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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) lightning impulse tests in the presence of a relative overshoot value of 5 % or more (8.1.2). The 2002 edition did not specify how to proceed when the overshoot exceeds 5 %. In this revision, the testing laboratory is permitted to carry out the tests provided that the voltage function calculation, as defined in IEC 60060-1:2010, is applied;
- b) newly introduced test voltage for tail-chopped lightning impulse tests (8.2.2);

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- c) switching impulse tests on 3 phase transformers, test connections (see Figure 5 and Figure 6);
- d) new Glaninger circuit in Clause A.3 about low-impedance windings ($L_t < 20$ mH);
- e) new Annex C with examples of oscillograms with peak voltage overshoot.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60076 applies to lightning and switching impulse tests on power transformers and reactors.

Information is given on waveforms, test circuits including test connections, earthing practices, failure detection methods, test procedures, measuring techniques and interpretation of results.

Where applicable, the test techniques are as described in IEC 60060-1 and IEC 60060-2.

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IEC 60076-6, *Power transformers - Part 6: Reactors*

IEC 61083-1, *Instruments and software used for measurements in high-voltage and high-current tests - Part 1: Requirements for instruments for impulse tests*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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4 General

This document is primarily based on the use of conventional impulse generators for both lightning and switching impulse tests of transformers and reactors. The practice of switching impulse generation with discharge of a separate capacitor into an intermediate or low-voltage winding is also applicable. However, the method which employs an additional inductance in series with the capacitor to provide slightly damped oscillations transferred into the high-voltage winding is not applicable.

Alternative means of switching impulse generation or simulation such as DC current interruption on an intermediate or low-voltage winding or the application of a part-period of power frequency voltage are not discussed since these methods are not as generally applicable.

Different considerations in the choice of test circuits (terminal connections) for lightning and switching impulse tests apply for transformers and reactors. On transformers, all terminals and windings can be lightning impulse tested to specific and independent levels. In switching impulse test, however, because of the induced voltage transferred, a specified test level can only be obtained on one winding (see IEC 60076-3).

Whilst, on reactors, lightning impulse tests is similar to that on transformers, i.e., all terminals can be tested separately, different considerations apply and different problems arise in switching impulse tests. Hence, in this document, lightning impulse tests are covered by a common text for both transformers and reactors whilst switching impulse test is dealt with separately for the two types of equipment.

5 Specified waveforms

The voltage waveforms to be used normally during lightning and switching impulse tests of transformers and reactors are given in IEC 60076-3, IEC 60076-6 and the methods for their determination shall refer to IEC 60060-1.

6 Test circuit

The physical arrangement of test equipment, test object and measuring circuits can be divided into three major circuits:

- the main circuit including the impulse generator, additional waveshaping components and the test object;
- the voltage measuring circuit;
- the chopping circuit where applicable.

This basic arrangement is shown in Figure 1.

The following parameters influence the impulse waveform:

- a) the effective capacitance C_t , and inductance of the test object, L_t ; C_t is constant for any given design and any given waveform, L_t is also a constant for any given design. The effective L_t , however, can be influenced by the terminal treatment. It varies between the leakage inductance L_s for short-circuited terminals and L_o for open-circuited terminals. More details in this respect are given in 8.1 and 8.3 and in Annex A;
- b) the generator capacitance C_g ;
- c) waveshaping components, both internal and external to the generator, R_{si} , R_{se} , R_p , C_L (plus, where applicable, the impedance of a voltage divider Z_1);
- d) the stray inductance and capacitance of the generator and the complete test circuit;
- e) chopping equipment, where applicable;
- f) non-linear elements in the transformer, which can cause differences between impulses at different voltage levels.

The front time T_1 is determined mainly by combination of the effective surge capacitance of the test object, including C_L , and the generator internal and external series resistances.

The time to half-value T_2 is, for lightning impulses, primarily determined by the generator capacitance, the inductance of the test object and the generator discharge resistance or any other parallel resistance. However, there are cases, for example, windings of extremely low inductance, where the series resistance will have a significant effect also on the wavetail. For switching impulses, other parameters apply; these are dealt with in Clause 9.