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INTRODUCTION

As normally applied, breakdown voltage of insulating liquids is not a basic material property but an empirical test procedure intended to indicate the presence of contaminants such as water and solid suspended matter and the advisability of carrying out drying and filtration treatment.

The AC breakdown voltage value of insulating liquids strongly depends on the particular set of conditions used in its measurement. Therefore, standardized testing procedures and equipment are essential for the unambiguous interpretation of test results.

The method described in this document applies to either acceptance tests on new deliveries of insulating liquids or testing of treated liquids prior to or during filling into electrical equipment, or to the monitoring and maintenance of insulating liquid-filled apparatus in service. It specifies rigorous sample-handling procedures and temperature control that should be adhered to when certified results are required. For routine tests, especially in the field, less stringent procedures may be practicable, and it is the responsibility of the user to determine their effect on the results.

Annex A describes, for comparison, an alternative test method which could be introduced in the future. Annex B describes special test methods, using cells which may include low volume samples. Annex C describes a reference material for a performance test and check according to IEC 60060-3 [1]¹.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

INSULATING LIQUIDS – DETERMINATION OF THE BREAKDOWN VOLTAGE AT POWER FREQUENCY – TEST METHOD

1 Scope

This document specifies the method for determining the dielectric breakdown voltage of insulating liquids at power frequency. The test procedure is performed in a specified apparatus, where the oil sample is subjected to an increasing AC electrical field until breakdown occurs. The method applies to all types of insulating liquids of nominal viscosity up to 350 mm²/s at 40 °C. It is appropriate both for acceptance testing on unused liquids at the time of their delivery and for establishing the condition of samples taken in monitoring and maintenance of equipment.

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