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## Part 16: Transformers for wind turbine applications

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The main changes with respect to the previous edition are as follows:

- 1) relationship between transformer rated power and the output current from the associated generator is introduced;
- 2) thermal correction of the effective cooling medium has been introduced;
- 3) testing regime has been strengthened to ensure transformers are suitable for the harsh electrical environment to which they are subjected.

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**POWER TRANSFORMERS –****Part 16: Transformers for wind turbine applications****1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60076 applies to dry-type and liquid-immersed transformers for wind turbine step-up applications having a winding with highest voltage for equipment up to and including 72,5 kV. This document applies to the transformer used to connect the wind turbine generator to the wind farm power collection system or adjacent distribution network and not the transformer used to connect several wind turbines to a distribution or transmission network.

Transformers covered by this document comply with the relevant requirements prescribed in the IEC 60076 standards or IEEE C57 standards.

**2 Normative references**

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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**2.1 IEC references**

IEC 60076-1, *Power transformers – Part 1: General*

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IEC 60076-2, *Power transformers – Part 2: Temperature rise for liquid-immersed transformers*

IEC 60076-3, *Power transformers – Part 3: Insulation levels, dielectric tests and external clearances in air*

IEC 60076-5, *Power transformers – Part 5: Ability to withstand short circuit*

IEC 60076-7, *Power transformers – Part 7: Loading guide for mineral-oil-immersed power transformers*

IEC 60076-11, *Power transformers – Part 11: Dry-type transformers*

IEC 60076-12, *Power transformers – Part 12: Loading guide for dry-type power transformers*

IEC 60076-14, *Power transformers – Part 14: Liquid-immersed power transformers using high-temperature insulating materials*

IEC 61378-1, *Converter transformers – Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications*

**2.2 IEEE references**

IEEE Std C57.12.00™, *IEEE Standard for General Requirements for Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and Regulating Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.12.01™, *IEEE Standard for General Requirements for Dry-Type Distribution and Power Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.12.80™, *IEEE Standard Terminology for Power and Distribution Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.91™, *IEEE Guide for Loading Mineral-Oil-Immersed Transformers and Step-Voltage Regulators*

IEEE Std C57.96™, *IEEE Guide for Loading Dry-Type Distribution and Power Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.110™, *IEEE Recommended Practice for Establishing Liquid-Filled and Dry-Type Power and Distribution Transformer Capability When Supplying Nonsinusoidal Load Currents*

IEEE Std C57.154™, *IEEE Standard for the Design, Testing, and Application of Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and Regulating Transformers Using High-Temperature Insulation Systems and Operating at Elevated Temperatures*

ANSI C84.1, *Electric Power Systems and Equipment – Voltage Ratings (60 Hz)*

## 2.3 ISO references

ISO 12944 (all parts), *Paints and varnishes – Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems*

ISO 12944-4, *Paints and varnishes – Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems – Part 4: Types of surface and surface preparation*

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EN 50588-1:2015, *Medium power transformers 50 Hz, with highest voltage for equipment not exceeding 36 kV – Part 1: General requirements*

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## 3 Terms and definitions

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### 3.1

#### **wind turbine transformer**

generator step up transformer connecting the wind turbine to the power collection system of the wind farm or the adjacent distribution network for single turbine installations

### 3.2

#### **tower**

supporting structure of the wind turbine on top of which the nacelle with generator and other equipment is located

### 3.3

#### **nacelle**

housing that contains the drive-train and other elements on top of a horizontal-axis wind turbine tower

### 3.4

#### **effective cooling medium**

ambient air, either internal or external to the tower or nacelle, or cooling water that comes into contact with the cooling surface of the transformer

### 3.5

#### **compartmentalized type transformer**

transformer with integral enclosure comprised of multiple independent compartments, usually with separate entrances into the HV and LV termination compartments

### 3.6

#### **sealed transformer**

transformer which is so constructed that the external atmosphere is not intended to gain access to the interior

### 3.7

#### **routine sample test**

test which is usually defined as a type test or special test but carried out as an additional routine test on a random sample of transformers

## 4 Use of normative references

This standard can be used with either the IEC or IEEE normative references but the references shall not be mixed. The purchaser shall include in the enquiry and order which normative references are to be used. If the choice of normative references is not specified, then IEC standards shall be used except for wind turbine transformers intended for installation in North America where IEEE standards shall be used.

