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Part 21: Standard requirements, terminology, and test code for step-voltage regulators

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This standard describes electrical and mechanical requirements of liquid-immersed, single- and three-phase, step-voltage regulators, not exceeding a regulation of 3000 kVA (for three-phase units) or 1000 kVA (for single-phase units). This standard does not apply to load tap-changing power transformers.

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IEC 60068-2-1, Environmental testing—Part 2-1: Tests—Test A: Cold.¹


IEC 60214-1, Tap-changers—Part 1: Performance requirements and test methods.

IEC 60255-5, Electrical Relays—Part 5: Insulation coordination for measuring relays and protection equipment—Requirements and tests.

IEC 60255-21-1, Electrical Relays—Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment—Section one: Vibration tests (sinusoidal).

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IEC 60255-22-3, Measuring relays and protection equipment—Part 22-3: Electrical disturbance tests—Radiated electromagnetic field immunity.


IEC 60255-22-6, Measuring relays—Part 22-6: Electrical disturbance tests for measuring relays and protection equipment—Immunity to conducted disturbances induced by radio frequency fields.

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