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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-013, Measurement and Protection Transformers to supersede AS 1675—1986 one year after publication. During this period it is anticipated that regulatory authorities will approve current transformers to either standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide users and manufacturers of current transformers with definitions of terms, safety requirements, methods of specifying performance and methods of test.

This Standard is Part One of a series covering instrument transformers. The series consists of the following Standards:

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60044.1 Part 1: Current transformers (this Standard)

60044.2 Part 2: Single-phase inductive voltage transformers

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Attention is drawn to the following differences between this Standard and AS 1675—1986.

- (a) This Standard has a new thermal class for windings in oil and hermetically sealed that allows 60 °C temperature rise. See Table 2, *Limits of temperature rise of the windings*.
- (b) This Standard has highest voltages for equipment of 170 kV and 245 kV in place of 245 kV in AS 1675—1986. See Table 3, *Rated insulation levels for transformer primary windings*.
- (c) This Standard introduces reduced levels of permissible partial discharges across the complete range of system earthing types and voltages, with increases in prestress voltage level (from the current 1.3 times the nominal voltage of the system U_n level to the induced voltage withstand test level) and in testing voltage level (from 1.1 U_m to 1.3 U_m). See Clause 5.1.2.2, *Partial discharges* and Clause 8.2.2.2, *Partial discharge test procedure*.
- (d) This Standard allows a maximum permissible voltage across secondary winding of up to 4.5 kV for all cores and up to 10 kV for PX class (the PL class of AS 1675—1986). See Clause 5.1.5, *Inter-turn insulation requirements*.

- (e) This Standard introduces requirements for minimum insulator creepage distance and arcing/creepage ratio for various pollution levels. See Clause 5.1.6, *Requirements for the external insulation*.
- (f) This Standard requires repeated dielectric testing to be performed at 80% of the initial power frequency voltage (and not 75% as in AS 1675—1986). See Clause 6.2.
- (g) This Standard covers measurement of dielectric dissipation factor as a special test, and not as a routine test as does AS 1675—1986. See Clause 6.3, *Special tests*.
- (h) This Standard tests radio interference voltage with a prestress voltage of $1.5 U_m/\sqrt{3}$, and a limit of 300 pC or 2500 μV at $1.1 U_m/\sqrt{3}$. This test is also required for voltages 123 kV and upwards (and not from 245 kV as in AS 1675—1986). See Clause 7.5, *Radio interference voltage measurement*.
- (i) This Standard includes requirements for measurement of partial discharges different to those in AS 1675—1986 (which calls up AS 2532 which has been withdrawn). See Clause 8.2.2, *Partial discharge measurement*.
- (j) This Standard introduces new special tests of chopped impulse on primary winding and mechanical testing of primary terminals. See Clause 9.1, *Chopped impulse test on primary winding* and Clause 5.2, *Mechanical requirements*.
- (k) Special Metering Classes are introduced in this Standard as classes 0.2S and 0.5S for the secondary current 5 A only, with a current range from 1-120% (that can be extended to 150% and 200%). AS 1675—1986 has classes 0.1ME, 0.2ME and 0.5ME for secondary currents 1 A and 5 A, but the current range is 2.5-125/150, 200%. See Clause 11.2, *Limits of current error and phase displacement for measuring current transformers*.
- (l) This Standard allows a higher error margin for errors measured at 5-20% of rated current than does AS 1675—1986, but better accuracy can be achieved by selecting a different class for such needs. See Clause 11.2, *Limits of current error and phase displacement for measuring current transformers*.
- (m) This Standard requires a maximum current of 120% for accuracy testing of metering CTs instead of the 125% required in AS 1675—1986. See Clause 11.2, *Limits of current error and phase displacement for measuring current transformers*.
- (n) This Standard allows protective classes 5P and 10P to have accuracies of 1% and 3% respectively. See Clause 12.3, *Limits of errors for protective current transformers*.
- (o) Tests for accuracy are done at 1.0 power factor in AS 1675—1986. This Standard requires tests for accuracy to be done at 0.8 power factor or at 1.0 power factor with the results converted to equivalent results at 0.8 power factor. See Clause 12.3, *Limits of errors for protective current transformers*.
- (p) AS 1675—1986 covered class PS which is not covered in this Standard. However, class PR (air gaps) of this Standard deals with requirements of this type. See Clause 13, *Additional requirements for class PR protective current transformers*.
- (q) This Standard includes a class PX which covers all requirements of class PL in AS 1675—1986. See Clause 14, *Additional requirements for class PX protective current transformers*.
- (r) This Standard does not have requirements for thermal stability testing.
- (s) This Standard has no requirements for variation of error margins during accuracy testing of metering cores.

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1 General**1.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 44 applies to newly manufactured current transformers for use with electrical measuring instruments and electrical protective devices at frequencies from 15 Hz to 100 Hz.

Although the requirements relate basically to transformers with separate windings, they are also applicable, where appropriate, to autotransformers.

Clause 11 covers the requirements and tests, in addition to those in clauses 3 to 10, that are necessary for current transformers for use with electrical measuring instruments.

Clause 12 covers the requirements and tests, in addition to those in clauses 3 to 10, that are necessary for current transformers for use with electrical protective relays, and in particular for forms of protection in which the prime requirement is the maintenance of accuracy up to several times the rated current.

For certain protective systems, where the current transformer characteristics are dependant on the overall design of the protective equipment (for example high-speed balanced systems and earth-fault protection in resonant earthed networks), additional requirements are given in clause 13 for class PR transformers and in clause 14 for class PX transformers.

Clause 13 covers the requirements and tests in addition to those in clauses 3 to 10 that are necessary for current transformers for use with electrical protective relays, and in particular for forms of protection in which the prime requirement is the absence of remanent flux.

Clause 14 covers the requirements and tests in addition to those in clauses 3 to 10 that are necessary for current transformers for use with electrical protective relays, and in particular for forms of protection for which knowledge of the transformer's secondary excitation characteristic, secondary winding resistance, secondary burden resistance and turns ratio is sufficient to assess its performance in relation to the protective relay system with which it is to be used.

Current transformers intended for both measurement and protection shall comply with all the clauses of this standard.