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INTRODUCTION

In 1986, superconductivity in some perovskite type materials containing copper oxides at temperatures far above the critical temperatures of metallic superconductors was discovered. In 1987, it was discovered that Y-Ba-Cu-O (YBCO) has a critical temperature (T_c) of 93 K. After a quarter century, the RE-Ba-Cu-O (REBCO, RE = rare earth) superconductors became commercially available.

In 2013, VAMAS-TWA 16 started working on the critical current measurement methods in REBCO superconductors. In 2014, an international round robin test (RRT) on the critical current measurement method for REBCO superconductors was conducted that was led by VAMAS-TWA 16. 10 institutions/universities/industries from five countries participated. The pre-standardization work of VAMAS was taken as a base for this document, on the DC critical current test method of REBCO composite superconductors.

The test method covered in this document is intended to give an appropriate and accepted technical base to engineers working in the field of superconductivity technology.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61788 specifies a test method for determining the DC critical current of short RE (rare earth)-Ba-Cu-O (REBCO) composite superconductor specimens that have a shape of straight flat tape. This document applies to test specimens shorter than 300 mm and having a rectangular cross section with an area of 0,03 mm² to 7,2 mm², which corresponds to tapes with width ranging from 1,0 mm to 12,0 mm and thickness from 0,03 mm to 0,6 mm.

This method is intended for use with superconductor specimens that have critical current less than 300 A and n -values larger than 5 under standard test conditions: the test specimen is immersed in liquid nitrogen bath at ambient pressure without external magnetic field during the testing. Deviations from this test method that are allowed for routine tests and other specific restrictions are given in this document.

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3.1

constant sweep rate method

U - I data acquisition method where a current is swept at a constant rate from zero to a current above I_C , and where the U - I data are acquired continuously or frequently

3.2

ramp-and-hold method

U - I data acquisition method where a current is swept in stages from zero to a current above I_C , where the current is held for an appropriate amount of time at each stage, and where the U - I data are acquired continuously or frequently

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