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## 5 Rating

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The transformer rating specified by the purchaser shall take into account the maximum current delivered to the transformer by the associated wind turbine generator system irrespective of the operating voltage and power factor.

## 6 Service conditions

### 6.1 Normal service conditions

#### 6.1.1 General

The normal service conditions detailed in IEC 60076-1 or IEEE Std C57.12.00 for liquid-immersed transformers or the normal service conditions in IEC 60076-11 or IEEE Std C57.12.01 for dry-type transformers shall apply unless otherwise stated in this document or specified by the purchaser.

#### 6.1.2 Temperature of external cooling medium

If the transformer is installed external to the tower or nacelle, the normal conditions specified in IEC 60076-1 or IEEE Std C57.12.00 for liquid-immersed transformers and IEC 60076-11 or IEEE Std C57.12.01 for dry-type transformers shall apply, unless otherwise specified. If the transformer is installed within the tower or nacelle then particular conditions apply as shown in 6.2.

## 6.2 Particular service conditions for transformers installed in a tower or nacelle

### 6.2.1 General

Where the transformer is installed in a tower or nacelle then higher temperatures of the cooling medium local to the transformer may be expected.

### 6.2.2 Temperature rise correction

Based on the ambient conditions of the installation, the purchaser shall specify the yearly average and maximum temperature of the effective cooling medium (e.g. air or water). If the yearly average or maximum temperature of the cooling medium exceeds the relevant value in the respective standard, the difference between the values and the “normal service conditions” values shall be subtracted from the temperature rise limits specified in IEC 60076-2, IEC 60076-11 or IEEE Std C57.12.00 as follows:

$$K_{\max} = T_{\max \text{ ecm}} - T_{\max \text{ std}}$$

$$K_{\text{av}} = T_{\text{av ecm}} - T_{\text{av std}}$$

where

$K_{\max}$  is the temperature correction for the maximum ambient temperature;

$K_{\text{av}}$  is the temperature correction for the yearly average ambient temperature;

$T_{\max \text{ ecm}}$  is the maximum temperature of the effective cooling medium;

$T_{\max \text{ std}}$  is the maximum ambient temperature of the effective cooling medium according to the relevant standard;

$T_{\text{av ecm}}$  is the average temperature of the effective cooling medium;

$T_{\text{av std}}$  is the yearly average ambient temperature of the effective cooling medium according to the relevant standard.

$K_{\text{av}}$  can be used in determining the temperature rise limit of average winding and winding hot-spot temperatures in all transformers. In liquid-immersed transformers  $K_{\max}$  can be used in determining the temperature rise limit for the top liquid temperature.

If the only available information is the maximum ambient temperature, the increase of the yearly average ambient temperature can be assumed to be the same as the increase of the maximum ambient temperature, making  $K_{\text{av}}$  and  $K_{\max}$  equal.

For example, for a transformer using insulation material of thermal class 105 (regular kraft paper immersed in mineral oil) installed in an environment where the average temperature is 32 °C and the maximum ambient temperature is 48 °C, the corrected temperature rise limits based on IEC 60076-2 would be:

$$K_{\text{av}} = (32 - 20) = 12 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta\theta_{\text{w}} = 65 - K_{\text{av}} = 65 - 12 = 53 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta\theta_{\text{h}} = 78 - K_{\text{av}} = 78 - 12 = 66 \text{ K}$$

For liquid-immersed transformers  $K_{\max}$  can be applied:

$$K_{\max} = (48 - 40) = 8 \text{ K}$$