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Where applicable, editorial changes have been incorporated into this revision. Sentence structure and punctuation have been edited to improve clarity and conciseness. Also, editorial changes have been made to conform to the *2014 IEEE-SA Standards Style Manual*.¹ Some changes have also been made to correct errors in previous revisions. When applicable, references to other standards have been updated.

A summary of the major changes is listed in sequential order, as follows:

- a) A note was added to 4.1.6.1, further clarifying the overvoltage requirements for generator step-up and system tie transformers.
- b) What was formerly Table 2 for cooling class designations has been moved to Annex A in this revision to be retained for historical purposes. Accordingly, all remaining tables in the standard have been renumbered, and all annexes relabeled.
- c) Subclauses 5.8, 5.9, 7.4, 8.4, and 8.7 have been revised to adopt a standard definition for reference temperature.
- d) The definitions for Class I and Class II power transformers have been revised in 5.10.
- e) Changes to the neutral BIL level for Class I power transformers have been implemented in Table 3, columns 10 and 11.
- f) Numerous changes have been made to the insulation levels specified in Table 4, and a new Note 7 was added.
- g) Subclause 5.10.5.5 was revised to remove the statement “except 69 kV and below do not follow this formula.” This statement was also removed from Note 2 in Table 4.
- h) Subclause 5.10.7.2, first paragraph, has been revised to read “...high-voltage terminals result in a voltage on another winding *lower* than the BSL requirements....”
- i) New 5.11.1.2 has been added.
- j) A statement has been added in 5.11.1.4 to specify a core hot spot temperature and to explain the rationale for this limit. Also, a statement has been inserted defining excessive temperature rise.
- k) References to ANSI standards have been replaced with IEEE references where applicable. This affected footnote a, in Table 10, Table 11, and Table 12.
- l) Table 14 on short-circuit apparent power of the system to be used unless otherwise specified has been completely revised.
- m) Constants specified for Equation (10) in 7.4 were found to contain a metric conversion error since the 2006 publication, and have been revised accordingly.

¹ Available at <https://development.standards.ieee.org/myproject/Public/mytools/draft/styleman.pdf>.

- n) Table 17 has been revised to expound upon the audible sound level test and to reference the new Annex C. Also, the following tests were changed from “Other” to “Routine” for Class I power transformers: winding insulation resistance, core insulation resistance, insulation power factor and capacitance, and low-frequency test on auxiliary devices and control and current transformer circuits.
- o) A new requirement to record on the certified test report the winding resistance of tertiary windings when two external terminals are available was added in 8.7 c2).
- p) A new statement was added to 9.1 to clarify ratio tolerances on reactance type tap changers when in the bridging position.
- q) Annex A on cooling class designations has been added.
- r) What was formerly Annex A is now Annex B. This informative annex on front-of-wave test levels has been revised and expanded.
- s) A new Annex C on reference sound power levels has been added.
- t) Annex D (Bibliography), formerly Annex B, has been updated.

Revisions of individual clauses (now modified) were prepared by separate groups within the Transformers Committee. Those clauses were balloted independently in the Working Groups, according to applicable rules and procedures of the Transformers Committee P&P Manual.

Suggestions for improvement resulting from use of this standard will be welcomed.

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