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IEC 61000-3-3	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 3-3: Limits - Limitation of voltage changes, voltage fluctuations and flicker in public low-voltage supply systems, for equipment with rated current < 16 A per phase and not subject to conditional connection	EN 61000-3-3	-
IEC 61000-4-7	2002	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-7: Testing and measurement techniques - General guide on harmonics and interharmonics measurements and instrumentation, for power supply systems and equipment connected thereto	EN 61000-4-7	2002
+ A1	2008		+ A1	2009
IEC 61000-4-15	2010	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-15: Testing and measurement techniques - Flickermeter - Functional and design specifications	EN 61000-4-15	2011
IEC 61000-4-30	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-30: Testing and measurement techniques - Power quality measurement methods	EN 61000-4-30	-
IEC 62008	-	Performance characteristics and calibration methods for digital data acquisition systems and relevant software	EN 62008	-
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IEC/TR 61000-3-14	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 3-14: Assessment of emission limits for harmonics, interharmonics, voltage fluctuations and unbalance for the connection of disturbing installations to LV power systems	-	-
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This edition includes the following new items with respect to 61400-21:

- a) frequency control measurement;
- b) updated reactive power control and capability measurement, including voltage and $\cos \varphi$ control;
- c) inertia control response measurement;
- d) overvoltage ride through test procedure;
- e) updated undervoltage ride through test procedure based on Wind Turbine capability;

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f) new methods for the harmonic assessment.

Parts of the assessments related to the wind power plant evaluation are moved to Annex E, as they will be replaced by IEC 61400-21-2, *Measurement and assessment of electrical characteristics – Wind power plants*.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
88/711/FDIS	88/716/RVD

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

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

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61400 provides a uniform methodology that will ensure consistency and accuracy in reporting, testing and assessment of electrical characteristics of grid connected wind turbines (WTs). The electrical characteristics include wind turbine specifications and capabilities, voltage quality (emissions of flicker and harmonics), under- and overvoltage ride-through response, active power control, frequency control, voltage control, and reactive power control, grid protection and reconnection time.

This part of IEC 61400 has been prepared with the anticipation that it would be applied by:

- the WT manufacturer, striving to meet well-defined electrical characteristics;
- the WT purchaser, in specifying such electrical characteristics;
- the WT operator, who may be required to verify that stated, or required electrical characteristics are met;
- the WT planner or regulator, who has to be able to accurately and fairly determine the impact of a WT on the voltage quality to ensure that the installation is designed so that voltage quality requirements are respected;
- the WT certification authority or testing organization, in evaluating the electrical characteristics of the wind turbine type;
- the planner or regulator of the electric network, who has to be able to determine the grid connection required for a WT.

This part of IEC 61400 provides recommendations for preparing the measurements and assessment of electrical characteristics of grid connected WTs. This document will benefit those parties involved in the manufacture, installation planning, obtaining of permission, operation, usage, testing and regulation of WTs. The measurement and analysis techniques, recommended in this document, should be applied by all parties to ensure that the continuing development and operation of WTs are carried out in an atmosphere of consistent and accurate communication.

This part of IEC 61400 presents measurement and analysis procedures expected to provide consistent results that can be replicated by others. Any selection of tests can be done and reported separately.

WIND ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS –**Part 21-1: Measurement and assessment of electrical characteristics –
Wind turbines****1 Scope**

This part of IEC 61400 includes:

- definition and specification of the quantities to be determined for characterizing the electrical characteristics of a grid-connected wind turbine;
- measurement procedures for quantifying the electrical characteristics;
- procedures for assessing compliance with electrical connection requirements, including estimation of the power quality expected from the wind turbine type when deployed at a specific site.

The measurement procedures are valid for single wind turbines with a three-phase grid connection. The measurement procedures are valid for any size of wind turbine, though this part of IEC 61400 only requires wind turbine types intended for connection to an electricity supply network to be tested and characterized as specified in this part of IEC 61400.

The measured characteristics are valid for the specific configuration and operational mode of the assessed wind turbine product platform. If a measured property is based on control parameters and the behavior of the wind turbine can be changed for this property, it is stated in the test report. Example: Grid protection, where the disconnect level is based on a parameter and the test only verifies the proper functioning of the protection, not the specific level.

The measurement procedures are designed to be as non-site-specific as possible, so that electrical characteristics measured at for example a test site can be considered representative for other sites.

This document is for the testing of wind turbines; all procedures, measurements and tests related to wind power plants are covered by IEC 61400-21-2.

The procedures for assessing electrical characteristics are valid for wind turbines with the connection to the PCC in power systems with stable grid frequency.

NOTE

For the purposes of this document, the following terms for system voltage apply:

- Low voltage (LV) refers to $U_n \leq 1$ kV;
- Medium voltage (MV) refers to 1 kV $< U_n \leq 35$ kV;
- High voltage (HV) refers to 35 kV $< U_n \leq 220$ kV;
- Extra high voltage (EHV) refers to $U_n > 220$ kV.

2 Normative references

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