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- the title has been changed to “Design requirements” in order to reflect that the standard presents safety requirements rather than requirements for safety or protection of personnel;
- wind turbine class designations have been adjusted and now refer to reference wind speed and expected value of turbulence intensities only;
- turbulence models have been expanded and include an extreme turbulence model;
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- the partial safety factors for loads have been adjusted and simplified;
- the partial safety factors for materials have been amended and specified in terms of material types and component classes;
- the requirements for the control and protection system have been amended and clarified in terms of functional characteristics;
- a new clause on assessment of structural and electrical compatibility has been introduced with detailed requirements for assessment, including information on complex terrain, earthquakes and wind farm wake effects.

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IEC 60204-11	2000	Part 11: Requirements for HV equipment for voltages above 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. and not exceeding 36 kV	EN 60204-11	2000
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IEC 60721-2-1	1982	Classification of environmental conditions Part 2: Environmental conditions appearing in nature - Temperature and humidity	HD 478.2.1 S1 <sup>1)</sup>	1989
IEC 61000-6-1 (mod)	1997	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) Part 6-1: Generic standards - Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments	EN 61000-6-1	2001
IEC 61000-6-2 (mod)	1999	Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity for industrial environments	EN 61000-6-2 <sup>2)</sup>	2001
IEC 61000-6-4 (mod)	1997	Part 6-4: Generic standards - Emission standard for industrial environments	EN 61000-6-4	2001
IEC 61024-1	1990	Protection of structures against lightning Part 1: General principles	-	-
IEC 61312-1	1995	Protection against lightning electromagnetic impulse Part 1: General principles	-	-
IEC 61400-21	2001	Wind turbine generator systems Part 21: Measurement and assessment of power quality characteristics of grid connected wind turbines	EN 61400-21	2002

<sup>1)</sup> HD 478.2.1 S1 includes A1:1987 to IEC 60721-2-1:1982.

<sup>2)</sup> EN 61000-6-2:2001 is superseded by EN 61000-6-2:2005, which is based on IEC 61000-6-2:2005.

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ISO 281	1990	Rolling bearings - Dynamic load ratings and rating life	-	-
ISO 2394	1998	General principles on reliability for structures	-	-
ISO 2533	1975	Standard atmosphere	-	-
ISO 4354	1997	Wind actions on structures	-	-
ISO 6336-1	1996	Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears Part 1: Basic principles, introduction and general influence factors	-	-
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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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IEC 61400 consists of the following parts under the general title *Wind turbine generator systems*:

- Part 1: Design requirements
- Part 2: Design requirements for small wind turbines
- Part 11: Acoustic noise measurement techniques
- Part 12: Wind turbine power performance testing
- Part 13: Measurement of mechanical loads
- Part 14: Declaration of apparent sound power level and tonality values
- Part 21: Measurement and assessment of power quality characteristics of grid connected wind turbines
- Part 23: Full-scale structural testing of rotor blades
- Part 24: Lightning protection

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61400 outlines minimum design requirements for wind turbines and is not intended for use as a complete design specification or instruction manual.

Any of the requirements of this standard may be altered if it can be suitably demonstrated that the safety of the system is not compromised. This provision, however, does not apply to the classification and the associated definitions of external conditions in Clause 6. Compliance with this standard does not relieve any person, organization, or corporation from the responsibility of observing other applicable regulations.

The standard is not intended to give requirements for wind turbines installed offshore, in particular for the support structure. A future document dealing with offshore installations is under consideration.

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## WIND TURBINES –

### Part 1: Design requirements

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400 specifies essential design requirements to ensure the engineering integrity of wind turbines. Its purpose is to provide an appropriate level of protection against damage from all hazards during the planned lifetime.

This standard is concerned with all subsystems of wind turbines such as control and protection mechanisms, internal electrical systems, mechanical systems and support structures.

This standard applies to wind turbines of all sizes. For small wind turbines IEC 61400-2 may be applied.

This standard should be used together with the appropriate IEC and ISO standards mentioned in Clause 2.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60364 (all parts), *Electrical installations of buildings*

IEC 60721-2-1:1982, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 2: Environmental conditions appearing in nature. Temperature and humidity*

IEC 61000-6-1:1997, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6: Generic standards – Section 1: Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

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IEC 61000-6-4:1997, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6: Generic standards – Section 4: Emission standard for industrial environments*

IEC 61024-1:1990, *Protection of structures against lightning – Part 1: General principles*

IEC 61312-1:1995, *Protection against lightning electromagnetic impulse – Part 1: General principle*

IEC 61400-21:2001, *Wind turbine generator systems – Part 21: Measurement and assessment of power quality characteristics of grid connected wind turbines*

IEC 61400-24: 2002, *Wind turbine generator systems – Part 24: Lightning protection*

ISO 76:1987, *Rolling bearings – Static load ratings*

ISO 281:1990, *Rolling bearings – Dynamic load ratings and rating life*

ISO 2394:1998, *General principles on reliability for structures*

ISO 2533:1975, *Standard Atmosphere*

ISO 4354:1997, *Wind actions on structures*

ISO 6336 (all parts), *Calculation of load capacity of spur and helical gears*

ISO 9001:2000, *Quality management systems – Requirements*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **annual average**

mean value of a set of measured data of sufficient size and duration to serve as an estimate of the expected value of the quantity. The averaging time interval should be a whole number of years to average out non-stationary effects such as seasonality

#### 3.2

##### **annual average wind speed**

$V_{ave}$

wind speed averaged according to the definition of annual average

#### 3.3

##### **auto-reclosing cycle**

event with a time period, varying from approximately 0,01 s to a few seconds, during which a breaker released after a grid fault is automatically reclosed and the line is reconnected to the network

#### 3.4

##### **blocking (wind turbines)**

use of a mechanical pin or other device (other than the ordinary mechanical brake) that cannot be released accidentally to prevent movement, for instance of the rotor shaft or yaw mechanism

#### 3.5

##### **brake (wind turbines)**

device capable of reducing the rotor speed or stopping rotation

NOTE The brake may operate on, for example, aerodynamic, mechanical or electrical principles.

#### 3.6

##### **characteristic value**

value having a prescribed probability of not being attained (i.e. an exceedance probability of less than or equal to a prescribed amount)