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- a) description of load based testing only;
- b) condensation to describe the general principles and demands.

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INTRODUCTION

The blades of a wind turbine rotor are generally regarded as one of the most critical components of the wind turbine system. In this standard, the demands for full-scale structural testing related to certification are defined as well as the interpretation and evaluation of test results.

Specific testing methods or set-ups for testing are not demanded or included as full-scale blade testing methods historically have developed independently in different countries and laboratories.

Furthermore, demands for tests determining blade properties are included in this standard in order to validate some vital design assumptions used as inputs for the design load calculations.

Any of the requirements of this standard may be altered if it can be suitably demonstrated that the safety of the system is not compromised.

The standard is based on IEC TS 61400-23 published in 2001. Compared to the TS, this standard only describes load based testing and is condensed to describe the general principles and demands.

WIND TURBINES –

Part 23: Full-scale structural testing of rotor blades

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400 defines the requirements for full-scale structural testing of wind turbine blades and for the interpretation and evaluation of achieved test results. The standard focuses on aspects of testing related to an evaluation of the integrity of the blade, for use by manufacturers and third party investigators.

The following tests are considered in this standard:

- static load tests;
- fatigue tests;
- static load tests after fatigue tests;
- tests determining other blade properties.

The purpose of the tests is to confirm to an acceptable level of probability that the whole population of a blade type fulfils the design assumptions.

It is assumed that the data required to define the parameters of the tests are available and based on the standard for design requirements for wind turbines such as IEC 61400-1 or equivalent. Design loads and blade material data are considered starting points for establishing and evaluating the test loads. The evaluation of the design loads with respect to the actual loads on the wind turbines is outside the scope of this standard.

At the time this standard was written, full-scale tests were carried out on blades of horizontal axis wind turbines. The blades were mostly made of fibre reinforced plastics and wood/epoxy. However, most principles would be applicable to any wind turbine configuration, size and material.

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