Electrical isolation

Electrical isolation shall withstand at least one of the following electrical isolation strength tests:

- a) 1500 V rms at 50 Hz to 60 Hz. This test voltage amplitude is raised from zero to the prescribed voltage and held at that value for 60 s.
- b) 2250 V dc. This test voltage is raised from zero to the prescribed voltage and held at that value for 60 s.
- c) A sequence of ten 2400 V impulses of alternating polarity, applied at intervals of not less than 1 s. The shape of the impulses is 1.2/50 (1.2 μ s virtual front time, 50 μ s virtual time to half value), or one produced by a 1.2/50-8/20 combination wave generator, as defined in Recommendation ITU-T K.44.

There shall be no failure of the isolation barrier or insulation breakdown during the test. Failure of the isolation barrier or insulation breakdown is considered to have occurred when the current that flows as a result of the application of the test voltage, rapidly increases in an uncontrolled manner; that is, the isolation barrier or insulation does not restrict the flow of the current. Corona discharge is not regarded as insulation breakdown. The resistance after the test shall be at least 2 M Ω , measured at 500 V dc.

Note: IEEE Std 802.3-2018 and previous revisions provided references to various editions of the IEC 60950-1 standards for guidance in performing the isolation test for options a and b. IEC 60950-1 has been withdrawn. References to IEC standards are not essential to performing the isolation test specified in J.1. No technical change is implied by the removal of these references.