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INTRODUCTION

96 Many segments of the electrotechnical industry need volume resistance and volume resistivity data of
97 solid insulating materials. This part of the 62631-3 series is focused on the method for casting resins.
98 Clear guidelines are needed to give the user of this standard a uniform approach to sample preparation
99 and test procedures.

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DIELECTRIC AND RESISTIVE PROPERTIES OF SOLID INSULATING MATERIALS –

Part 3-12: Determination of resistive properties (DC Methods) Volume resistance and volume resistivity, method for casting resins

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62631 covers method of test for the determination of volume resistance and volume resistivity of electrical insulation materials by applying DC-voltage. It covers casting resins described in IEC 60455-3-1, IEC 60455-3-2, IEC 60455-3-3, IEC 60455-3-4, IEC 60455-3-8 and similar products.

For other specific types of materials other standards or the general method described in IEC 62631-3-1 may be more suitable.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60455-3-1, *Resin based reactive compounds used for electrical insulation - Part 3: Specifications for individual materials - Sheet 1: Unfilled epoxy resinous compounds*

IEC 60455-3-2, *Resin based reactive compounds used for electrical insulation - Part 3: Specifications for individual materials - Sheet 2: Quartz filled epoxy resinous compounds*

IEC 60455-3-3, *Resin based reactive compounds used for electrical insulation - Part 3: Specifications for individual materials - Sheet 3: Unfilled polyurethane compounds*

IEC 60455-3-4, *Resin based reactive compounds used for electrical insulation - Part 3: Specifications for individual materials - Sheet 4: Filled polyurethane compounds*

IEC 60455-3-8, *Resin based reactive compounds used for electrical insulation - Part 3: Specifications for individual materials - Sheet 8: Resins for cable accessories*

IEC 62631-3-1, *Dielectric and resistive properties of solid insulating materials - Part 3-1: Determination of resistive properties (DC Methods) - Volume resistance and volume resistivity, general method*

ISO 2808, *Paints and varnishes - Determination of film thickness*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

Volume resistance

part of the insulation resistance which is due to conduction through the volume.

Note to entry - expressed in the unit of Ω .

3.2

Volume resistivity

the ratio of the potential gradient (parallel to the current in a material) to the current density

Note 1 to entry - expressed in the unit of ohmmeter ($\Omega \cdot m$)

Note 2 to entry – For insulating materials the volume resistivity is usually determined by means of measuring electrodes arranged on a sheet of the material.

Note 3 to entry – According to IEC 60050-121: Electromagnetism, “conductivity” is defined as “scalar or tensor quantity the product of which by the electric field strength in a medium is equal to the electric current density” and “resistivity” as “the

144 inverse of the conductivity when this inverse exists". Measured in this way, the volume resistivity is an average of the resistivity
145 over possible heterogeneities in the volume incorporated in the measurement; it includes the effect of possible polarization
146 phenomena at the electrodes.

147 3.3

148 Stray current

149 leakage current in the earth or in metallic structures buried in the ground and resulting from their
150 intended or unintended earthing

151 4 Significance

152 The materials applicable to this test are used to cast electrical or electronic equipment to fix the
153 construction, protect it from humidity, dirt and other environmental influence. Main field applications are
154 electric motors, transformers, electronic devices and similar appliances.

155 Additional electrical insulation is desirable but not essential. In many cases mechanical support, thermal
156 and chemical resistance are more important. Especially the changes in resistivity with temperature
157 and/or humidity are of great importance and need to be known when designing the equipment for
158 operation conditions.

159 When a direct voltage is applied between electrodes in contact with a specimen, the current through it
160 decreases asymptotically towards a steady-state value. The decrease of current with time may be due
161 to dielectric polarisation and the sweep of mobile ions to the electrodes. For materials having volume
162 resistivity less than about $10^{10} \Omega\text{m}$ the steady state is generally reached within 1 min and the resistance
163 is determined after this time of electrification. For materials with higher volume resistivity the current
164 may continue decreasing for several minutes, hours, days or even weeks. However, the result is taken
165 after one minute.

