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potentially corrosive sulphur in used and unused
insulating oil**

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Test method for detection of potentially corrosive sulphur
in used and unused insulating oil
(IEC 62535:2008)**

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Méthode d'essai pour la détection
du soufre potentiellement corrosif
dans les huiles usagées et neuves
(CEI 62535:2008)

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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.

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| - | - | Copper and copper alloys - Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes | EN 13601 | - ¹⁾ |
| IEC 60475 | - ¹⁾ | Method of sampling liquid dielectrics | - | - |
| IEC 60554-3-1 | - ¹⁾ | Specification for cellulosic papers for electrical purposes - Part 3: Specifications for individual materials - Sheet 1: General purpose electrical paper | - | - |
| ASTM D1275 | - ¹⁾ | Methods A and B: Standard test method for corrosive sulfur in electrical insulating oils | - | - |
| ASTM D130 | - ¹⁾ | Standard test method for corrosiveness to copper from petroleum products by copper strip test | - | - |
| DIN 51353 | - ¹⁾ | Testing of insulating oils; detection of corrosive sulfur; silver strip test | - | - |

¹⁾ Undated reference.

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, several failures of transformers and reactors due to copper sulphide formation in/on the cellulose insulation have been reported worldwide. The tendency of transformer oils to form copper sulphide in the presence of copper is seen as one of the major contributing factors.

The most common reason for such failures is arcing between adjacent disks or conductors of a winding, due to the formation of deposits of copper sulphide on the cellulosic insulating paper.

It has been demonstrated that existing test methods for corrosive sulphur, ASTM D1275 method A and DIN 51353, are unable to detect oils having potentially corrosive behaviour.

For this reason, IEC technical committee 10 has prepared this International Standard for the detection of potentially corrosive sulphur in mineral insulating oils. The wrapped conductor test method is suitable for used and unused mineral oils.

This test method is based on a study performed by Conseil International des Grands Réseaux Electriques (CIGRE) working group A2.32 [1]¹.

Health and safety

This International Standard does not purport to address all the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of the standard to establish appropriate health and safety practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

The mineral oils which are the subject of this standard should be handled with due regard to personal hygiene. Direct contact with eyes may cause slight irritation. In the case of eye contact, irrigation with copious quantities of clean running water should be carried out and medical advice sought.

Some of the tests specified in this standard involve the use of processes that could lead to a hazardous situation. Attention is drawn to the relevant standard for guidance.

Environment

This standard involves mineral oils, chemicals and used sample containers. The disposal of these items should be carried out in accordance with current national legislation with regard to the impact on the environment. Every precaution should be taken to prevent the release into the environment of mineral oil.

¹ Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

INSULATING LIQUIDS – TEST METHOD FOR DETECTION OF POTENTIALLY CORROSIVE SULPHUR IN USED AND UNUSED INSULATING OIL

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method for detection of potentially corrosive sulphur in used and unused mineral insulating oil.

Most recent failures due to corrosive sulphur are related to the formation of copper sulphide deposits in and on the surface of winding cellulosic paper.

The test method uses a copper conductor, wrapped with one layer of paper, immersed in the oil and heated to evaluate the capability of the oil to yield copper sulphide and transfer it to paper layers.

The growth of copper sulphide on bare copper may cause the presence of conductive particulates in the oil, which can act as nuclei for electrical discharge and may lead to a fault. Other test methods exist using a bare copper strip immersed in oil and heated to detect the corrosive behaviour of oil against copper. ASTM D1275 Method B is also used for this test and a modified procedure using low oil volumes is included in Annex A.

Tests with and without paper are considered as complementary and may lead to different results.

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 60475, *Method of sampling liquid dielectrics*

IEC 60554-3-1, *Specification for cellulosic papers for electrical purposes – Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 1: General purpose electrical paper*

ASTM D1275, *Methods A and B: Standard test method for corrosive sulfur in electrical insulating oils*

ASTM D130, *Standard test method for corrosiveness to copper from petroleum products by copper strip test*

DIN 51353, *Testing of insulating oils; detection of corrosive sulfur; silver strip test*

EN 13601, *Copper and copper alloys. Copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes*

3 Terms and definitions

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