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2	General use of dated references
3.29	Clarification on identification of maximum and minimum current
3.34	Definition of main insulation
3.35	Definition of converter capable machine
3.36	Definition of converter duty machine
3.37	Definition of shaft voltage
4.2	Explanation for using duty types S9 and S10 for converter duty machines
5.6.3	New subclause for clarification of the terms range of rated voltages and voltage variations
6.2	Requirement to consider reduced arcing distance in machine design for altitudes >1 000 m
7.1	Clarification on bus transfer or fast reclosing Clarification on the capability to withstand impulse voltages
7.3	New subclause on voltage deviation during starting
7.4	Extended variation of supply frequency Note added on design for operation with extended voltage and frequency Recommended derating added for high variations of voltage and frequency
7.6	Clarification that enamelled wires are no bare wiring material
8.3.1	Clarification on electrical supply during thermal tests added
9.1	Changes in Table 16, especially inclusion of PM and reluctance synchronous machines
9.2	Requirement on test equipment for withstand voltage test added Test voltage for variable speed AC machines added Clarification to withstand voltage test for machines after stock holding
9.5	Extended to requirements for minimum locked rotor torque
9.10	Note added on criteria for commutation test
9.11.3	Clarification added that synchronous motors do not need a THD test
9.12	New subclause on protective earth test
9.13	New subclause on measurement of insulation resistance and polarization index
9.14	New subclause on shaft-voltage measurement
10.	Clause has been rearranged completely Clarification on unit symbol for speed added
11.1	Clarification on protective earth test after installation added
12.1	Clarification on the tolerances due to the accuracy of the test equipment Note on measurement uncertainty added
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## Part 1: Rating and performance

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IEC 60027-1:1992/AMD1:1997  
IEC 60027-1:1992/AMD2:2005

IEC 60027-4:2006, *Letter symbols to be used in electrical technology – Part 4: Rotating electric machines*

IEC 60034-2 (all parts), *Rotating electrical machines – Part 2: Standard methods for determining losses and efficiency from tests (excluding machines for traction vehicles)*

IEC 60034-3:2020, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 3: Specific requirements for synchronous generators driven by steam turbines or combustion gas turbines and for synchronous compensators*

IEC 60034-5:2020, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification*

IEC 60034-6:1991, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 6: Methods of cooling (IC code)*

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