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FOREWORD

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The first NETA *Maintenance Testing Specifications for Electrical Power Equipment and Systems* was published in 1975. Since 1989, revised editions of the *Maintenance Testing Specifications* have been published in 1993, 1997, and 2001.

In 2005, this document was approved for the first time as an American National Standard. The 2011 *Standard for Maintenance Testing Specifications for Electrical Power Equipment and Systems* is the most current revision of this document.

The ANSI/NETA *Standard for Maintenance Testing Specifications for Electrical Power Equipment and Systems* was developed for use by those responsible for the continued operation of existing electrical systems and equipment to guide them in specifying and performing the necessary tests to ensure that these systems and apparatus perform satisfactorily, minimizing downtime and maximizing life expectancy. This document aids in ensuring safe, reliable operation of existing electrical power systems and equipment. Maintenance testing can identify potential problem areas before they become major problems requiring expensive and time-consuming solutions.

Suggestions for improvement of this standard are welcome. They should be sent to the InterNational Electrical Testing Association, 3050 Old Centre Avenue, Suite 102, Portage, MI 49024.

PREFACE

It is recognized by the Association that the needs for maintenance testing of commercial, industrial, governmental, and other electrical power systems vary widely. Many criteria are used in determining what equipment is to be tested and to what extent.

To help the user better understand and navigate more efficiently through this document, we offer the following information:

The Document Structure

The document is divided into twelve separate and defined sections:

| Section | Description |
|------------|--|
| Section 1 | General Scope |
| Section 2 | Applicable References |
| Section 3 | Qualifications of Testing Organization and Personnel |
| Section 4 | Division of Responsibility |
| Section 5 | General |
| Section 6 | Power System Studies |
| Section 7 | Inspection and Test Procedures |
| Section 8 | System Function Test |
| Section 9 | Thermographic Survey |
| Section 10 | Electromagnetic Field Testing |
| Tables | Reference Tables |
| Appendices | Various Informational Documents |

Section 7 Structure

Section 7 is the main body of the document with specific information on what to do relative to the inspection and maintenance testing of electrical power distribution equipment and systems. It is not intended that this document explain how to test specific pieces of equipment or systems.

Expected Test Results

Section 7 consists of sections specific to each particular type of equipment. Within those sections there are, typically, three main bodies of information:

- 1. Visual and Mechanical Inspection
- 2. Electrical Tests
- 3. Test Values



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Results of Visual and Mechanical Inspections

Some, but not all, visual and mechanical inspections have an associated test value or result. Those items with an expected result are referenced under Section 3.1 Test Values – Visual and Mechanical. For example, Section 7.1 Switchgear and Switchboard Assemblies, item 7.1.1.7.2 calls for verifying tightness of connections using a calibrated torque wrench method. Under the Test Values – Visual and Mechanical Section 7.1.3. 1.2, the expected results for that particular task are listed within Section 3.1, with reference back to the original task description on item 7.1.1.7.2.





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Results of Electrical Tests

Each electrical test has a corresponding expected result, and the test and the result have identical numbers. If the electrical test is item four, the expected result under the Test Values section is also item four. For example, under Section 7.15.1 Rotating Machinery, AC Induction Motors and Generators, item 7.15.1.2.2 (item 2 within the Electrical Tests section) calls for performing an insulation-resistance test in accordance with IEEE Standard 43. Under the Test Values – Electrical section, the expected results for that particular task are listed in the Test Values section under item 2.





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Optional Tests

The purpose of these specifications is to assure that all tested electrical equipment and systems supplied by either contractor or owner are operational and within applicable standards and manufacturer's published tolerances and that equipment and systems are installed in accordance with design specifications.

Certain tests are assigned an optional classification. The following considerations are used in determining the use of the optional classification:

- 1. Does another listed test provide similar information?
- 2. How does the cost of the test compare to the cost of other tests providing similar information?
- 3. How commonplace is the test procedure? Is it new technology?

Manufacturer's Instruction Manuals

It is important to follow the recommendations contained in the manufacturer's published data. Many of the details of a complete and effective testing procedure can be obtained from this source.

Summary

The guidance of an experienced testing professional should be sought when making decisions concerning the extent of testing. It is necessary to make an informed judgment for each particular system regarding how extensive a procedure is justified. The approach taken in these specifications is to present a comprehensive series of tests applicable to most industrial and larger commercial systems. In smaller systems, some of the tests can be deleted. In other cases, a number of the tests indicated as optional should be performed.

Likewise, guidance of an experienced testing professional should also be sought when making decisions concerning the results of test data and their significance to the overall analysis of the device or system under test. Careful consideration of all aspects of test data, including manufacturer's published data and recommendations, must be included in the overall assessment of the device or system under test.

The Association encourages comment from users of this document. Please contact the NETA office or your local NETA Accredited Company.

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1. GENERAL SCOPE

1.1 Maintenance Testing Specifications

- 1. These specifications cover the suggested field tests and inspections that are available to assess the suitability for continued service and reliability of electrical power distribution equipment and systems.
- 2. The purpose of these specifications is to assure that tested electrical equipment and systems are operational, are within applicable standards and manufacturer's tolerances, and are suitable for continued service.
- 3. The work specified in these specifications may involve hazardous voltages, materials, operations, and equipment. These specifications do not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with their use. It is the responsibility of the user to review all applicable regulatory limitations prior to the use of these specifications.

