

Changes to Induce Test & PD Measurement and Acceptance Limits

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5.10.5.5 Induced-voltage test for Class II power transformers

With the transformer connected and excited as it will be in service, an induced-voltage test shall be performed as indicated in Figure 2, at voltage levels indicated in Columns 6 and 7 and **1.05 times the line to ground voltage per column 2 of Table 4**. Minimum line-to-ground induced test levels for Class II power transformers shall be a multiple of corresponding line-to-ground nominal system voltage as follows: 1.58 times for one-hour tests and 1.8 times for 7200 cycles enhancement level tests.

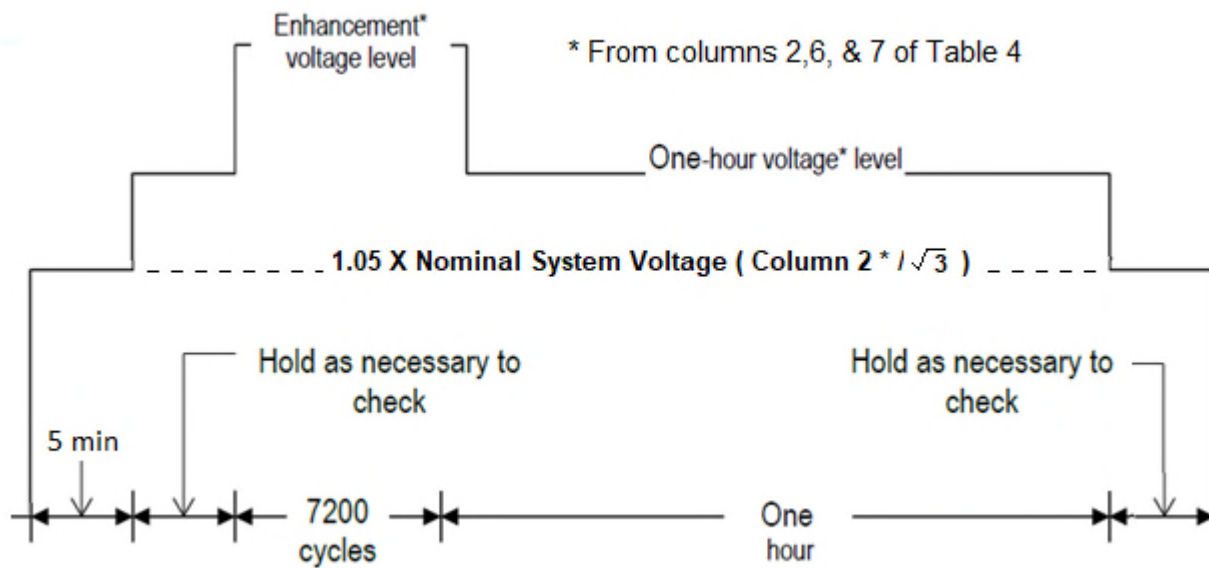


Figure 2 —Induced-voltage test for Class II power transformers

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10.8.2 Test procedure

The voltage shall first be raised from zero to the 1.05 X line to ground value of the nominal system voltage (column 2, C57.12.00 Table 4) and held long enough to attain a stable partial discharge level and then record the level of partial discharge. The voltage shall then be raised to the one-hour level and held for a minimum of 5 min or until a stable partial discharge level is obtained to verify that there are no partial discharge problems. The partial discharge level shall be measured at the end of the 5 min period. If the 5 min. period at the 1 h voltage level is extended to obtain a stable partial discharge level the partial discharge shall be measured at the end of this period so that the level of partial discharges are recorded just before raising the voltage to the enhancement level. The voltage shall then be raised to the enhancement level and held for 7200 cycles. The voltage shall then be reduced directly to the one-hour level and held for 1 h.

During this 1 h period, partial discharge measurements shall be made at 5 min intervals. Partial discharge acceptance criteria shall be based on each line terminal rated 69 kV and above. These measurements shall be made in accordance with 10.9.

Immediately following the 1 h period, the voltage shall then be reduced to 1.05 X line to ground value of the nominal system voltage (column 2, C57.12.00 Table 4) and held until a stable partial discharge level is obtained and the partial discharge level measured.

The pressure inside the transformer tank during the induced test shall not be increased by artificial means for the purpose of reducing the PD level. The liquid level and pressure inside of the transformer tank and/or conservator tank shall be configured such that the oil head pressure during the induced test does not exceed the pressure under usual service conditions. Any exceptions that increase tank pressure by more than 3.5 kPa (0.5 psi) over normal operating pressure, such as the use of an elevated test facility conservator tank, requires customer approval prior to test. A note shall be added to the certified test report confirming this approval.

NOTE: Increasing the pressure for diagnostic purposes, such as to identify and possibly reduce suspected bubbles in the liquid, may be done as a remedial step to diagnose a source of high PD. To be considered valid, the test needs to be repeated with no added pressure as stated previously.

10.8.5 Failure detection

Failure may be indicated by the presence of smoke and bubbles rising in the insulating liquid, an audible sound such as a thump, or a sudden increase in the test current. Any such indication shall be carefully investigated by observation, by repeating the test, and by other diagnostic tests to determine whether a failure has occurred. In terms of interpretation of partial discharge measurements, the results shall be considered acceptable and no further partial discharge tests required under the following conditions:

- a) The magnitude of the partial discharge level does not exceed 250 pC during the 1 h test period.
- b) The increase in partial discharge levels during the 1 h period does not exceed 50 pC.
- c) The partial discharge levels during the 1 h period do not exhibit any steadily rising trend, and no sudden sustained increase in the levels occurs during the last 20 min of the test.
- d) The magnitude of partial discharge level at 1.05 X Nominal System Voltage following the 1 h test period does not exceed 100 pC.

Judgment should be used on the 5 min readings so that momentary excursions of the partial discharge readings caused by cranes or other ambient sources are not recorded. Also, the test may be extended or repeated until acceptable results are obtained.

A failure to meet the partial discharge acceptance criterion shall not warrant immediate rejection, but it shall lead to consultation between purchaser and manufacturer about further investigations.