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INTRODUCTION

As a result of major developments in cable systems with extruded insulation for high voltage DC (HVDC) applications, CIGRE study committee B1 set up working group (WG) B1.32 in 2008 with the aim to prepare recommendations for testing DC extruded cable systems for power transmission at a rated voltage of up to 500 kV.

The recommendations of WG B1.32 were published in TB 496 in April 2012. At the time of preparing the CIGRE recommendation there was laboratory experience at voltages up to and including 500 kV, but operating experience was limited to 200 kV. At the time of preparation of this standard several projects up to 320 kV are in progress and many others are planned for the near future.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies test methods and requirements for HVDC transmission power cable systems, employing cables with extruded insulation and their accessories, for fixed land installations, for rated voltages up to and including 320 kV.

Within the scope of this standard “extruded insulation” means insulation manufactured by extrusion of either thermoplastic (e.g. polyethylene) or crosslinked (e.g. crosslinked polyethylene, ethylene propylene rubber, etc.) material. The insulation material may be either unfilled or filled (e.g. with mineral or carbon).

The requirements apply to single-core cables in combination with their accessories, outdoor and terminations for gas insulated systems, joints, and asymmetric joints for usual conditions of installation and operation, but not to special cables and their accessories, such as submarine cables, for which modifications to the standard tests may be necessary or special test conditions may need to be devised.

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IEC 60230, *Impulse tests on cables and their accessories*

IEC 60287-1-1:2006, *Electric cables – Calculation of the current rating – Part 1-1: Current rating equations (100 % load factor) and calculation of losses – General*
IEC 60287-1-1:2006/AMD1:2014

IEC 60332-1-2, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

IEC 60502-2:2014, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages from 1 kV ($U_m = 1,2$ kV) up to 30 kV ($U_m = 36$ kV) – Part 2: Cables for rated voltages from 6 kV ($U_m = 7,2$ kV) up to 30 kV ($U_m = 36$ kV)*

IEC 60502-4, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages from 1 kV ($U_m = 1,2$ kV) up to 30 kV ($U_m = 36$ kV) – Part 4: Test requirements on accessories for cables with rated voltages from 6 kV ($U_m = 7,2$ kV) up to 30 kV ($U_m = 36$ kV)*

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