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- e) Q, S and H factors are considered;
- f) thermal models are revised and rewritten in generally applicable mathematical form;
- g) geomagnetic induced currents are briefly discussed and corresponding temperature limits are suggested;
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This part of IEC 60076 provides guidance for the specification and loading of power transformers from the point of view of operating temperatures and thermal ageing. It provides recommendations for loading above the nameplate rating and guidance for the planner to choose appropriate rated quantities and loading conditions for new installations.

IEC 60076-2 is the basis for contractual agreements and it contains the requirements and tests relating to temperature-rise figures for oil-immersed transformers during continuous rated loading. ~~It should be noted that IEC 60076-2 refers to the average winding temperature rise while this part of IEC 60076 refers mainly to the hot-spot temperature and the stated values are provided only for guidance.~~

This part of IEC 60076 gives mathematical models for judging the consequence of different loadings, with different temperatures of the cooling medium, and with transient or cyclical variation with time. The models provide for the calculation of operating temperatures in the transformer, particularly the temperature of the hottest part of the winding. This hot-spot temperature is, in turn, used for evaluation of a relative value for the rate of thermal ageing and the percentage of life consumed in a particular time period. The modelling refers to small transformers, here called distribution transformers, and to power transformers.

~~A major change from IEC 60354:1991 is the increased use of fibre optic temperature sensors in transformers. This has radically increased the possibilities of obtaining a proper thermal modelling of power transformers, especially at step changes in the load current. These possibilities have also yielded some differences between the "oil exponent x " and the "winding exponent y " used in this part of IEC 60076 and in IEC 60076-2:1993, for power transformers:~~

- ~~• $x = 0,9$ in IEC 60076-2, and $x = 0,8$ in this part of IEC 60076 at ON cooling.~~
- ~~• $y = 1,6$ in IEC 60076-2, and $y = 1,3$ in this part of IEC 60076 at ON and OF cooling.~~

~~For distribution transformers, the same x and y values are used in this part of IEC 60076 as in IEC 60076-2.~~

A major change from the previous edition is the extensive work on the paper degradation that has been carried out indicating that the ageing may be described by combination of the oxidation, hydrolysis and pyrolysis. Also, providing possibility to estimate the expected insulation life considering different ageing factors, i.e. moisture, oxygen and temperature, and more realistic service scenarios. The title has been updated from "oil-immersed power transformers" to "mineral-oil-immersed power transformers". The temperature and current limits are reviewed and the maximum core temperature is recommended. The use of fibre optic temperature sensors has become a standard practice, however, the number of installed sensors per transformer highly varies. This issue and the description of Q, S and H factors are now considered as well. The thermal models are revised and rewritten in generally applicable mathematical form. The geomagnetic induced currents are briefly discussed and corresponding temperature limits are suggested.

This part of IEC 60076 further presents recommendations for limitations of permissible loading according to the results of temperature calculations or measurements. These recommendations refer to different types of loading duty – continuous loading, normal cyclic undisturbed loading or temporary emergency loading. The recommendations refer to distribution transformers, to medium power transformers and to large power transformers. Clauses 1 to 7 contain definitions, common background information and specific limitations for the operation of different categories of transformers.

Clause 8 contains the determination of temperatures, presents the mathematical models used to estimate the hot-spot temperature in steady state and transient conditions.

Clause 9 contains a short description of the influence of the tap position.

Application examples are given in Annexes [A](#), [B](#), [C](#), [D](#), [E](#), [F](#), [G](#), [H](#), [I](#) and [K](#).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60076 is applicable to mineral-oil-immersed transformers. It describes the effect of operation under various ambient temperatures and load conditions on transformer life.

NOTE For furnace transformers, the manufacturer ~~should be~~ is consulted in view of the peculiar loading profile.

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~~IEC 60076-5:2000, *power transformers – Part 5: Ability to withstand short circuit*~~

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IEC 60076-2 is the basis for contractual agreements and it contains the requirements and tests relating to temperature-rise figures for oil-immersed transformers during continuous rated loading.

This part of IEC 60076 gives mathematical models for judging the consequence of different loadings, with different temperatures of the cooling medium, and with transient or cyclical variation with time. The models provide for the calculation of operating temperatures in the transformer, particularly the temperature of the hottest part of the winding. This hot-spot temperature is, in turn, used for evaluation of a relative value for the rate of thermal ageing and the percentage of life consumed in a particular time period. The modelling refers to small transformers, here called distribution transformers, and to power transformers.

A major change from the previous edition is the extensive work on the paper degradation that has been carried out indicating that the ageing may be described by combination of the oxidation, hydrolysis and pyrolysis. Also, providing possibility to estimate the expected insulation life considering different ageing factors, i.e. moisture, oxygen and temperature, and more realistic service scenarios. The title has been updated from "oil-immersed power transformers" to "mineral-oil-immersed power transformers". The temperature and current limits are reviewed and the maximum core temperature is recommended. The use of fibre optic temperature sensors has become a standard practice, however, the number of installed sensors per transformer highly varies. This issue and the description of Q, S and H factors are now considered as well. The thermal models are revised and rewritten in generally applicable mathematical form. The geomagnetic induced currents are briefly discussed and corresponding temperature limits are suggested.

This part of IEC 60076 further presents recommendations for limitations of permissible loading according to the results of temperature calculations or measurements. These recommendations refer to different types of loading duty – continuous loading, normal cyclic undisturbed loading or temporary emergency loading. The recommendations refer to distribution transformers, to medium power transformers and to large power transformers. Clauses 1 to 7 contain definitions, common background information and specific limitations for the operation of different categories of transformers.

Clause 8 contains the determination of temperatures, presents the mathematical models used to estimate the hot-spot temperature in steady state and transient conditions.

Clause 9 contains a short description of the influence of the tap position.

Application examples are given in Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and K.

POWER TRANSFORMERS –

Part 7: Loading guide for mineral-oil-immersed power transformers

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60076 is applicable to mineral-oil-immersed transformers. It describes the effect of operation under various ambient temperatures and load conditions on transformer life.

NOTE For furnace transformers, the manufacturer is consulted in view of the peculiar loading profile.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60076-2, *Power transformers – Part 2: Temperature rise for liquid-immersed transformers*

IEC 60076-14, *Power transformers – Part 14: Liquid-immersed power transformers using high-temperature insulation materials*