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**Abstract:** The design, manufacturing, and testing unique to the application of uncontrolled semiconductor power rectifiers for direct current (dc) supplied transportation substation applications up to 1500 V dc nominal output is covered in this standard. The standard is intended to address traction power substation rectifiers that are to be provided as part of a rectifier transformer unit or that are to be provided separately. Application information and extensive definitions of related technical terms are included.

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This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 1653.2–2020, IEEE Standard for Uncontrolled Traction Power Rectifiers for Substation Applications up to 1500 V DC Nominal Output.

The intention of the working group that developed the first version of this standard was to provide an up-to-date replacement for the rescinded NEMA Standards Publication RI 9 and the rescinded ANSI C34.2. To make that task more manageable, the scope of that effort was limited to uncontrolled (diode type) traction power rectifiers supplying power to direct current (dc)-supplied transportation equipment. This first revision continues the same approach with primarily minor modifications except for changes to the standard service ratings, and a new Recommended Practice and Design Guide ([Annex A](#)).

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## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Scope

This standard covers the design, manufacturing, and testing unique to the application of uncontrolled semiconductor power rectifiers for direct current (dc)-supplied transportation substation applications up to 1500 V dc nominal output.

### 1.2 Purpose

This standard defines the terminology, circuit arrangements, service ratings, performance characteristics, and test procedures unique to uncontrolled power rectifiers for transportation substation (traction) application. It also provides recommended design and application guidelines.

## 2. Normative references

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ANSI C34.2, Practices and Requirements for Semiconductor Power Rectifiers (Rescinded).<sup>1</sup>

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