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- a) In 7.3, the term "resistivity" has been replaced by "conductivity".

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the method of test for the determination of the proof and comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials on pieces taken from parts of equipment and on plaques of material using alternating voltage.

This document provides a procedure for the determination of erosion when required.

The proof tracking index is used as an acceptance criterion as well as a means for the quality control of materials and fabricated parts. The comparative tracking index is mainly used for the basic characterization and comparison of the properties of materials.

This test method evaluates the composition of the material as well as the surface of the material being evaluated. Both the composition and surface condition directly influence the results of the evaluation and are considered when using the results in material selection process.

The described test method is designed for a test voltage up to 600 V AC, because higher test voltages and DC voltage will lead to a reduced test severity.

Test results are not directly suitable for the evaluation of safe creepage distances when designing electrical apparatus.

The results of this method have been used for insulation coordination of equipment. It is important that use of these results also considers the overvoltage levels, creepage distances, and establishes the pollution degree to which the product insulation system will be expected to be subjected. This is in compliance with IEC 60664-1.

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