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- b) complete rework of Annex G and the corresponding program.

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Part 6: Determination of thermal endurance indices (TI and RTI) of an insulating material using the fixed time frame method

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60216 specifies the experimental and calculation procedures for deriving the thermal endurance characteristics, temperature index (TI) and relative temperature index (RTI) of an electrical insulating material (EIM) using the “fixed time frame method (FTFM)”.

In this protocol, the ageing takes place for a small number of fixed times, using the appropriate number of ageing temperatures throughout each time, the properties of the specimens being measured at the end of the relevant time interval. This differs from the procedure of IEC 60216-1, where ageing is conducted at a small number of fixed temperatures, property measurement taking place after ageing times dependent on the progress of ageing.

The diagnostic tests employed in the fixed time frame method are restricted to destructive tests. The method has not yet been applied to non-destructive or proof test procedures.

Both the TI and the RTI determined according to the FTFM protocol are derived from experimental data obtained in accordance with the instructions of IEC 60216-1 and IEC 60216-2 as modified in this part of IEC 60216. The calculation procedures and statistical tests are modified from those of IEC 60216-3 and IEC 60216-5.

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IEC 60212, *Standard conditions for use prior to and during the testing of solid electrical insulating materials*

IEC 60216-1:2013, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 1: Ageing procedures and evaluation of test results*

IEC 60216-2, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 2: Determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials – Choice of test criteria*

IEC 60216-3:2021, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 3: Instructions for calculating thermal endurance characteristics*

IEC 60216-4-1, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 4-1: Ageing ovens – Single-chamber ovens*

IEC 60216-4-2, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 4-2: Ageing ovens – Precision ovens for use up to 300 °C*

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IEC 60216-5:2022, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 5: Determination of relative temperature index (RTI) of an insulating material*

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

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1

electrical insulating material

EIM

material of low electric conductivity, used to separate conducting parts at different electric potentials or to isolate such parts from the surroundings

3.1.2

assessed temperature index

ATI

numerical value of the temperature index in degrees Celsius of the reference EIM

Note 1 to entry: The ATI of a specific material may vary between different applications of the material.

3.1.3

ageing temperature

temperature in degrees Celsius at which a group of specimens is thermally aged

3.1.4

end-point temperature

temperature in degrees Celsius at which a specimen is considered to have reached end-point after ageing for a specified time

3.1.5

candidate EIM

material for which an estimate of the thermal endurance is required to be determined

Note 1 to entry: The determination is made by simultaneous thermal ageing of the material and a reference EIM.

3.1.6

central second moment of a data group

sum of the squares of the differences between the data values and the value of the group mean divided by the number of data items in the group

3.1.7

95 % confidence limit

statistical parameter, calculated from test data, which with 95 % confidence constitutes an upper or lower limit for the true value of a quantity estimated by statistical analysis