



Combined Test Advantages

Customer can witness, inspect and possibly do preliminary training on **the entire system** at one location.

Test of all interconnected controls/signals between transformer/rectifier and synchronization (phasing) made at the factory will **save time and costs at site**

Total guaranteed losses performed at factory

We typically send **the same test technician** that tested the system at the factory to the field for startup.



Applicable Standards

- IEEE 519 1992 Recommended practices / requirements for harmonic control
- ANSI C34.2 1968 Practices and Requirements for Semiconductor Power Rectifier
- ANSI C57.18.10-1998 Standard Practices and Requirements for Semiconductor Power Rectifier Transformer
- ANSI C57.12.00-2000 General requirements for liquid immersed distribution power, and regulating transformer
- ▶ IEC 60076 Power Transformers General
- IEC 60146 Semiconductor convertors General requirements and line commutated convertors IEEE
- IEC 61378 Converter transformers Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications

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Guaranteed Performance

Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) are defined by the standard to enable the customer and the supplier to perform the test under a common platform of measurement agreed by the parties.

The standard prescribes the tests for the transformer and for the rectifier, <u>a lot of</u> <u>attention is paid to the real losses caused by the harmonics</u> generated by the converter. These additional losses can be calculated and have to be taken in consideration for the **Guaranteed Performance**.

Main test involves:

No Load Test Short Circuit Test Heat Run Test

What is written in the standard:

Tests for converter transformers

- ✓ Measurement of commutating reactance and determination of the inductive voltage drop
- ✓ Commutating reactance
- ✓ Inductive voltage regulation
- ✓ Measurement of voltage ratio and phase displacement
- ✓ Dielectric tests
- ✓ Dielectric test between interleaved valve windings
- ✓ Load loss test
- ✓ Load loss measurement in rectifier transformers with transductors in the same tank
- ✓ Test bus bars configuration for short circuit of high current valve windings
- ✓ Temperature rise tests
- ✓ Total loss injection
- ✓ Rated load loss injection
- ✓ Test of temperature rise on dry-type transformers



Definition for Converter Transformer

Temperature Rise Tests

The purpose of the test is to establish the top oil temperature rise in steadystate condition, with dissipation of total loss equal to the loss <u>at rated non-</u><u>sinusoidal</u> converter load current, and <u>rated sinusoidal</u> transformer voltage;

- to establish the winding temperature rise above oil under the same conditions;
- to establish the winding temperature rise above ambient for dry-type transformers.











Combined Test Summary

Considerations about winding and tank hot spots

- Equivalent test current is computed in order to produce the total losses equivalent to ones when windings are harmonically loaded.
- This equivalent test current does not produce the local loss distribution within the winding that will occur when harmonic currents are present.
- The hot spot temperature and its location is not necessarily the same that will be encountered during converter service.
- Combined testing allows checking for hot spots in the transformer tank and AC connection throat/entry into the rectifier with full current and harmonics present.

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Considerations about testing ANSI 45/46 transformers

- When testing an ANSI 45/46 transformer alone there are no harmonics and the IPT and negative bus are not carrying current.
- Since the LV kVA is 40% higher for this circuit, we are limited on how much extra current and losses we can feed into the primary.
- With the combined test, transformer and rectifier together, the losses are much closer to real operation.

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