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Part 18-1: Functional evaluation of insulation systems – General guidelines**



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A vertical bar appears in the margin wherever a change has been made. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. Experts' comments are identified by a blue-background number. Mouse over a number to display a pop-up note with the comment.

This publication contains the CMV and the official standard. The full list of comments is available at the end of the CMV.

IEC 60034-18-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 2: Rotating machinery. It is an International Standard.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2010. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- a) provides general guidelines for functional evaluation of different types of windings as before but incorporates those changes, which have been introduced for the electrical qualification and evaluation of windings which are electrically stressed by converter-supply;
- b) is now focused on general guidelines with all technical details of procedures and qualification principles moved to the subsequent parts;
- c) details additional general aspects of functional evaluation and qualification, particularly the procedure for comparison between reference and candidate insulation systems, the introduction of the concept of qualification for different expected life-times in service and the evaluation of minor component or manufacturing changes.

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INTRODUCTION

IEC 60034-18 comprises several parts, dealing with different types of functional evaluation and special kinds of test procedures for insulation systems of rotating electrical machines. IEC 60034-18-1 provides general guidelines for such procedures and qualification principles, whereas the subsequent parts IEC 60034-18-21, ~~IEC 60034-18-22~~, IEC 60034-18-31, IEC 60034-18-32, IEC TS 60034-18-33, IEC 60034-18-34, IEC 60034-18-41 and IEC 60034-18-42 give detailed procedures for the various types of windings. Beyond that, part IEC 60034-18-41 and IEC 60034-18-42 contain special test procedures for electrical evaluation of windings electrically stressed by converter-supply.

The following standards provide the basis and background for the development of the aforementioned standards.

IEC 60505 establishes the basis for estimating the ageing of electrical insulation systems under conditions of either electrical, thermal, mechanical, environmental stresses or combinations of these (multifactor stresses). It specifies the general principles and procedures that should be followed defining functional test and evaluation procedures.

The IEC 60216 series deals with the determination of thermal endurance properties of single insulating materials. On the assumption, that the Arrhenius formulas describe the rate of thermal ageing of the materials, test procedures and analyzing instructions for getting characteristic parameters like the “Temperature index” (TI), the “Halving interval” (HIC) and the “Relative thermal endurance index” (RTE) are given. For all these parameters selected properties and accepted end-point-criteria are specified. Consequently, a material may be assigned with more than one temperature index, derived from the measurement of different properties and the use of different end-point criteria.

IEC 60034-18-1 defines general requirements on the qualification of insulation systems, where – for thermal ageing – the Arrhenius equations do not necessarily fit, according to many experiences.

IEC 60085 deals with thermal evaluation of electrical insulation materials and in particular insulation systems used in electrical equipment. In particular, thermal classes of insulation systems are defined and designations are given, such as 130 (B), 155 (F) and 180 (H) for use in rotating machines belonging to IEC 60034-1. In the past, materials for insulation systems were often selected solely on the basis of thermal endurance of individual materials performed according to the IEC 60216 series. However, IEC 60085 recognizes that such selection may be used only for screening materials prior to further functional evaluation of a new insulation system which is not service-proven. Evaluation is performed on the basis of a comparison with a service-proven reference insulation system. Service experience is the preferred basis for assessing the thermal endurance of an insulation system.

IEC 62539 defines statistical methods to analyse times to breakdown and breakdown voltage data obtained from electrical testing of solid insulation materials, for the purposes of characterization of the system and comparison with other insulation systems. The methods of analysis are described for the Weibull-distribution, but other distributions are also presented.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60034 deals with the general guidelines for functional evaluation of electrical insulation systems, used or proposed to be used in rotating electrical machines within the scope of IEC 60034-1, in order to qualify them.

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 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-18-21, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-21: Functional evaluation of insulation systems – Test procedures for wire-wound windings – Thermal evaluation and classification*

~~IEC 60034-18-22, Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-22: Functional evaluation of insulation systems – Test procedures for wire-wound windings – Classification of changes and insulation component substitutions~~

IEC 60034-18-31, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-31: Functional evaluation of insulation systems – Test procedures for form-wound windings – Thermal evaluation and classification of insulation systems used in rotating machines up to and including 50 MVA and 15 kV*

IEC 60034-18-32, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-32: Functional evaluation of insulation systems (Type II) – Test procedures for form-wound windings – Evaluation of electrical endurance of insulation systems used in machines up to and including 50 MVA and 15 kV Electrical endurance qualification procedures for form-wound windings*

IEC TS 60034-18-33, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-33: Functional evaluation of insulation systems – Test procedures for form-wound windings – Multifactor functional evaluation – endurance under combined thermal and electrical stresses of insulation systems used in machines up to and including 50 MVA and 15 kV Multifactor evaluation by endurance under simultaneous thermal and electrical stresses*

IEC 60034-18-34, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-34: Functional evaluation of insulation systems – Test procedures for form-wound windings – Evaluation of thermomechanical endurance of insulation systems*

IEC 60034-18-41:2014, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-41: Qualification and type tests for Type I electrical insulation systems used in rotating electrical machines fed from voltage converters* Partial discharge free electrical insulation systems (Type I) used in rotating electrical machines fed from voltage converters – Qualification and quality control tests
IEC 60034-18-41:2014/AMD1:2019

IEC ~~TS~~ 60034-18-42, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 18-42: ~~Qualification and acceptance tests for partial discharge resistant electrical insulation systems (Type II) used in rotating electrical machines fed from voltage converters~~ Partial discharge resistant electrical insulation systems (Type II) used in rotating electrical machines fed from voltage converters – Qualification tests*

IEC 60034-27-3, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 27-3: Dielectric dissipation factor measurement on stator winding insulation of rotating electrical machines*

IEC 60085, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation ~~of electrical insulation~~*

~~IEC 60216 (all parts), Electrical insulating materials – Properties of thermal endurance~~

IEC 60493-1, *Guide for the statistical analysis of ageing test data – Part 1: Methods based on mean values of normally distributed test results*

IEC 60505:2004/2011, *Evaluation and qualification of electrical insulation systems*

IEC 61858-1:2014, *Electrical insulation systems – Thermal evaluation of modifications to an established electrical insulation system (EIS) – Part 1: Wire-wound winding EIS*

IEC 61858-2:2014, *Electrical insulation systems – Thermal evaluation of modifications to an established electrical insulation system (EIS) – Part 2: Form-wound EIS*

IEC 62539, *Guide for the statistical analysis of electrical insulation breakdown data*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1 General terms

3.1.1

class temperature

temperature for which the insulation system is suitable, as defined by the thermal class in IEC 60085 and as used in IEC 60505

3.1.2

electrical insulation system

EIS

insulating structure containing one or more electrical insulating materials (EIM) ~~applied over~~ together with associated conducting parts employed in ~~rotating electrical machines~~ an electrotechnical device

[SOURCE: IEC 60505:2004/2011, 3.1.1, ~~modified~~]

~~NOTE 1 There may be several insulation components within the windings, each being designed for different stresses in service, i.e. turn insulation, slot insulation and end winding insulation. Different criteria may be applied to the various components within the overall system.~~

~~NOTE 2 There may be more than one insulation system in a particular type of machine. These insulation systems may have different thermal classes (e.g. stator and rotor windings).~~