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EN 60076-3:2013 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 60073-3:2001:

- Three categories of transformer are clearly identified together with the relevant test requirements, these are summarised in Table 1.
- Switching impulse levels are defined for all  $U_m > 72,5 \text{ kV}$ .
- The procedure for Induced voltage tests with PD has been revised to ensure adequate phase to phase test voltages.
- The AC withstand test has been redefined (LTAC instead of ACSD).
- Induced voltage tests are now based on  $U_r$  rather than  $U_m$ .
- New requirements for impulse waveshape (k factor) have been introduced.
- Tables of test levels have been merged and aligned with IEC 60071-1:2010.
- Additional test levels have been introduced for  $U_m > 800 \text{ kV}$ .
- A new Annex E has been introduced, which sets out the principles used in assigning the tests, test levels and clearances in air.

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IEC 60060-2		High-voltage test techniques - Part 2: Measuring systems	EN 60060-2	
IEC 60071-1		Insulation co-ordination - Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules	EN 60071-1	
IEC 60076-1		Power transformers - Part 1: General	EN 60076-1	
IEC 60137		Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V	EN 60137	
IEC 60270		High-voltage test techniques - Partial discharge measurements	EN 60270	

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60076 specifies the insulation requirements and the corresponding insulation tests with reference to specific windings and their terminals. It also recommends external clearances in air (Clause 16).

The insulation levels and dielectric tests which are specified in this standard apply to the internal insulation only. Whilst it is reasonable that the rated withstand voltage values which are specified for the internal insulation of the transformer should also be taken as a reference for its external insulation, this may not be true in all cases. A failure of the non-self-restoring internal insulation is catastrophic and normally leads to the transformer being out of service for a long period, while an external flashover may involve only a short interruption of service without causing lasting damage. Therefore, it may be that, for increased safety, higher test voltages are specified by the purchaser for the internal insulation of the transformer than for the external insulation of other components in the system. When such a distinction is made, the external clearances should be adjusted to fully cover the internal insulation test requirements.

Annex E sets out some of the principles used in assigning the tests, test levels and clearances in air to the transformer according to the highest voltage for equipment  $U_m$ .

## POWER TRANSFORMERS –

### Part 3: Insulation levels, dielectric tests and external clearances in air

#### 1 Scope

This International Standard applies to power transformers as defined by and in the scope of IEC 60076-1. It gives details of the applicable dielectric tests and minimum dielectric test levels. Recommended minimum external clearances in air between live parts and between live parts and earth are given for use when these clearances are not specified by the purchaser.

For categories of power transformers and reactors which have their own IEC standards, this standard is applicable only to the extent in which it is specifically called up by cross reference in the other standards.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. 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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IEC 60137, *Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V*

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

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60076-1, IEC 60050-421 and the following apply.

##### 3.1

##### **highest voltage for equipment applicable to a transformer winding**

$U_m$

highest r.m.s. phase-to-phase voltage in a three-phase system for which a transformer winding is designed in respect of its insulation