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Introduction

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This standard supersedes IEEE Std 48-2009, IEEE Standard Test Procedures and Requirements for Alternating-Current Cable Terminations 2.5 kV through 765 kV.

This standard has been harmonized with IEEE Std 404™-2012 [B22]¹ to allow for simultaneous testing of terminations and joints.

Definitions specific to this standard are contained in [Clause 3](#) and [Annex B](#). All other definitions and terminology used herein can be found in *IEEE Standards Dictionary Online*.²

In [Clause 3](#) several definitions have been added: basic lightning impulse insulation level (BIL), basic switching impulse insulation level (BSL), family of terminations, and insulation class.

[Clause 4](#), Service conditions, has been updated with an expanded temperature range.

[Clause 5](#), Rating, has been updated and simplified.

[Clause 6](#), Product markings, has been substantially rewritten.

DC voltage design tests have been removed from [7.1](#). Family of terminations and range of approval requirements have been added to [7.1](#).

In [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#), and [Table 3](#), dc voltage tests have been eliminated.

In [Table 1](#), Note 13 has been added with respect to requirements for tubular terminations intended for application only within switchgear.

[Table 5](#) has been replaced with [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#). [Table 6](#) has been replaced with [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#).

Subclause 8.4.1.5, related to dc voltage testing, has been removed.

The content of [Clause 9](#) has been moved to IEEE Std 1637™ [B23].

[Annex C](#) has been added to contain information regarding dc voltage tests.

¹The numbers in brackets correspond to those of the bibliography in [Annex A](#).

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1. Overview

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Cable terminations and component parts shall be capable of withstanding the tests specified in this standard.

1.2 Word usage

The word *shall* indicates mandatory requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the standard and from which no deviation is permitted (shall equals is required to).^{4, 5}

The word *should* indicates that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others; or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required (should equals is recommended that).

The word *may* is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the standard (may equals is permitted to).

The word *can* is used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical, or causal (can equals is able to).

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⁴The use of the word *must* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements, *must* is used only to describe unavoidable situations.

⁵The use of *will* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements, *will* is only used in statements of fact.