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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.

Converter transformers for fixed installations of railway applications are covered by IEC 62695.

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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62590 describes functions and working principles, specifies requirements, interfaces and test methods of uncontrolled rectifiers for DC electric traction power supply systems. Uncontrolled rectifiers connect a 3AC power network with a DC electric traction system with a unidirectional power flow using diode assemblies.

The coordination between the transformer and the rectifier diode assembly is included.

This document applies to fixed installations of following electric traction power supply systems:

- railway networks;
- metropolitan transport networks including metros, tramways, trolleybuses and fully automated transport systems, magnetic levitated transport systems, electric road systems.

## 2 Normative references

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IEC 62695, *Railway applications - Fixed installations - Traction transformers*

IEC 62590-1:2025, *Railway applications - Electronic power converters for fixed installations - Part 1: General requirements*

## 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

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

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

#### 3.1.1

##### **semiconductor device**

device whose essential characteristics are due to the flow of charge carriers within a semiconductor

Note 1 to entry: The definition includes devices whose essential characteristics are only in part due to the flow of charge carriers in a semiconductor but that are considered as semiconductor devices for the purpose of specification.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-521:2002, 521-04-01]

#### 3.1.2

##### **rectifier**

AC/DC converter for rectification

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-551:1998, 551-12-07, modified – The figure has been omitted.]

**3.1.3****rectifier diode assembly**

valve device assembly for rectification

Note 1 to entry: Often the term rectifier is used instead of rectifier diode assembly.

**3.1.4****ideal no-load direct voltage**
 $U_{di}$ 

theoretical no-load mean direct voltage of a converter assuming no reduction by phase control, no voltage drop in the assemblies, and no voltage rise at small loads

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-551:1998, 551-17-15, modified – “mean” has been added. “AC/DC” has been removed. “no threshold voltages of electronic valve devices” has been replaced with “no voltage drop in the assemblies.”]

**3.1.5****real no-load direct voltage**
 $U_{d00}$ 

actual mean direct voltage at zero direct current

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-551:1998, 551-17-19]

**3.1.6****ideal crest no-load voltage**
 $U_{iM}$ 

crest value of the voltage, appearing between the end terminals of an arm neglecting internal and external voltage surge and voltage drops in valves, at no load

**3.1.7****inherent voltage drop**

direct voltage drop related to the ideal no load voltage excluding the effect of the 3AC system impedance

**3.1.8****transition current**

mean direct current of a converter connection when the direct current(s) of the commutation group(s) become(s) intermittent when decreasing the current

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-551:1998, 551-17-20]

**3.1.9****leakage reactance of the primary winding**
 $X_p$ 

<of a three-winding transformer> difference between the mean of the short-circuit reactance values measured between the primary winding and each secondary winding and one half of the short-circuit reactance measured between the two secondary windings

**3.1.10****leakage reactance of each of the secondary windings**
 $X_{S1}, X_{S2}$ 

<of a three-winding transformer> sum of the half difference of the short-circuit reactance values measured between the primary winding and each secondary winding and one half of the short-circuit reactance measured between the two secondary windings

**3.1.11**  
**reactance ratio**  
**coupling factor**

$K$

<of a three-winding transformer> ratio between the leakage reactance of the primary winding and the sum of the leakage reactances of the primary winding and secondary winding

Note 1 to entry: In case of a traction transformer with two secondary windings, used for a twelve-pulse converter, the reactance ratio is designed to have the same no-load secondary voltages and the same impedance between the primary winding and each secondary winding, in order to obtain an even sharing of the current on both bridges in case the DC outputs are paralleled. Then  $X_{S1} = X_{S2} = X_S$  and  $K = X_p / (X_S + X_p)$ .

**3.1.12**  
**interphase transformer**

electromagnetic device enabling the operation in parallel of two or more phase displaced commutating groups through inductive coupling between the windings placed on the same core

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-551:1998, 551-14-16]

**3.1.13**  
**rated 3AC voltage**

rated voltage of the rectifier on the 3AC power network side

**3.1.14**  
**rated 3AC voltage of a rectifier diode assembly**

highest value of the transformer traction side no-load voltage that a rectifier diode assembly is designed for

**3.1.15**  
**rated current**  
**rated load**

$I_{Nd}$

<of a rectifier> value of a DC current that a rectifier is designed for

Note 1 to entry: All rated values of the components are derived from this value.

Note 2 to entry: A rectifier can have a rated continuous load and rated currents in conjunction with a duty class.

**3.1.16**  
**rated power**

<of a rectifier> rated direct current multiplied by DC voltage at rated current

**3.1.17**  
**rated AC short-circuit current**

<of a rectifier diode assembly> short-circuit withstand current on the AC side of a rectifier diode assembly for every 3AC connection

Note 1 to entry: For a twelve-pulse connection the rated short-circuit current is applicable for each individual six-pulse diode assembly.

Note 2 to entry: It is an initial short-circuit current according to IEC 60909-0.

**3.1.18**  
**rated DC short-circuit current**

<of a rectifier diode assembly> short-circuit withstand current on the DC side of a rectifier diode assembly