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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- reintroduction of specific diameters of foam-filled tubes and solid rods of circular cross-section with its tolerances;
- reintroduction of the dielectric tests before and after exposure to humidity, as included in IEC 60855-1:2009;
- specification of an alternative test (after exposure to immersion) in case of foam-filled tubes and solid rods having completed the production phase;
- review of phase angle maximum specified values;

- review of the wet test procedure and the improvement of the associated test arrangement.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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78/1147/FDIS	78/1156/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60855 series, published under the general title *Live working – Insulating foam-filled tubes and solid rods*, can be found on the IEC website.

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Technical committee 78 is considering the preparation of IEC 60855-2, which would cover foam-filled tubes and solid rods of cross-section other than circular.

LIVE WORKING – INSULATING FOAM-FILLED TUBES AND SOLID RODS –

Part 1: Tubes and rods of a circular cross-section

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60855 is applicable to *insulating foam-filled tubes* and solid rods, of a circular cross-section, made of synthetic materials with reinforced fibreglass and intended to be used in the manufacture and construction of tools, devices and equipment for carrying out live working on electrical systems operating at voltages above 1 kV.

Foam-filled tubes and solid rods of cross-section other than circular and/or made with material other than synthetic materials with reinforced fibreglass are not covered by this part of IEC 60855.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60060-1, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60060-2, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 2: Measuring systems*

IEC 60212:2010, *Standard conditions for use prior to and during the testing of solid electrical insulating materials*

IEC 61318, *Live working – Conformity assessment applicable to tools, devices and equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61318 and the following apply.

3.1 foam

insulating material composed of closed cells, generally made of polyurethane, used to prevent the ingress and migration of moisture

Note 1 to entry: *Foam* is the inner support to manufacture the *foam-filled tubes* covered by this part of IEC 60855.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-651:2014, 651-22-03, modified – The note has been changed to refer specifically to the *foam filled tubes* covered by this part of IEC 60855.]

3.2 insulating foam-filled tube foam-filled tube

tube of uniform circular cross-section supplied in straight lengths, manufactured on a *foam* and constructed or formed of synthetic insulating rigid material with reinforced fibreglass