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

- a) Definitions of terms "thyristor level", "valve section", "valve base electronics" and "redundant thyristor levels" have been changed for clarification.
- b) Conditions of testing thyristor valve sections instead of a complete thyristor valve have been defined.
- c) The requirement has been added that if, following a type test, one thyristor level has become short-circuited, then the failed level shall be restored and this type test repeated.
- d) The time period of increasing the initial test voltage from 50 % to 100 % during type a.c. dielectric tests on TSC, TCR or TSR valves has been set equal to approximately 10 s.

- e) The duration of test voltage U_{ts2} during type a.c.-d.c. dielectric tests between TSC valve terminals and earth as well as the duration of test voltage U_{tvv2} during dielectric tests between TSC valves (for MVU only) has been changed from 30 min to 3 h.
- f) The reference on the number of pulses per minute of the periodic partial discharge recorded during a.c.-d.c. dielectric tests on TSC valves and exceeding the permissible level has been deleted.

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines type, production and optional tests on thyristor valves used in thyristor controlled reactors (TCR), thyristor switched reactors (TSR) and thyristor switched capacitors (TSC) forming part of static VAR compensators (SVC) for power system applications. The requirements of the standard apply both to single valve units (one phase) and to multiple valve units (several phases).

Clauses 4 to 7 detail the type tests, i.e. tests which are carried out to verify that the valve design meets the requirements specified. Clause 8 covers the production tests, i.e. tests which are carried out to verify proper manufacturing. Clauses 9 and 10 detail optional tests, i.e. tests additional to the type and production tests.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60060 (all parts), *High-voltage test techniques*

IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60060-2, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 2: Measuring systems*

IEC 60071 (all parts), *Insulation co-ordination*

IEC 60071-1:2006, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques – Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 60700-1:2008, *Thyristor valves for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) power transmission – Part 1: Electrical testing*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

thyristor level

part of a thyristor valve comprising a thyristor, or thyristors connected in parallel or antiparallel, together with their immediate auxiliaries and reactor, if any

3.2

thyristor (series) string

series connected thyristors forming one direction of a thyristor valve