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FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 61558-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 96: Transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2005 and Amendment 1:2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) fully insulated winding wires (FIW), new tables and aging tests for FIW constructions,
b) overvoltage categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 for clearances and dielectric strength tests (new tables) are included,
c) development of new symbols for the different overvoltage categories,
d) symbol for maximum altitudes, if higher than 2 000 m,
e) symbol for plug in power supply units, if the pins are damaged (tumbling barrel test),

f) symbol for minimum temperature (even during the transportation),

g) alternative temperature measurement, simulated load and back to back method according to IEC 60076-11,

h) short circuit and overload protection, simulated load and back to back method according to IEC 60076-11,

i) adjustment of temperatures in Table 2 according to CENELEC Guide 29,

j) establishing partial discharge test above 750 V for FIW constructions,

k) requirements for toroidal core constructions, division for basic and for supplementary isolation,

l) modification of protection indexes for enclosures (IP-code),

m) dimensioning of rectangular cross section connectors for transformers,

n) repetition test, 80 % of required dielectric strength test voltage of Table 14,

o) vibration test for vehicles and railway applications,

p) two Y1 Capacitors for working voltages above 250 V and not exceeding 500 V with overvoltage category 3.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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96/466/FDIS	96/468/RVD

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

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

It has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104.

A list of all parts of the IEC 61558 series, published under the general title *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combination thereof,* can be found on the IEC website.

Future standards in this series will carry the new general title as cited above. Titles of existing standards in this series will be updated at the time of the next edition.

In this document, the following print types are used:

– proper requirements: in roman type;

– *test specifications: in italic type*;

– explanatory matters: in smaller roman type.

In the text of the document, the words in **bold** are defined in Clause 3.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

This document covers safety requirements for **transformers**. Where the term **transformer** is used, it covers **transformers**, **reactors** and **power supply units** where applicable.

During the development of this document, to the extent possible, the requirements of IEC 60364 (all parts) were taken into consideration, so that a **transformer** can be installed in accordance with the wiring rules contained in that document. However, national wiring rules can differ.

This document recognizes the internationally accepted levels of protection against the possible electrical, mechanical, and fire hazards caused by **transformers** operating under normal conditions in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal conditions which can occur in practice.

A **transformer** complying with this document will not necessarily be judged to comply with the safety principles of this document if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

A **transformer** employing materials or having forms of construction differing from those detailed in this document may be examined and tested according to the intent of the requirements and, if found to be substantially equivalent, may be judged to comply with the safety principles of this document.

The document dealing with non-safety aspects of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of **transformers** is IEC 62041. However, that document also includes tests that can subject the **transformer** to conditions involving safety aspects.

The objective of of IEC 61558-1 is to provide a set of requirements and tests considered to be generally applicable to most types of **transformers**, and which can be called up as required by the relevant part of IEC 61558-2. IEC 61558-1 is thus not to be regarded as a specification by itself for any type of **transformer**, and its provisions apply only to particular types of **transformers** to the extent determined by the appropriate part of IEC 61558-2. IEC 61558-1 also contains normative routine tests.

Each part of IEC 61558-2 in conjunction with this document contains all the necessary requirements for the **transformer** being covered and does not contain references to other parts of IEC 61558-2. For **transformers** with a protection index IP00 and associated **transformers**, it is possible to have circuits corresponding to different parts of IEC 61558-2 within the same construction (e.g. SELV output circuit according to IEC 61558-2-6 and a 230 V output circuit according to IEC 61558-2-4). However, if the **transformer** is covered by different parts IEC 61558-2, to the extent reasonable, the relevant part of IEC 61558-2 is applied to each function/application separately. If applicable, the effect of one function on the other is taken into consideration.

If an appropriate part of IEC 61558-2 does not exist for a particular **transformer** or group of **transformer**s, the nearest applicable part may be used as a guide to the requirements and tests.

However, individual countries may wish to consider its application, to the extent reasonable, to transformers not mentioned in the IEC 61558-2 series, and to transformers designed on new principles.

