

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE



**Thyristor valves for thyristor controlled series capacitors (TCSC) – Electrical testing**

**Valves à thyristors pour condensateurs série commandés par thyristors (CSCT) – Essai électrique**



## THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED

Copyright © 2015 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de l'IEC ou du Comité national de l'IEC du pays du demandeur. Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de l'IEC ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de l'IEC de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Central Office  
3, rue de Varembe  
CH-1211 Geneva 20  
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11  
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00  
[info@iec.ch](mailto:info@iec.ch)  
[www.iec.ch](http://www.iec.ch)

### About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

### About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

#### IEC Catalogue - [webstore.iec.ch/catalogue](http://webstore.iec.ch/catalogue)

The stand-alone application for consulting the entire bibliographical information on IEC International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports and other documents. Available for PC, Mac OS, Android Tablets and iPad.

#### IEC publications search - [www.iec.ch/searchpub](http://www.iec.ch/searchpub)

The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

#### IEC Just Published - [webstore.iec.ch/justpublished](http://webstore.iec.ch/justpublished)

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and also once a month by email.

#### Electropedia - [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)

The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing more than 30 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in 15 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.

#### IEC Glossary - [std.iec.ch/glossary](http://std.iec.ch/glossary)

More than 60 000 electrotechnical terminology entries in English and French extracted from the Terms and Definitions clause of IEC publications issued since 2002. Some entries have been collected from earlier publications of IEC TC 37, 77, 86 and CISPR.

#### IEC Customer Service Centre - [webstore.iec.ch/csc](http://webstore.iec.ch/csc)

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: [csc@iec.ch](mailto:csc@iec.ch).

### A propos de l'IEC

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (IEC) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

### A propos des publications IEC

Le contenu technique des publications IEC est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

#### Catalogue IEC - [webstore.iec.ch/catalogue](http://webstore.iec.ch/catalogue)

Application autonome pour consulter tous les renseignements bibliographiques sur les Normes internationales, Spécifications techniques, Rapports techniques et autres documents de l'IEC. Disponible pour PC, Mac OS, tablettes Android et iPad.

#### Recherche de publications IEC - [www.iec.ch/searchpub](http://www.iec.ch/searchpub)

La recherche avancée permet de trouver des publications IEC en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...). Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

#### IEC Just Published - [webstore.iec.ch/justpublished](http://webstore.iec.ch/justpublished)

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications IEC. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et aussi une fois par mois par email.

#### Electropedia - [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)

Le premier dictionnaire en ligne de termes électroniques et électriques. Il contient plus de 30 000 termes et définitions en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans 15 langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (IEV) en ligne.

#### Glossaire IEC - [std.iec.ch/glossary](http://std.iec.ch/glossary)

Plus de 60 000 entrées terminologiques électrotechniques, en anglais et en français, extraites des articles Termes et Définitions des publications IEC parues depuis 2002. Plus certaines entrées antérieures extraites des publications des CE 37, 77, 86 et CISPR de l'IEC.

#### Service Clients - [webstore.iec.ch/csc](http://webstore.iec.ch/csc)

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: [csc@iec.ch](mailto:csc@iec.ch).

