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1 Scope

This International Standard applies to self-commutated converter valves, for use in a three-phase bridge voltage sourced converter (VSC) for high voltage d.c. power transmission or as part of a back-to-back link. It is restricted to electrical type and production tests.

The scope of this standard includes the electrical type and production tests on dynamic braking valves which may be used in some HVDC schemes for d.c. overvoltage limitation.

The tests specified in this standard are based on air insulated valves. For other types of valves, the test requirements and acceptance criteria should be agreed between the purchaser and the supplier.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60060 (all parts), *High-voltage test techniques*

IEC 60071 (all parts), *Insulation co-ordination*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques – Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 60700-1:2015, *Thyristor valves for high voltage direct current (HVDC) power transmission – Part 1: Electrical testing*

IEC 62747, *Terminology for voltage-sourced converters (VSC) for high-voltage direct current (HVDC) systems*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 62747 and the following apply.

3.1 Insulation co-ordination terms

3.1.1
test withstand voltage
value of a test voltage of standard waveshape at which a new valve, with unimpaired integrity, does not show any disruptive discharge and meets all other acceptance criteria specified for the particular test, when subjected to a specified number of applications or a specified duration of the test voltage, under specified conditions