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- a) The structure has been redrafted according to IEC 60398:2015.
- b) The scope has been redrafted.
- c) The terms/definitions, normative references and bibliography have been updated and completed.
- d) The test methods and content from IEC 60398:2015 have been confirmed, replaced, or complemented with regards to direct arc furnaces (EAF, LF).

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## INTRODUCTION

Direct electrical arc furnaces are very important applications for steel scrap melting, melting of direct reduced iron (DRI), hot bricked iron (HBI) or hot metal. While ladle furnaces are mainly used for providing the required quality and final adjustment of temperature of molten steel before sending to casting machine or to vacuum treatment stations.

The manufacturer of the installation or equipment usually fulfils the following requirements, which come from different sources and are quite often in this order of priorities:

- a) to enable the intended process and make the installation work properly;
- b) to be cost effective during design and manufacturing;
- c) to ensure that the equipment is safe to use in the sense of providing freedom from unacceptable risk of physical injury or damage to the health of the operator (safety in the narrower sense of ISO 12100:2010);
- d) to ensure that the equipment is safe to use in the sense of providing freedom from unacceptable risk of physical injury or damage to the health of people, or damage to property or the environment (adding other safety aims to item c), and in the much broader definition of safety according to ISO/IEC Guide 51);
- e) to prove that the equipment is cost effective to operate and uses sufficiently small amounts of energy, material and other resources.

It is usually part of the proprietary knowledge of the manufacturer or user of the equipment, to make it cost effective or enable intended processes with a benefit. IEC 60519-1 and IEC 60519-4 assist with achieving safety in the ISO 12100:2010 sense. The focus of this document is on basic requirements for measuring installation and test methods concerned with energy and resource efficiency, performance of the intended process and assessing cost of ownership for installations and equipment.

This document presumes that the installation or equipment is operated and maintained only by personnel consisting of skilled or instructed persons.

## INDUSTRIAL ELECTROHEATING EQUIPMENT – TEST METHODS FOR DIRECT ARC FURNACES

### 1 Scope

This clause of IEC 60398:2015 is replaced by the following.

#### *Replacement:*

This document specifies the basic test procedures, conditions and methods for establishing the main performance parameters and the main operational characteristics of furnaces for direct arc heating, forming arcs between the **electrode** and metal, such as electric arc furnaces using alternating current (**EAF AC**) or direct current (**EAF DC**), and ladle furnaces (LF), with rated power level above 500 kVA .

Measurements and tests that are solely used for the verification of safety requirements of equipment for direct electrical arc furnaces are outside the scope of this document and are covered by IEC 60519-1, IEC 60519-4 and ISO 13578.

This document is applicable for the commissioning, verification, or design improvements or for energy related tasks with respect to energy use or energy efficiency, establishing of an energy baseline, and labelling. Some concepts from this document can directly be used as key performance indicators.

Detailed tests for specific types of electric arc furnace equipment and installations are beyond the scope of this document. This document is intended as general reference for all future test standards applicable to particular electric arc furnace equipment or installations.

This document includes the concept and material presented in IEC 60398 on energy efficiency dealing with the electrical and processing parts of the equipment, as well as the overall performance.

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