166 NOTE: For very high electric field strengths different behaviour may occur.

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168 5 Method of test

169 5.1 General

170 The method described in this standard is used for casting resins. For other specific types of materials
171 other standards or the general method described in IEC 62631-3-1 may be more suitable.

172 For a casting resin the absolute value of volume resistance or resistivity is of minor interest. More
173 important is the change of this value as a function of temperature or after immersion into water.

174 5.2 Power supply, Voltage

175 A source of very steady direct voltage is required. This may be provided either by batteries or by rectified
176 and stabilized power supply. The degree of stability required is such that the change in current due to
177 any change in voltage is negligible compared with the current to be measured.

178 NOTE: The ripple of the voltage source is important. A typical value for 100 V is $<5 \times 10^{-5}$ peak to peak.

179 If not otherwise stipulated, a voltage of 500 V is to be used. Other test voltages may be 10 V, 100 V or
180 1000 V.

181 To avoid migration effects during measurement, the field strength shall be less than 3000 V/mm.

182 5.3 Equipment

183 5.3.1 Accuracy

184 The measuring device shall be capable of determining the unknown resistance with an overall accuracy
185 of at least:

- 186 • $\pm 10 \%$ for resistances below $10^{10} \Omega$
- 187 • $\pm 20 \%$ for resistances between $10^{10} \Omega$ and $10^{14} \Omega$

- 188 • $\pm 50\%$ for values higher than $10^{14} \Omega$

189 **5.3.2 Guarding**

190 For routine measurements, especially in production control to determine the specified minimum values,
191 guarding is not necessary. This allows smaller and simplified specimens.

192 If the exact absolute value is of interest, or value above $10^{12} \Omega$, or in case of doubts, guarding is
193 recommended. Further information related to guarding can be found in IEC 62631-3-1.

194 **5.3.3 Electrodes**

195 For simple measurements a permanent electrode (e.g. conductive silver paint) may be used.

196 In case of measurements before and after a treatment (e.g. immersion into water) a removable electrode
197 shall be used. Further information related to electrodes can be found in IEC 62631-3-1.

198 **5.3.4 Calibration**

199 The equipment shall be calibrated in the magnitude of the volume resistance measured.

200 NOTE: Calibration resistors in the range up to $100 T\Omega$ are commercially available.

201 **5.4 Test specimen**

202 Unless otherwise specified, a casted plate of resin with a length and a width of at least 60 mm shall be
203 used.

204 The casting resin shall be mixed in accordance with the manufacturer instructions, degassed and poured
205 into a mold. A closed mold is preferred, however if an open mold is necessary, precautions have to be
206 taken to obtain flat, smooth and plan parallel surfaces.

207 The thickness of the resin after curing shall be determined by one of the procedures specified in ISO
208 2808. The thickness shall be not less than 0,5 mm.

209 **5.5 Procedure for volume resistivity as function of temperature**

210 The following procedure describes an established method used for quality control and is meant as an
211 example. Any other method in line with the general requirements may be used. However, measuring
212 parameters (time, temperatures, environmental influences etc.) can vary widely and are dependent on
213 the purpose of the measurement and the intended use of the material.

214 **5.5.1 Equipment**

215 The following equipment shall be used:

- 216 • Tera-ohmmeter according to 5.3,
- 217 • Metal cylinder to be used as voltage electrode (top electrode) of at least 40 mm diameter having a
218 mass to provide a pressure of about 0,015 MPa;
- 219 • Conductive silver paint

220 **5.5.2 Test set up**

221 Three specimens shall be tested. The thickness of each specimen shall be measured at least at 5 points
222 within the test area before application of the electrodes. Conductive silver paint is applied on the test
223 area on both sides and dried according to the paint manufacturers recommendations.

224 The specimen shall be placed on a flat solid electrically conductive surface in an oven. The conductive
225 surface shall have contact to the electrode on the bottom side, be grounded and used as one electrode.

226 The metal cylinder is placed on the test area on top of the silver paint and used as the other electrode.