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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-027, Power Electronics to partially supersede AS 1955.1—1977, *Semiconductor converters*, Part 1: *General* six months after publication.

The objective of this Standard is to provide designers, manufacturers and users with the special characteristics of converter transformers with respect to ordinary power transformers.

This Standard is the third part of a three part Standard; the parts of which are as follows:

AS 60146	Semiconductor converters
AS 60146.1.1	Part 1.1: General requirements and line commutated converters—Specifications of basic requirements
AS 60146.1.2	Part 1.2: General requirements and line commutated converters—Application guide
AS 60146.1.3	Part 1.3: General requirements and line commutated converters—Transformers and reactors (this Standard)

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**1 Scope**

This Part 1-3 of the International Standard relates, in general, to those characteristics wherein converter transformers differ from ordinary power transformers. In all other respects, the rules specified in IEC 76 shall apply to converter transformers also, as far as they are not in contradiction with this Standard.

It should be borne in mind that a rectifier transformer operates with non-sinusoidal current waveshape. In single-way connection, the current in each cell winding contains a d.c. component which calls for special attention in design and testing. In some cases, a special design is necessary when external short-circuits and cell failures would cause abnormal stress.

For certain types of transformers, the waveshape of the normal operating voltage is non-sinusoidal. The core loss of such equipment is to be determined by applying a sinusoidal voltage having the same half-cycle arithmetic mean value and the same fundamental frequency as the voltage applied in service.

**2 Normative references**

The following Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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IEC 76: 1967, Power transformers.

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AS 60146.1.1, Semiconductor converters Part 1.1: General requirements and line commutated converters—Specifications of basic requirements