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ASTM D1275	- <sup>1)</sup>	Methods A and B: Standard test method for corrosive sulfur in electrical insulating oils	-	-
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**INSULATING LIQUIDS –  
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SULPHUR IN USED AND UNUSED INSULATING OIL**
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## INTRODUCTION

In recent years, several failures of transformers and reactors due to copper sulphide formation in/on the cellulose insulation have been reported worldwide. The tendency of transformer oils to form copper sulphide in the presence of copper is seen as one of the major contributing factors.

The most common reason for such failures is arcing between adjacent disks or conductors of a winding, due to the formation of deposits of copper sulphide on the cellulosic insulating paper.

It has been demonstrated that existing test methods for corrosive sulphur, ASTM D1275 method A and DIN 51353, are unable to detect oils having potentially corrosive behaviour.

For this reason, IEC technical committee 10 has prepared this International Standard for the detection of potentially corrosive sulphur in mineral insulating oils. The wrapped conductor test method is suitable for used and unused mineral oils.

This test method is based on a study performed by Conseil International des Grands Réseaux Electriques (CIGRE) working group A2.32 [1]<sup>1</sup>.

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Some of the tests specified in this standard involve the use of processes that could lead to a hazardous situation. Attention is drawn to the relevant standard for guidance.

### **Environment**

This standard involves mineral oils, chemicals and used sample containers. The disposal of these items should be carried out in accordance with current national legislation with regard to the impact on the environment. Every precaution should be taken to prevent the release into the environment of mineral oil.

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<sup>1</sup> Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

## **INSULATING LIQUIDS – TEST METHOD FOR DETECTION OF POTENTIALLY CORROSIVE SULPHUR IN USED AND UNUSED INSULATING OIL**

### **1 Scope**

This International Standard specifies a test method for detection of potentially corrosive sulphur in used and unused mineral insulating oil.

Most recent failures due to corrosive sulphur are related to the formation of copper sulphide deposits in and on the surface of winding cellulosic paper.

The test method uses a copper conductor, wrapped with one layer of paper, immersed in the oil and heated to evaluate the capability of the oil to yield copper sulphide and transfer it to paper layers.

The growth of copper sulphide on bare copper may cause the presence of conductive particulates in the oil, which can act as nuclei for electrical discharge and may lead to a fault. Other test methods exist using a bare copper strip immersed in oil and heated to detect the corrosive behaviour of oil against copper. ASTM D1275 Method B is also used for this test and a modified procedure using low oil volumes is included in Annex A.

Tests with and without paper are considered as complementary and may lead to different results.

### **2 Normative references**

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ASTM D130, *Standard test method for corrosiveness to copper from petroleum products by copper strip test*

DIN 51353, *Testing of insulating oils; detection of corrosive sulfur; silver strip test*

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