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Current measuring techniques are essential for controlling and diagnosing apparatus that support industry and society. As current measuring devices, optical current sensors based on magneto-optic effect have been developed. As these sensors enable advanced current measurement free from the issues related to conventional current sensors based on electromagnetic induction, they have been applied in various fields including power systems.

Given the expectations for the potential of this sensing technology, various kinds of optical current sensors for various applications have been proposed by manufacturers. With this background, there are many kinds (target current for measurement, configuration of sensor, signal processing method, installation method) of optical current sensors for various applications. When developing a new optical current sensor, the evaluation and design of performance and characteristics are carried out in each case.

For promoting the dissemination of optical current sensors, it is important to define the terms representing performance and functionality of the optical current sensor, which is manufactured on the basis of sensing technology. It is also important to make clear how to evaluate such terms. This makes it possible to design the sensor efficiently and properly and to transfer the sensor smoothly from a supplier to a user by settling these issues. Under these circumstances, a set of methods is summarized in this document for evaluating the performance and characteristics of optical current sensors. As the required performance for a sensor depends on its application, the performance is not defined quantitatively in this document. However, with the help of this document, the quantitative measures of sensor performance will be defined in designing the sensor itself in anticipation of its practical application.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61757 defines terminology, structure, and a characteristic test method of an optical current sensor using the polarimetric method. It addresses the current sensing element only and not the additional devices that are unique to each application. Generic specifications for fibre optic sensors are defined in IEC 61757.

As the specifications of optical polarimetric fibre current sensors required by each user vary depending on the application, this document does not define the required performance values. The required performance values are defined when designing a sensor according to the specific application.

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3.1

current conducting coil

air-core coil made of lead wires that applies electric current, which is used to apply the equal magnetic field generated by the current to be measured to an optical fibre or a bulk-form Faraday element when conducting a characteristic test of optical current sensor

3.2

external magnetic field

magnetic field generated from anywhere other than the conductor where the current to be measured is passing in an optical current sensor

3.3

Faraday effect

circular birefringence that is generated when an external magnetic field is imposed on a substance