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- a) addition of annexes concerning the applications of converter transformers and of fuses for overcurrent protection;

- b) changes of calculation methods related the inductive voltage regulation and changes of description on transformer losses to be consistent with the latest transformer standards;
- c) addition and updates of references based on the latest information.

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SEMICONDUCTOR CONVERTERS – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND LINE COMMUTATED CONVERTERS –

Part 1-2: Application guidelines

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60146, which is a Technical Report, gives guidance on variations to the specifications given in IEC 60146-1-1:2009 to enable the specification to be extended in a controlled form for special cases. Background information is also given on technical points, which facilitates the use of IEC 60146-1-1:2009.

This document primarily covers line commutated converters and is not in itself a specification, except as regards certain auxiliary components, in so far as existing standards may not provide the necessary data.

This document will not take precedence on any product specific standard according to the concept shown in IEC Guide 108. IEC Guide 108 provides the information on the relationship between horizontal standards and product publications.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60050-551, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 551: Power electronics* (available at www.electropedia.org)

IEC 60050-551-20, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 551-20: Power electronics – Harmonic analysis* (available at www.electropedia.org)

IEC 60146-1-1:2009, *Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters – Part 1-1: Specification of basic requirements*

IEC 60269-1:2006, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60269-4:2009, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 4: Supplementary requirements for fuse-links for the protection of semiconductor devices*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60664-1, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 61148, *Terminal markings for valve device stacks and assemblies and for power conversion equipment*

IEC 61378-1:2011, *Converter transformers – Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications*

IEC/IEEE 60076-57-129, *Power transformers – Part 57-129: Transformers for HVDC applications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60146-1-1:2009, IEC 60050-551, IEC 60050-551-20 and the following apply.

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NOTE Several terms from IEC 60146-1-1:2009, IEC 60050-551, IEC 60050-551-20 are repeated here for convenience.

3.1 Terms and definitions related to converter faults

3.1.1 breakthrough

failure by which a controllable valve device or an arm consisting of such devices loses its ability to block voltage during the forward blocking interval

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1a). Breakthrough can occur in rectifier operation as well as inverter operation and for various reasons, for example excessive junction temperature, voltage surges in excess of rated peak off-state voltage, excessive rate of rise of off-state voltage or spurious gate current.

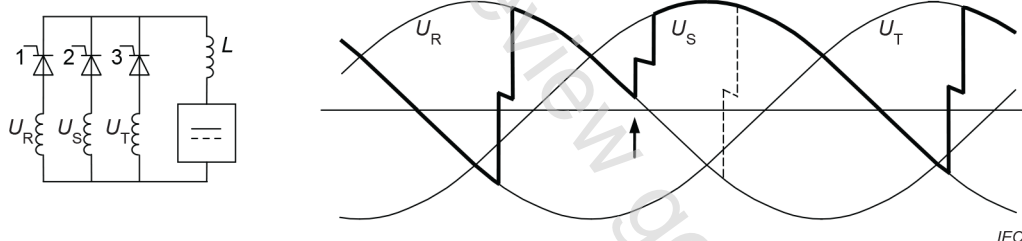


Figure 1a) Breakthrough in arm 2

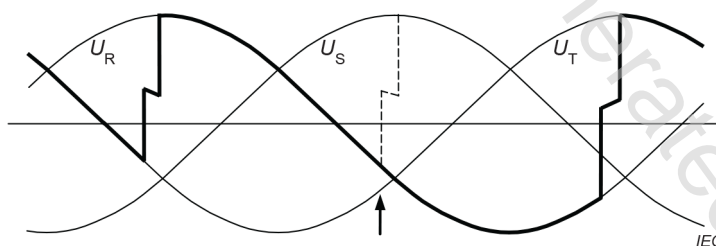


Figure 1b) Firing failure in arm 2

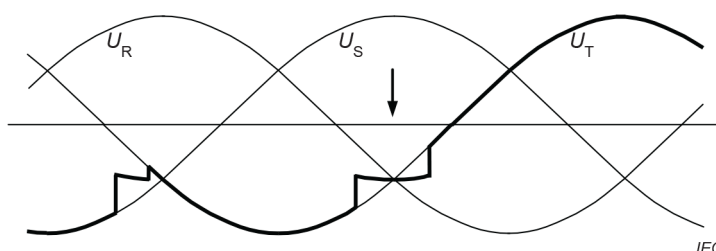


Figure 1c) Conduction through related to arm 3

Figure 1 – Voltages at converter faults