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IEC 62600-100, which is a technical specification, has been prepared by IEC technical committee 114: Marine energy – Wave, tidal and other water current converters.
The text of this technical specification is based on the following documents:

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- reconfirmed,
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- replaced by a revised edition, or
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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62600, which is a Technical Specification, provides performance assessment methods for Wave Energy Conversion Systems (WECS). A Wave Energy Converter (WEC) is a device which generates electricity using the action of water waves and delivers electricity to an electrical load.

Wave energy industry development is transitioning from preliminary stages to commercial production stages. Validated data gathering and processing techniques are important to improve existing technologies. This technical specification will be subject to changes as data are collected and processed from testing of WECS.

The expected users of the specification include:

- device developers who want to validate the performance of their WEC;
- investors who want to assess the performance of a device developer's WEC;
- project developers who want to assess the performance of their project against manufacturer's claims;
- surveyors contracted to carry out the assessment.
1 Scope

This part of IEC 62600, which is a Technical Specification, provides a method for assessing the electrical power production performance of a Wave Energy Converter (WEC), based on the performance at a testing site.

The scope of this Technical Specification includes:

a) all WECs that produce electrical power from wave energy;
b) all sea resource zones (near and offshore, deep and shallow water);
c) the specification applies to commercial scale WECs that are:
   1) compliantly moored,
   2) tautly moored,
   3) bottom mounted,
   4) shore mounted.

The scope of this Technical Specification does not include:

a) WECs that produce other forms of energy unless this energy is converted into electrical energy;
b) resource assessment;
c) scaled devices in test facilities (tank or scaled sea conditions) where any scaling would need to be carried out to extrapolate results for a full scale device;
d) power quality issues;
e) environmental issues;
f) power matrix transposition from one location to another.

This Technical Specification provides a systematic method which includes:

– measurement of WEC power output in a range of sea states;
– WEC power matrix development;
– an agreed framework for reporting the results of power and wave measurements.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60044-1, Instrument transformers – Part 1: Current transformers
IEC 60688, *Electrical measuring transducers for converting a.c. electrical quantities to analogue or digital signals*

IEC 61000-3 (all parts), *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3: Limits*

IEC 61869-3, *Instrument transformers – Part 3: Additional requirements for inductive voltage transformers*


ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*
