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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1997. It constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- addition of winding connections (zig-zag, extended delta, etc.) with phase displacement (< 30 º);
- addition of transformers with more than one active part in the same tank;
- change of reference power definition (it is now based on fundamental component of the current);

- addition of considerations for guidelines for OLTC selection;
- addition of regulating transformer feeding converter transformer;
- addition of considerations about current sharing and hot spot temperature in high current windings for various winding arrangements;
- addition of transductors used for d.c. voltage regulation together with diode rectifiers;
- improved old annexes with several calculation examples;
- addition of new annexes for special measurements setups.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
14/686/FDIS	14/695/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The French version of this standard has not been voted upon.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts of the IEC 61378 series can be found, under the general title *Converter transformers*, on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigendum of January 2012 have been included in this copy.

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CONVERTER TRANSFORMERS –

Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications

1 Scope

This Part of IEC 61378 deals with the specification, design and testing of power transformers and reactors which are intended for integration within semiconductor converter plants; it is not applicable to transformers designed for industrial or public distribution of a.c. power in general.

The scope of this International Standard is limited to application of power converters of any power rating. Typical applications are: thyristor rectifiers for electrolysis; diode rectifiers for electrolysis; thyristor rectifiers for large drives; thyristor rectifiers for scrap melting furnaces, and diode rectifiers feeding inverters for variable speed drives. The standard also covers the regulating unit utilized in such application as step down regulating transformers or autotransformers. The valve winding highest voltage for equipment is limited to 36 kV.

This standard is not applicable to transformers for HVDC power transmission. These are high-voltage transformers, and they are subjected to d.c. voltage tests.

The standards for the complete converter plant (IEC 60146 series, or other publications dedicated to particular fields of application) may contain requirements of guarantees and tests (such as insulation and power loss) for the whole plant, including the converter transformer and possibly auxiliary transformers and reactor equipment. This does not relieve the application of the requirements of this standard concerning the guarantees and tests applicable to the converter transformer itself as a separate component before being assembled with the remainder of the converter plant.

The guarantees, service and type tests defined in this standard apply equally to transformers supplied as part of an overall converter package, or to those transformers ordered separately but for use with converter equipment. Any supplementary guarantee or special verification has to be specifically agreed in the transformer contract.

The converter transformers covered by this standard may be of the oil-immersed or dry-type design. Unless specific exceptions are stated in this standard, the transformers comply with IEC 60076 series for oil-immersed transformers, and with IEC 60076-11 for dry-type transformers.

NOTE For some converter applications, it is possible to use common distribution transformers of standard design. The use of such standard transformers in the special converter applications may require a certain derating. This matter is not specifically covered in this standard, which deals with the requirements to be placed on specially designed units. It is possible to estimate this derating from the formulae given in 5.1, and also from Clause 9 of IEC 60076-8:1997.

This standard deals with transformers with one or more active parts installed in the same tank like regulating (auto)transformer and one or two rectifier transformers. It also covers transformers with transductors and/or one or more interphase transformers.

For any combination not listed above an agreement between the purchaser and manufacturer is necessary regarding the determination and the measurement of the total losses.

This standard deals with transformers star Y and delta D and any other phase shifting connections (like zig-zag, extended delta, polygon etc.). Phase shifting windings can be placed on either the regulating or rectifier transformer.