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National foreword

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HD 588.S1:1991 (IEC 60-1:1989)	BS 923 <i>Guide on high-voltage testing techniques</i> Part 1:1990 <i>General</i>
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Foreword

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In this standard, Annex A and Annex ZA are normative and Annex B and Annex C are informative.

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1 Scope

This section of International Standard IEC 1000-4 relates to the immunity requirements, test methods, and range of recommended test levels for equipment to unidirectional surges caused by overvoltages from switching and lightning transients. Several test levels are defined which relate to different environmental and installation conditions. These requirements are developed for and applicable to electrical and electronic equipment.

The object of this section of International Standard IEC 1000-4 is to establish a common reference for evaluating the performance of equipment when subjected to high energy disturbances on the power and interconnection lines.

The standard defines:

- range of test levels,
- test equipment,
- test set-up,
- test procedure.

The task of the described laboratory test is to find the reaction of the EUT under specified operational conditions caused by surge voltages from switching and lightning effects at certain threat-levels.

It is not intended to test the capability of the insulation to withstand high voltage stress. Direct lightning is not considered in this standard.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this section of International Standard IEC 1000-4. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this documents are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 50(161):1990, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) — Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility*.

IEC 60-1:1989, *High-voltage test techniques — Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*.

IEC 469-1:1987, *Pulse techniques and apparatus — Part 1: Pulse terms and definitions*.

3 General

Switching transients

System switching transients can be separated into transients associated with:

- 1) major power system switching disturbances, such as capacitor bank switching;
- 2) minor switching activity near the instrumentation or load changes in the power distribution system;
- 3) resonating circuits associated with switching devices, such as thyristors;
- 4) various system faults, such as short circuits and arcing faults of the earthing system of the installation.

Lightning transients

The major mechanisms by which lightning produces surge voltages are the following:

- 1) a direct lightning stroke to an external circuit (outdoor) injecting high currents producing voltages by either flowing through earth resistance or flowing through the impedance of the external circuit;
- 2) an indirect lightning stroke (a stroke between or within clouds or to nearby objects which produces electromagnetic fields) that induce voltages/currents on the conductors outside and/or inside a building;
- 3) lightning earth current flow resulting from nearby direct-to-earth discharges coupling into the common earth paths of the earthing system of the installation.

The rapid change of voltage and flow of current which may occur when a protector is excited may couple into internal circuits.

Simulation of the transients

- 1) the characteristics of the test generator are such that it simulates the above-mentioned phenomena as closely as possible;
- 2) if the source of disturbance is in the same circuit, e.g. in the power supply network (direct coupling), the generator may simulate a low impedance source at the ports of the equipment under test;
- 3) if the source of disturbance is not in the same circuit (indirect coupling) as the ports of the receptor-equipment, then the generator may simulate a higher impedance source.

4 Definitions

Unless otherwise stated the definitions in IEC 50 Chapter 161 (IEV) apply:

4.1

balanced lines

within the meaning of this standard balanced lines are a pair of symmetrically driven conductors with conversion loss from differential to common mode of less than 20 dB

4.2

coupling network

electrical circuit for the purpose of transferring energy from one circuit to another

4.3

decoupling network

electrical circuit for the purpose of preventing surges applied to the EUT from affecting other devices, equipment or systems which are not under test

4.4

duration

the absolute value of the interval during which as specified waveform or feature exists or continues, IEC 469-1

4.5

EUT

equipment under test

4.6

front time

surge voltage: The front time T_1 of a surge voltage is a virtual parameter defined as 1,67 times the interval T , between the instants when the impulse is 30 % and 90 % of the peak value (see Figure 2)

surge current: The front time T_1 of a surge current is a virtual parameter defined as 1,25 times the interval T , between the instants when the impulse is 10 % and 90 % of the peak value (see Figure 3). (from IEC 60-1)

4.7

immunity

the ability of a device, equipment, or system to perform without degradation in the presence of an electromagnetic disturbance, IEV (161-01-20)

4.8

installation

an assembly of associated electrical equipment to fulfil a specific purpose or purposes and having coordinated characteristics, IEV (826-01-01)

4.9

interconnection lines consist of

- I/O lines (input/output lines)
- Communication lines
- Balanced lines

4.10

primary protection

the means by which the majority of stressful energy is prevented from propagating beyond the designated interface

4.11

rise time

the interval of time between the instants at which the instantaneous value of a pulse first reaches a specified lower value and then a specified upper value

NOTE Unless otherwise specified, the lower and upper values are fixed at 10 % and 90 % of the impulse magnitude, IEV (161-02-05).