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE



**Thyristor valves for thyristor controlled series capacitors (TCSC) – Electrical testing**

**Valves à thyristors pour condensateurs série commandés par thyristors (CSCT) – Essai électrique**

INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTROTECHNICAL  
COMMISSION

COMMISSION  
ELECTROTECHNIQUE  
INTERNATIONALE

ICS 29.240.99

ISBN 978-2-8322-2860-9

**Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.**

**Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.**

## CONTENTS

|   |    |
|---|----|
| FOREWORD.....   | 5  |
| 1 Scope.....  | 7  |
| 2 Normative references .....  | 7  |
| 3 Terms and definitions .....   | 7  |
| 4 TCSC valve and valve operation in general .....                                 | 10 |
| 4.1 TCSC installation and TCSC valve.....   | 10 |
| 4.2 TCSC valve current and voltage at capacitive boost operation .....            | 12 |
| 4.2.1 General .....   | 12 |
| 4.2.2 Waveshapes of valve current and voltage in capacitive boost operation ..... | 12 |
| 4.2.3 Formulas for TCSC valve current and voltage stresses calculation .....      | 13 |
| 4.3 Typical operating pattern of TCSC installation .....                          | 15 |
| 5 General requirements .....  | 15 |
| 5.1 Guidelines for the performance of type tests .....                            | 15 |
| 5.1.1 Evidence in lieu .....  | 15 |
| 5.1.2 Sequence of tests .....   | 16 |
| 5.1.3 Ambient temperature for testing.....  | 16 |
| 5.1.4 Frequency for testing.....  | 16 |
| 5.1.5 Test reports .....  | 16 |
| 5.2 Test conditions for dielectric tests .....                                    | 16 |
| 5.2.1 General .....   | 16 |
| 5.2.2 Treatment of redundancy in dielectric tests.....                            | 16 |
| 5.2.3 Atmospheric correction factor .....   | 17 |
| 5.3 Test conditions for operational tests.....                                    | 17 |
| 5.3.1 General .....   | 17 |
| 5.3.2 Treatment of redundancy in operational tests .....                          | 17 |
| 5.4 Criteria for successful type testing .....                                    | 18 |
| 5.4.1 General .....   | 18 |
| 5.4.2 Criteria applicable to valve levels .....                                   | 18 |
| 5.4.3 Criteria applicable to the valve as a whole .....                           | 19 |
| 6 Summary of tests .....  | 19 |
| 7 Dielectric tests between valve terminals and valve enclosure .....              | 20 |
| 7.1 Purpose of tests.....   | 20 |
| 7.2 Test object.....  | 21 |
| 7.3 Test requirements .....   | 21 |
| 7.3.1 AC test .....   | 21 |
| 7.3.2 Lightning impulse test.....   | 22 |
| 8 Dielectric tests between valve terminals .....                                  | 22 |
| 8.1 Purpose of tests.....   | 22 |
| 8.2 Test object.....  | 22 |
| 8.3 Test requirements .....   | 23 |
| 8.3.1 AC test .....   | 23 |
| 8.3.2 Switching impulse test .....  | 24 |
| 9 Periodic firing and extinction tests .....                                      | 24 |
| 9.1 Purpose of tests.....   | 24 |
| 9.2 Test object.....  | 24 |

|                       |   |    |
|-----------------------|---|----|
| 9.3                   | Test requirements .....   | 25 |
| 9.3.1                 | General .....   | 25 |
| 9.3.2                 | Maximum continuous capacitive boost test .....                    | 25 |
| 9.3.3                 | Maximum temporary capacitive boost test .....                     | 26 |
| 9.3.4                 | Minimum capacitive boost test .....                               | 26 |
| 9.3.5                 | Operation at bypass .....   | 27 |
| 10                    | Fault current tests .....   | 29 |
| 10.1                  | Purpose of tests .....  | 29 |
| 10.2                  | Test object .....   | 29 |
| 10.3                  | Test requirements .....   | 29 |
| 10.3.1                | Fault current without subsequent blocking .....                   | 29 |
| 10.3.2                | Fault current with subsequent blocking .....                      | 29 |
| 11                    | Test for valve insensitivity to electromagnetic disturbance ..... | 30 |
| 11.1                  | Purpose of tests .....  | 30 |
| 11.2                  | Test object .....   | 30 |
| 11.3                  | Test requirements .....   | 30 |
| 12                    | Testing of special features .....                                 | 30 |
| 12.1                  | Purpose of tests .....  | 30 |
| 12.2                  | Test object .....   | 31 |
| 12.3                  | Test requirements .....   | 31 |
| 13                    | Routine tests .....   | 31 |
| 13.1                  | General .....   | 31 |
| 13.2                  | Visual inspection .....   | 31 |
| 13.3                  | Connection check .....  | 31 |
| 13.4                  | Voltage grading circuit check .....                               | 31 |
| 13.5                  | Voltage withstand check .....                                     | 31 |
| 13.6                  | Partial discharge tests .....                                     | 31 |
| 13.7                  | Check of auxiliaries .....  | 32 |
| 13.8                  | Firing check .....  | 32 |
| 13.9                  | Cooling system pressure test .....                                | 32 |
| 14                    | Presentation of type test results .....                           | 32 |
| Annex A (informative) | TCSC valve operating and rating considerations .....              | 33 |
| A.1                   | Overview .....  | 33 |
| A.2                   | TCSC characteristics .....  | 33 |
| A.3                   | Operating range .....   | 34 |
| A.4                   | Reactive power rating .....                                       | 35 |
| A.5                   | Power oscillation damping (POD) .....                             | 35 |
| A.6                   | SSR mitigation .....  | 35 |
| A.7                   | Harmonics .....   | 36 |
| A.8                   | Control interactions between TCSCs in parallel lines .....        | 36 |
| A.9                   | Operating range, overvoltages and duty cycles .....               | 36 |
| A.9.1                 | Operating range .....   | 36 |
| A.9.2                 | Transient overvoltages .....                                      | 36 |
| A.9.3                 | Duty cycles .....   | 37 |
| Annex B (informative) | Valve component fault tolerance .....                             | 38 |
| Bibliography          | .....   | 39 |

