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**Electrical insulation -  
Thermal classification  
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Isolation électrique -  
Classification thermique  
(CEI 60085:2004)

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## Foreword

The text of document 15E/232/FDIS, future edition 3 of IEC 60085, prepared by SC 15E, Methods of test, of IEC TC 15, Insulating materials, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60085 on 2004-09-01.

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<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60216-1	- <sup>1)</sup>	Electrical insulating materials - Properties of thermal endurance Part 1: Ageing procedures and evaluation of test results	EN 60216-1	2001 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60216-5	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 5: Determination of relative thermal endurance index (RTE) of an insulating material	EN 60216-5	2003 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 60216-6	- <sup>1)</sup>	Part 6: Determination of thermal endurance indices (TI and RTE) of an insulating material using the fixed time frame method	EN 60216-6	2004 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 61857-1	- <sup>1)</sup>	Electrical insulation systems - Procedures for thermal evaluation Part 1: General requirements - Low-voltage	EN 61857-1	1999 <sup>2)</sup>
IEC 62114	- <sup>1)</sup>	Electrical insulation systems (EIS) - Thermal classification	EN 62114	2001 <sup>2)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Undated reference.

<sup>2)</sup> Valid edition at date of issue.



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International Standard IEC 60085 has been prepared by subcommittee 15E: Methods of test, of IEC technical committee 15: Insulating materials.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, published in 1984, and constitutes a technical revision. This new edition distinguishes between thermal classes for electrical insulation systems and electrical insulating materials.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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15E/232/FDIS	15E/237/RVD

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## ELECTRICAL INSULATION – THERMAL CLASSIFICATION

### 1 Scope

This standard gives guidance on the application of international standards in assigning a thermal class to electrical insulating materials (EIM) or simple combinations of such materials (IEC 60216-1), to electrical insulation systems (IEC 62114) and to insulation for electrical devices.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60216-5, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 5: Determination of relative thermal endurance index (RTE) of an insulating material*

IEC 60216-6, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 6: Determination of thermal endurance indices (TI and RTE) of an insulating material using the fixed time frame method*

IEC 61857-1, *Electrical insulation systems – Procedures for thermal evaluation – Part 1: General requirements – Low-voltage*

IEC 62114, *Electrical insulation systems – Thermal classification*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

#### **electrical insulating material**

#### **EIM**

solid with negligibly low electric conductivity, or a simple combination of such materials, used to separate conducting parts at different electrical potential in electrical devices

NOTE 1 In English, the term “insulating material” is sometimes used in a broader sense to designate also insulating liquids and gases.

NOTE 2 For testing purposes, electrodes may be applied on material specimens without this combination formally constituting an EIS to be tested as such.