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- a) fully insulated winding wires (FIW), new tables and aging tests for FIW constructions,
- b) overvoltage categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 for clearances and dielectric strength tests (new tables) are included,
- c) development of new symbols for the different overvoltage categories,
- d) symbol for maximum altitudes, if higher than 2 000 m,
- e) symbol for plug in power supply units, if the pins are damaged (tumbling barrel test),
- f) symbol for minimum temperature (even during the transportation),
- g) alternative temperature measurement, simulated load and back to back method according to IEC 60076-11,
- h) short circuit and overload protection, simulated load and back to back method according to IEC 60076-11,
- i) adjustment of temperatures in Table 2 according to CENELEC Guide 29,
- j) establishing partial discharge test above 750 V for FIW constructions,
- k) requirements for toroidal core constructions, division for basic and for supplementary isolation,
- l) modification of protection indexes for enclosures (IP-code),
- m) dimensioning of rectangular cross section connectors for transformers,
- n) repetition test, 80 % of required dielectric strength test voltage of Table 14,
- o) vibration test for vehicles and railway applications,
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INTRODUCTION

This document covers safety requirements for **transformers**. Where the term **transformer** is used, it covers **transformers**, **reactors** and **power-supplies supply units** where applicable.

During the development of this document, to the extent possible, the requirements of IEC 60364 (all parts) were taken into consideration, so that a **transformer** ~~may can~~ be installed in accordance with the wiring rules contained in that document. However, national wiring rules ~~may can~~ differ.

This document recognizes the internationally accepted levels of protection against the possible electrical, mechanical, and fire hazards caused by **transformers** operating under normal conditions in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal conditions which ~~may can~~ occur in practice.

A **transformer** complying with this document will not necessarily be judged to comply with the safety principles of this document if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

A **transformer** employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in this document may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be judged to comply with the safety principles of this document.

The document dealing with non-safety aspects of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of **transformers** is IEC 62041: ~~Power transformers, power supply units, reactors and similar products — EMC requirements~~. However, that document also includes tests that ~~may can~~ subject the **transformer** to conditions involving safety aspects.

The objective of IEC 61558-1 is to provide a set of requirements and tests considered to be generally applicable to most types of **transformers**, and which can be called up as required by the relevant part of IEC 61558-2. IEC 61558-1 is thus not to be regarded as a specification by itself for any type of **transformer**, and its provisions apply only to particular types of **transformers** to the extent determined by the appropriate part of IEC 61558-2. IEC 61558-1 also contains normative routine tests.

Each part of IEC 61558-2 in conjunction with this document contains all the necessary requirements for the **transformer** being covered and does not contain references to other parts of IEC 61558-2. For **transformers** with a protection index IP00 and associated **transformers**, it is possible to have circuits corresponding to different parts of IEC 61558-2 within the same construction (e.g. SELV output circuit according to IEC 61558-2-6 and a 230 V output circuit according to IEC 61558-2-4). However, if the **transformer** is covered by different parts IEC 61558-2, to the extent reasonable, the relevant part of IEC 61558-2 is applied to each function/application separately. If applicable, the effect of one function on the other is taken into consideration.

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