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- a) addition of annexes concerning the applications of converter transformers and of fuses for overcurrent protection;
- b) changes of calculation methods related the inductive voltage regulation and changes of description on transformer losses to be consistent with the latest transformer standards;
- c) addition and updates of references based on the latest information.

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## Part 1-2: Application guidelines

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60146, which is a Technical Report, gives guidance on variations to the specifications given in IEC 60146-1-1:2009 to enable the specification to be extended in a controlled form for special cases. Background information is also given on technical points, which ~~should facilitate~~ facilitates the use of IEC 60146-1-1:2009.

This document primarily covers line commutated converters and is not in itself a specification, except as regards certain auxiliary components, in so far as existing standards may not provide the necessary data.

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~~IEC 60050-521:2002, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 521: Semiconductor devices and integrated circuits~~

IEC 60050-551:1998, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 551: Power electronics (available at [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org))

IEC 60050-551-20:2001, International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 551-20: Power electronics – Harmonic analysis (available at [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org))

IEC 60146-1-1:2009, Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters – Part 1-1: Specification of basic requirements

~~IEC 60146-1-3:1991, Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters Part 1-3: Transformers and reactors~~

IEC 60269-1:2006, Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements

IEC 60269-4:2009, Low-voltage fuses – Part 4: Supplementary requirements for fuse-links for the protection of semiconductor devices

IEC 60529, Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)

IEC 60664-1, Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests

~~IEC 61378-1, Convertor transformers – Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications~~

IEC 61148, *Terminal markings for valve device stacks and assemblies and for power*  
~~converter~~ *conversion equipment*

IEC 61378-1:2011, *Convertor transformers – Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications*

IEC/IEEE 60076-57-129, *Power transformers – Part 57-129: Transformers for HVDC applications*

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## **Part 1-2: Application guidelines**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60146, which is a Technical Report, gives guidance on variations to the specifications given in IEC 60146-1-1:2009 to enable the specification to be extended in a controlled form for special cases. Background information is also given on technical points, which facilitates the use of IEC 60146-1-1:2009.

This document primarily covers line commutated converters and is not in itself a specification, except as regards certain auxiliary components, in so far as existing standards may not provide the necessary data.

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