4.12

secondary protection

the means by which the let through energy from primary protection is suppressed. It may be a special device or an inherent characteristic of the EUT

4.13

surge

a transient wave of electrical current, voltage, or power propagating along a line or a circuit and characterized by a rapid increase followed by a slower decrease, see also IEV (161-08-11)

4.14

system

set of interdependent elements constituted to achieve a given objective by performing a specified function, IEV (351-01-01)

NOTE The system is considered to be separated from the environment and other external systems by an imaginary surface which cuts the links between them and the considered system. Through these links, the system is affected by the environment, is acted upon by external systems, or acts itself on the environment or the external systems.

4.15

time to half value

the time to half-value T_2 of a surge is a virtual parameter defined as the time interval between the virtual origin O_1 and the instant when the voltage/current has decreased to half the peak value. (from IEC 60-1, 1989)

4.16

transient

pertaining to or designating a phenomenon or a quantity which varies between two consecutive steady-states during a time interval short compared to the time-scale of interest, IECV (161-02-01)

5 Test levels

The preferential range of test levels is given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Test levels

Test Level	Open circuit test voltage $\pm 10\%$ kV
1	0,5
2	1,0
3	2,0
4	4,0
x	special
NOTE "x" is an open test level. The test level can be specified in the product specification.	

The test levels shall be selected according to the installation conditions; classes of installation are given in B.3 of Annex B.

All voltages of the lower test levels shall be satisfied (see 8.2).

For selection of the test levels for the different interfaces see Annex A.

6 Test instrumentation

6.1 Combination wave (hybrid) generator (1,2/50 μ s – 8/20 μ s)

A simplified circuit diagram of the generator is given in Figure 1. The different components R_{s1} , R_{s2} , R_m , L_r and C_c have to be selected so that the generator delivers a 1,2/50 μ s voltage surge (at open circuit conditions), a 8/20 μ s current surge into a short circuit, and the generator has an effective output impedance of 2 Ω .

For convenience, an effective output impedance is defined for a surge generator by calculating the ratio of peak open circuit output voltage and peak short circuit current.

Such a generator with 1,2/50 μ s open circuit voltage waveform and 8/20 μ s short circuit current waveform is referred to as a Combination Wave Generator (CWG) or hybrid generator.

NOTE 1 The waveform of the voltage and current is a function of the EUT input impedance. This impedance may change during surges and due either to proper operation of the installed protection devices, or to flashover or component breakdown, if the protection devices are absent or inoperative. Therefore the 1,2/50 μ s voltage and the 8/20 μ s current waves shall be available from the same test generator output as instantaneously required by the load.

NOTE 2 The combination wave generator described in this standard is identical with the hybrid generator sometimes specified in some other standards.

6.1.1 Characteristics and performance of the Combination Wave Generator

Open circuit output voltage:	at least as low as 0,5 kV to at least as high as 4,0 kV
Waveform of the surge voltage:	see Figure 2 and Table 2
Tolerance of the open circuit output voltage:	$\pm 10\%$
Short circuit output current:	at least as low as 0,25 kA to at least as high as 2,0 kA
Waveform of the surge current:	see Figure 3 and Table 2
Tolerance of the short circuit output current:	$\pm 10\%$
Polarity:	positive/negative
Phase shifting:	in a range between 0 to 360° versus the a.c. line phase angle
Repetition rate:	at least 1 per minute

A generator with floating output shall be used.

Additional resistors (10 or 40 Ω) shall be included to increase the required effective source impedances for the specified test conditions (see 7 and B.1 of Annex B).

Under these circumstances the open circuit voltage waveform and the short circuit current waveform in combination with the coupling/decoupling network is no longer 1,2/50 μ s or 8/20 μ s respectively (combination wave).

6.1.2 Verification of the characteristics of the generator

In order to compare the test results from different test generators, the test generator characteristics shall be verified. For this purpose, the following procedure is necessary to measure the most essential characteristics of the generator.

The tests generator output shall be connected to a measuring system with a sufficient bandwidth and voltage capability to monitor the characteristics of the waveforms.

The characteristics of the generator shall be measured under open circuit conditions (load greater or equal to 10 k Ω) and under short circuit conditions (load smaller than or equal to 0,1 Ω) at the same charge voltage.

NOTE Short circuit current: 0,25 kA minimum with the open circuit voltage set to 0,5 kV and 2,0 kA minimum with the open circuit voltage set to 4,0 kV.