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This standard is a revision of IEEE Std C57.12.10™-2010, IEEE Standard Requirements for Liquid-Immersed Power Transformers. It has been prepared by the C57.12.10 Requirements for Liquid-Immersed Power Transformers Working Group of the Power Transformers Subcommittee of the Transformers Committee of the IEEE Power and Energy Society. The Purpose of this standard is to cover the dimensional, electrical, and mechanical characteristics for liquid-immersed power transformers and autotransformers.

The majority of the changes to this document are editorial in nature to improve clarity, to correct errors in previous revisions, and to update some of the references to other standards. The following is a summary of the more significant changes that were incorporated into this revision of the standard:

- a) The acronym to be used for load tap changer has been changed from LTC to OLTC and added to the list of definitions to conform to other recently published IEEE Standards.
- b) The following standards were added to the list of normative references:
  - 1) EN10226-1
  - 2) IEC 60225-26
  - 3) IEEE C37.90.2™
  - 4) IEEE C37.90.3™
  - 5) IEEE C57.143™
  - 6) IEEE C57.145™
  - 7) ISO 6708
- c) Standard IEEE Std C57.12.70™ was removed from the list of normative references.
- d) The publication date was removed from standard IEC 60038 in the normative reference list.
- e) The terminology used to describe the transformer's load rating was changed to rated power because the term kilovoltampere (kVA) is actually a unit of measure.
- f) Typical transformer kVA ratings listed in [Table 2](#) were expanded to include 2nd stage cooling for single-phase and rated base kVA rated power to 33 333 kVA single-phase; 100 000 kVA three-phase.
- g) The top-insulating liquid temperature-range limits clause was deleted.
- h) [Table 4](#) list of standard and optional accessories and construction features was revised and [Table 5](#) listing standard and optional accessories for insulating liquid preservation systems was added.
- i) The accessory requirements were revised, where applicable, to provide a standard when a metric installation is desired.

- j) Further clarification of the requirements for the lifting, moving, and jacking facilities are provided on transformers.
- k) Additional details are provided on the application of gas accumulation and Buchholtz relays.
- l) A requirement was added that provisions for future bushing current transformers are to be provided when transformers are not equipped with bushing current transformers.
- m) Informative section on transformer paralleling methods and control was removed from [Annex A](#).
- n) The following reference sources were added to the bibliography ([Annex B](#)):
  - 1) IEEE Std C57.12.70™
  - 2) IEEE Std C57.153™
  - 3) On-Load Tap Changers for Power Transformers by A. Krämer
  - 4) Platts and Hansen, TechCon North America 2017 in Houston, Texas, February 14–16, 2017
- o) Throughout this standard the term “liquid-filled” is replaced with “liquid-immersed” and “oil” and “fluid” are replaced with “insulating liquid.”
- p) Combination drain and lower filter valve were changed to require a globe valve.

The technical revisions to the individual clauses were prepared by various task forces from within this Working Group and were presented to this Working Group for comments according to applicable rules and procedures of the Transformer Committee Policies and Procedures Manual.

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NOTE—The introduction of this standard describes the circumstances under which the document may be used on a mandatory basis.<sup>1</sup>

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