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INTRODUCTION

a) Technical background, main issues and organisation of the standard

This part of this IEC/IEEE standard specifically focuses on elongation at break methods for condition monitoring for the management of ageing of electrical equipment installed in nuclear power plants. The method is primarily suited to samples taken from equipment that are based on thermoplastic or elastomeric polymers.

This part of IEC/IEEE 62582 is the third part of the IEC/IEEE 62582 series. It contains detailed descriptions of condition monitoring based on elongation at break measurements.

The IEC/IEEE 62582 series is issued with a joint logo which makes it applicable to management of ageing of electrical equipment qualified to IEEE as well as IEC Standards.

Historically, IEEE Std 323-2003 introduced the concept and role that condition based qualification could be used in equipment qualification as an adjunct to qualified life. In equipment qualification, the condition of the equipment for which acceptable performance was demonstrated is the qualified condition. The qualified condition is the condition of equipment, prior to the start of a design basis event, for which the equipment was demonstrated to meet the design requirements for the specified service conditions.

Significant research has been performed on condition monitoring techniques and the use of these techniques in equipment qualification as noted in NUREG/CR-6704, vol.2 (BNL-NUREG-52610) and JNES-SS-0903, 2009.

It is intended that this IEC/IEEE standard be used by test laboratories, operators of nuclear power plants, systems evaluators and licensors.

b) Situation of the current Standard in the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series

Part 3 of IEC/IEEE 62582 is the third level IEC SC 45A document tackling the specific issue of application and performance of elongation at break measurements in management of ageing of electrical instrument and control equipment in nuclear power plants.

Part 3 of IEC/IEEE 62582 is to be read in association with part 1 of IEC/IEEE 62582, which provides requirements for application of methods for condition monitoring of electrical equipment important to safety of nuclear power plants.

For more details on the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series, see item d) of this introduction.

c) Recommendations and limitations regarding the application of this Standard

It is important to note that this Standard establishes no additional functional requirements for safety systems.

d) Description of the structure of the IEC SC 45A standard series and relationships with other IEC documents and other bodies documents (IAEA, ISO)

The top-level document of the IEC SC 45A standard series is IEC 61513. It provides general requirements for I&C systems and equipment that are used to perform functions important to safety in NPPs. IEC 61513 structures the IEC SC 45A standard series.

IEC 61513 refers directly to other IEC SC 45A standards for general topics related to categorization of functions and classification of systems, qualification, separation of systems, defence against common cause failure, software aspects of computer-based systems,

hardware aspects of computer-based systems, and control room design. The standards referenced directly at this second level should be considered together with IEC 61513 as a consistent document set.

At a third level, IEC SC 45A standards not directly referenced by IEC 61513 are standards related to specific equipment, technical methods, or specific activities. Usually these documents, which make reference to second-level documents for general topics, can be used on their own.

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The IEC SC 45A standards series consistently implements and details the principles and basic safety aspects provided in the IAEA code on the safety of NPPs and in the IAEA safety series, in particular the Requirements NS-R-1, establishing safety requirements related to the design of Nuclear Power Plants, and the Safety Guide NS-G-1 dealing with instrumentation and control systems important to safety in Nuclear Power Plants. The terminology and definitions used by SC 45A standards are consistent with those used by the IAEA.

NOTE It is assumed that for the design of I&C systems in NPPs that implement conventional safety functions (e.g. to address worker safety, asset protection, chemical hazards, process energy hazards) international or national standards would be applied, that are based on the requirements of a standard such as IEC 61508.

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Part 3: Elongation at break

1 Scope and object

This part of IEC/IEEE 62582 contains methods for condition monitoring of organic and polymeric materials in instrumentation and control systems using tensile elongation techniques in the detail necessary to produce accurate and reproducible measurements. It includes the requirements for selection of samples, the measurement system and conditions, and the reporting of the measurement results.

The different parts of IEC/IEEE 62582 are measurement standards, primarily for use in the management of ageing in initial qualification and after installation. Part 1 of IEC/IEEE 62582 General includes requirements for the application of the other parts of IEC/IEEE 62582 and some elements which are common to all methods. Information on the role of condition monitoring in qualification of equipment important to safety is found in IEEE Std 323.

This standard is intended for application to non-energised equipment.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1 elongation

tensile strain expressed as a percentage of the test length, produced in the piece by a tensile stress

[SOURCE: ISO 37:2011]

2.2 elongation at break

tensile strain in the test length at the breaking point

[SOURCE: ISO 37:2011]

2.3 nominal elongation at break

tensile strain, expressed as a percentage of the specimen length between the grips, produced in the specimen at the breaking point

2.4 gauge length

initial distance between the gauge marks on the central part of the test specimen. It is expressed in millimetres (mm)

Note 1 to entry: See figures of the test specimens in the relevant part of ISO 527.

[SOURCE: ISO 527-1:2012]