SB}$ : primary to secondary capacitance, paths A and B

$W_S$ : secondary winding

$R$ : reference plane or point

$Z_T$ : terminating or load impedance

$Z_S$ : service source impedance

**Figure 5 – Common-mode surge conditions for SIT**

To reduce internal-winding capacitance a conducting electrostatic screen can be used between the windings, see Figure 6. The electrostatic screen decouples most of the winding capacitance (shown as CP-Screen A, CP-Screen B, CS-Screen A and CS-Screen B) leaving a much smaller value of internal-winding capacitance (shown as  $C_{P-SA} + C_{P-SB}$ ).