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In 2009, the first version of this standard was prepared. It replaced and combined ANSI C57.12.21-1992 and ANSI C57.12.25-1990 and was generally revised to comply with the then approved style of published standards.

In this version of the standard, the ratings have been increased to include a 250-kVA rating, additional figures for low-voltage line and neutral terminal arrangements and dimensions have been added, and the details for low-voltage line and neutral studs were expanded.

This standard was prepared by the Single-Phase, Pad-Mounted, Distribution Transformers Working Group of the Distribution Transformers Subcommittee of the IEEE Power and Energy Society.

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## **1. Overview**

### **1.1 Scope**

This standard covers certain electrical, dimensional, and mechanical characteristics and safety requirements of single-phase, 60-Hz, liquid-filled, self-cooled, pad-mounted, compartmental-type distribution transformers. These transformers are rated 250 kVA and smaller with high voltages of 34 500 GrdY/19 920 V and below for operation between one phase and grounded neutral and low voltage of 480/240 V and below. These transformers are generally used for step-down purposes from an underground primary cable supply. This standard covers the connector, bushing, and terminal arrangements for radial or loop feed systems. This standard does not cover the electrical and mechanical requirements of any accessory devices that may be supplied with the transformer.