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- a) Reduction of the requirements for uncontrolled rectifiers only;
- b) Interface model for the different systems connected;
- c) Energy efficiency addressed.

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## INTRODUCTION

Electronic power converters for traction power supply differ from other converters for industrial use due to special electrical service conditions and due to the large range of load variations and the peculiar characteristics of the load.

For these reasons IEC 60146-1-1 does not fully cover the requirements of railway applications and the decision was taken to have a specific standard for this use.

Uncontrolled rectifiers consist of a rectifier diode assembly and a transformer. Both fulfil common requirements. The transformer determines the voltage versus current characteristic.

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