Figure 1 – Typical connection and nomenclature of a TCSC..... 11

Figure 2 – TCSC subsegment ..... 11

Figure 3 – TCSC steady state waveforms for control angle  $\alpha$  and conduction interval  $\sigma$ ..... 12

Figure 4 – Thyristor valve voltage in a TCSC ..... 13

Figure 5 – Example of operating range diagram for TCSC ..... 15

Figure A.1 – TCSC power frequency steady state apparent reactance characteristics according to Formula (A.1) with  $\lambda = 2,5$  ..... 34

  

Table 1 – Valve level faults permitted during type tests..... 19

Table 2 – List of tests ..... 20

Table A.1 – Peak and RMS voltage relationships ..... 33

Currently in preview, click buy full version

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

## THYRISTOR VALVES FOR THYRISTOR CONTROLLED SERIES CAPACITORS (TCSC) – ELECTRICAL TESTING

## FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as “IEC Publication(s)”). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 62823 has been prepared by subcommittee 22F: Power electronics for electrical transmission and distribution systems, of IEC technical committee 22: Power electronic systems and equipment.

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

| CDV         | Report on voting |
|-------------|------------------|
| 22F/342/CDV | 22F/354A/RVC     |

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.

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

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

**IMPORTANT – The 'colour inside' logo on the cover page of this publication indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this document using a colour printer.**

# THYRISTOR VALVES FOR THYRISTOR CONTROLLED SERIES CAPACITORS (TCSC) – ELECTRICAL TESTING

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines routine and type tests on thyristor valves used in thyristor controlled series capacitor (TCSC) installations for AC power transmission.

The tests specified in this International Standard are based on air insulated valves operating in capacitive boost mode or bypass mode. For other types of valve and for a valve operating in inductive boost mode, the test requirements and acceptance criteria are agreed between purchaser and supplier.

## 2 Normative references

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

IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60071-1, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*

IEC 60071-2, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 2: Application guide*

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **thyristor valve**

electrically and mechanically combined assembly of thyristor levels, complete with all connections, auxiliary components and mechanical structures, which can be connected in series with each phase of the reactor of a TCSC

### 3.2

#### **valve section**

electrical assembly, comprising a number of thyristors and other components, which exhibits the required electrical properties of a complete valve

Note 1 to entry: This term is mainly used to define a test object for valve testing purposes.

### 3.3

#### **thyristor level**

<of a valve> part of a valve comprising an anti-parallel connected pair of thyristors together with their immediate auxiliaries, and reactor, if any