Where the requirements of any of the clauses of a part of IEC 61558-2 refer to IEC 61558-1 by the phrase "This clause of Part 1 is applicable", this phrase means that all the requirements of that clause of IEC 61558-1 are applicable, except those requirements that are clearly not applicable to the particular type of **transformer** covered by that part of IEC 61558-2.

The principle for the preparation of the different parts of IEC 61558-2 is as shown in Figure 1.

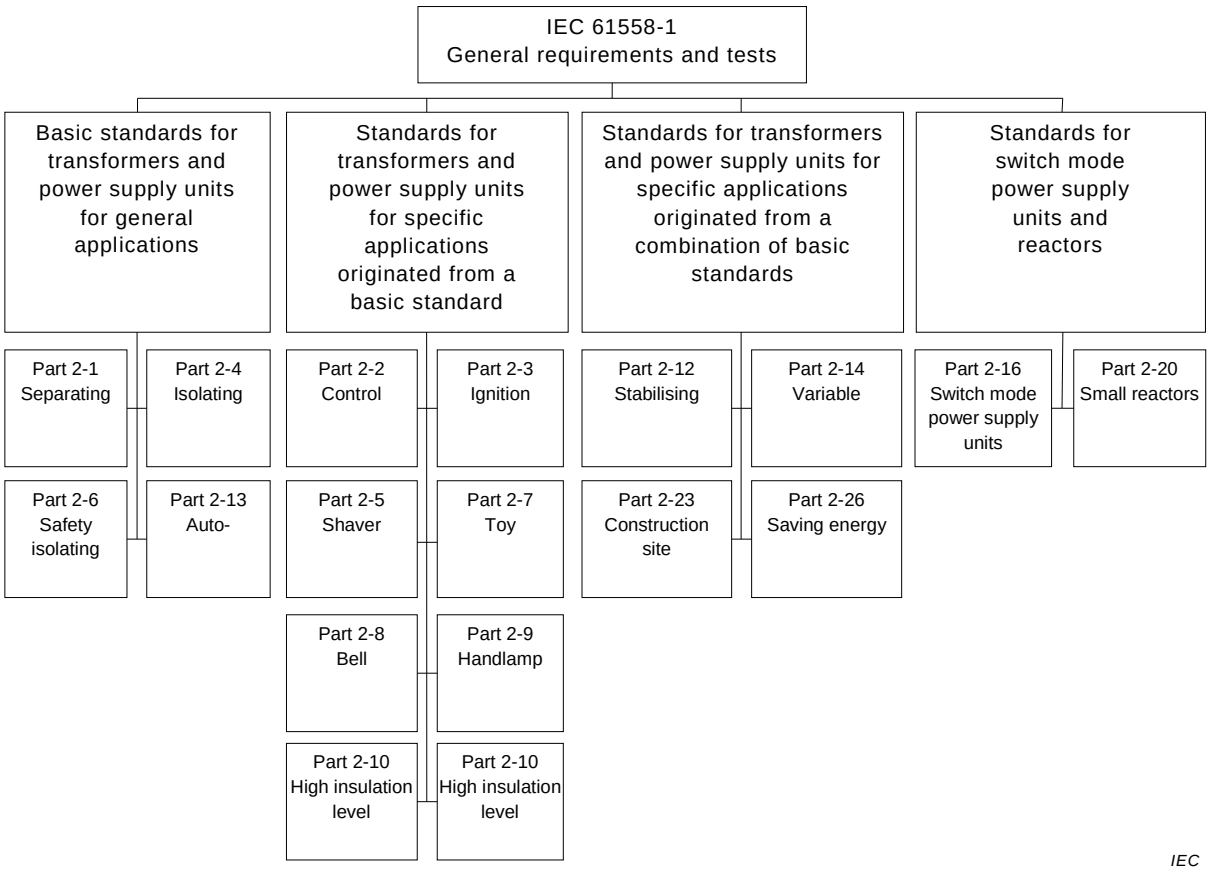

Figure 1 – IEC 61558 principle

Relevant clauses of this document (e.g. clauses dealing with thermal endurance test for windings) apply also to **transformers** forming an integral part of an appliance and which cannot be tested separately.

