

CTL DECISION SHEET (DSH)

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Question

Inherently short-circuit proof transformers shall be tested by short-circuiting the output windings until steady-state conditions are reached.

In the IEC 61558-1 "steady-state condition" is not explained. Referring to other standards for the meaning of "steady-state conditions". Or "thermal stability". The thermal stability is the change of temperature of less than 1°C per hour. So the following questions arise:

Is it correct to record the temperatures after one hour when temperatures didn't change (more than 1°C/h)? How shall an inherently short-circuit proof transformer be assessed when the above mentioned requirements are fulfilled, but the transformer is damaged 6h, after reaching the steady state condition, in a way where safety will be impaired? (The transformer bursts).

Decision

Yes. Steady state conditions may be considered reached when the temperatures do not vary by more than 1°C.

Explanatory notes
