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**Abstract:** Description of design types, tables of 50 Hz and 60 Hz ratings, supplementary ratings, construction, and available accessories are provided. Methods for performing routine and design tests applicable to liquid-immersed single and three-phase step-voltage regulators are described. Winding resistance measurements, polarity tests, insulation power factor and resistance tests, ratio tests, no load loss and excitation current measurements, impedance and load loss measurements, dielectric tests, temperature tests, routine and design impulse tests, short-circuit tests, control tests, calculated data, and certified test data are covered.

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- d) Update tables of preferred ratings; include 50 Hz ratings. Ratings of 2.4 kV (45 BIL), 46 kV (250 BIL), and 69 kV (350 BIL) have been removed from the three-phase 60 Hz voltage regulator rating Table 5 (Table 4 in 1999 edition) due to historical inactivity of requests from users for ratings.
- e) Add bushing terminal connectors for current ratings of 669 A to 2000 A.
- f) Clarify Type A and Type B designs and their resulting voltage regulation per extreme tap positions.
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## Part 21: Standard requirements, terminology, and test code for step- voltage regulators

### 1. Overview

#### 1.1 Scope

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.

#### 1.2 Purpose

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IEC 60068-2-30, Environmental testing—Part 2-30: Tests—Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle).

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.

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