The IEC 61558 series consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combination thereof:*[1]

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Part 2-1: Particular requirements and tests for separating transformers for general applications

Part 2-2: Particular requirements and tests for control transformers

Part 2-3: Particular requirements and tests for ignition transformers for gas and oil burners

Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers

Part 2-5: Particular requirements and tests for shaver transformers and shaver supply units

Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers

Part 2-7: Particular requirements and tests for transformers for toys

Part 2-8: Particular requirements and tests for transformers for bells and chimes

Part 2-9: Particular requirements and tests for transformers for class III handlamps for tungsten filament lamps

[1] Some of the parts of this series published earlier appeared under the general title *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products or Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar or Safety of power transformers, power supply units and similar devices*. Future editions of these parts will be issued under the new general title indicated above.

Part 2-10: Particular requirements and tests for separating transformers with high insulation level and separating transformers with output voltages exceeding 1 000 V

Part 2-12: Particular requirements and tests for constant voltage transformers

Part 2-13: Particular requirements and tests for auto transformers

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Part 2-16: Particular requirements and tests for switch mode power supply units and transformers for switch mode power supply units

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Part 2-26: Particular requirements and tests for transformers and power supply units all for saving energy and other purposes

Other parts are under consideration.

SAFETY OF TRANSFORMERS, REACTORS, POWER SUPPLY UNITS AND COMBINATIONS THEREOF –

Part 1: General requirements and tests

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61558 deals with safety aspects of **transformers**, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof such as electrical, thermal and mechanical safety.

This document covers the following **independent** or **associated** stationary or portable types of **dry-type transformers**, **power supply units**, including **switch mode power supply units, reactors** and combinations thereof in the field of safety. The windings can be encapsulated or non-encapsulated. They are not forming a part of the distribution network.

NOTE 1 The distinction between transformers, power supply units and switch mode power supply units is as follows:

– for **transformers**, there is no change in frequency. However, **transformers** (e.g. constant voltage **transformers**) can have an internal resonance frequency not exceeding 30 kHz;

– for **power supply units**, the **internal operational frequency** and waveform are different from the **supply frequency** and waveform, and the **internal operational frequency** does not exceed 500 Hz (see definition 3.1.19);

– for **switch mode power supply units**, the **internal operational frequency** and waveform are different from the **supply frequency** and waveform and the **internal operational frequency** exceeds 500 Hz and does not exceed 100 MHz.

The relevant parts of IEC 61558-2 can be found in the introduction of this document.

a) Stationary or portable, single-phase or poly-phase, air-cooled (natural or forced), **isolating** and **safety isolating transformers**, **independent** or **associated** with the following characteristics:

   – **rated supply voltage** not exceeding 1 000 V AC;

   – **rated supply frequency** not exceeding 500 Hz;

   and complying with the following values, unless otherwise specified in the relevant part of IEC 61558-2:

   - for **isolating transformers**:

     – rated output for single phase **transformers**, not exceeding 25 kVA, and for poly-phase **transformers** not exceeding 40 kVA;

     – **no-load output voltage** and the **rated output voltage** exceeding 50 V AC, and not exceeding 500 V a.c, or 1 000 V AC to be in accordance with the national wiring rules or for a special application.

   - for **safety isolating transformers**:

     – **rated output** for single phase **transformers** not exceeding 10 kVA, and for poly-phase **transformers** not exceeding 16 kVA;

     – **no-load output voltage** and the **rated output voltage** not exceeding 50 V AC between conductors, or between any conductor and protective earthing.

NOTE 2 **Isolating** and **safety isolating transformers** are used where **double** or **reinforced insulation** between circuits is required by the installation rules or by the appliance specification (for example toys, bells, portable **tools**, handlamps).

b) **Stationary** or **portable**, single-phase or polyphase, air-cooled (natural or forced) **separating transformers**, **auto-transformers**, **variable transformers** and small **reactors**, **independent** or **associated** with the following characteristics:

   – **rated supply voltage** not exceeding 1 000 V AC;