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The purpose of this guide is to revive, expand, and update the expired IEEE Std 1129™-1992, IEEE Recommended Practice for Monitoring and Instrumentation of Turbine Generators. However, while the original standard scope only covered cylindrical-rotor machines, this expanded version of the standard also includes salient-pole generators.

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This document describes guidelines for online monitoring of large synchronous generators with ratings of 10 MVA and above. The scope includes generators with salient-pole rotors as well as generators with cylindrical rotors.

This standard also provides basic information on the various online monitoring techniques described as well as recommended threshold values for initiating a remedial or compensating action, whenever those values are typical within the power generation industry.

This standard does not cover those instruments that are clearly associated with the protection scheme of the generator, such as: differential, out-of-step, over/under frequency, and so forth.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to

- a) Describe mechanisms of degradation and applicable monitoring devices.
- b) Describe methods available for online monitoring of large synchronous generators included within the scope of this standard.