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Part 7: Phase sequence

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This edition includes the following changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) alignment of the structure with that of the whole IEC 61557 series;
b) updated requirements in 4.3 in accordance with new editions of IEC 61010-1 and IEC 61010-031;
c) the information on markings was extended;
d) the information on the operating instructions was extended;

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e) complement to the information on the testing of leads;

f) test leads for insulated conductors were introduced;

g) Annex B was added with information on phase sequence tests and indications.

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This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61557-1:2019.

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Part 7: Phase sequence

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61557 specifies the requirements applicable to measuring equipment for testing the phase sequence in three-phase distribution systems. Indication of the phase sequence can be mechanical, visual and/or audible.

This document does not apply to additional measurements for other quantities. It does not apply to monitoring relays.

NOTE Common worldwide three-phase distribution systems are depicted in IEC 61010-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61010-1:2010, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*
IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016[1]

IEC 61010-2-030:2017, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 2-030: Particular requirements for equipment having testing or measuring circuits*

IEC 61010-031, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated assemblies for electrical test and measurement*

IEC 61557-1:2019 *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61557-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

[1] A consolidated version of this publication exists, comprising IEC 61010-1:2010 and IEC 61010-1:2010/AMD1:2016.

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3.1
phase sequence indicator
instrument intended to indicate, in a polyphase system, the sequence in which the instantaneous voltages of the phase conductors reach their maximum values

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-313:2001, 313-01-21]

3.2
phase sequence indication
information displayed by a phase sequence indicator

3.3
phase sequence test
test taken to determine that the phase sequence of a polyphase winding is correct

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-411:1996, 411-53-45]

4 Requirements

4.1 General

In addition to the requirements of IEC 61557-1:2019, Clause 4, the requirements of Clause 4 of this document shall apply.

4.2 Indication

All indications shall be unambiguously displayed on the phase sequence indicator when the input to the phase indicator is between 85 % and 110 % of the nominal system voltage and between 95 % and 105 % of the nominal system frequency.

Indications shall also be unambiguously detectable in the presence of visual or audible interference.

The phase sequence indicator shall display a valid phase sequence indication, positive or negative, if the values of the voltage to earth of the three phases are within the voltage range specified above and the phase delay between two consecutive phases is 120°.

The phase sequence indicator shall not display a valid phase sequence indication, positive or negative, if the three-phase distribution system is heavily unbalanced.

NOTE An unbalanced system could be due to unbalanced loads on the three phases or due to cabling errors.

In particular the measuring equipment shall not display a valid phase sequence indication in the following cases:

1) one or more of the phase conductors are open-circuit;
2) one or more of the phase conductors are connected to neutral or protective earth;
3) two conductors are connected to the same phase.

The specific indications displayed in the above error cases shall be mentioned in the operating instructions of the phase sequence indicator.

The limits of unbalance in amplitude and in phase delay that the phase sequence indicator can handle reliably shall also be mentioned in the operating instructions.

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4.3 Measuring equipment

4.3.1 General

The measuring equipment for the phase sequence test is intended for temporary operation, but shall withstand continuous operation.

Equipment intended to be used on the distribution system shall be rated at least for measurement category III according to IEC 61010-2-030.

Equipment intended to be used on socket outlets only can be rated for measurement category II according to IEC 61010-2-030.

The measuring equipment shall not be damaged nor shall the user be exposed to danger when the measuring equipment is connected to 120 % of the rated system voltage or to 120 % of the maximum voltage of its rated voltage range.

The phase sequence test (see Annex B) can be realised with test probes for direct contact with live parts, conductors or terminals, or with test clamps for inductive detection on insulated conductors.

4.3.2 Portable phase sequence indicator

Portable phase sequence indicators shall be housed in an enclosure of insulating material and comply with the requirements for double insulation or reinforced insulation (protection class II).

Portable phase sequence indicators shall be designed in such a manner that when either one or two measuring leads are connected to earth and the remaining measuring leads are connected to their corresponding phase conductors, the resulting total current to earth should not exceed 3,5 mA RMS. The phase conductors shall be at 110 % of the maximum rated voltage for which the equipment is designed.

4.3.3 Test leads for direct contact with live parts and accessories

Phase sequence indicators designed for direct contact to live parts shall be provided with permanently connected test leads or with terminals for removable test leads complying with IEC 61010-031.

The following applies to leads.

Test probes, test leads, clips and other accessories used with phase sequence indicators shall be in accordance with the requirements of IEC 61010-031.

A test lead cable that has a wear indicator shall, at the minimum, provide double insulation or reinforced insulation when new and, at the minimum, basic insulation when the wear indicator is reached (see IEC 61010-031).

Portable measuring equipment, together with its test leads, shall comply with the requirements for mechanical strength according to IEC 61010-1 and in addition shall be tested in accordance with 6.4.

These requirements do not apply when the phase sequence indicator forms part of a multi-purpose instrument with provisions for carrying.

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5 Marking and operating instructions

5.1 Marking

In addition to IEC 61557-1:2019, 5.1 and 5.2, the following information shall be provided on the measuring equipment:

– symbol for double insulation in accordance with IEC 61010-1:2010, Table 1, symbol 11;
– designation of leads L1, L2 and L3 on the equipment and on the leads;
– the measurement category shall be printed on the equipment close to the test lead connection.

5.2 Operating instructions

IEC 61557-1:2019, 5.3 applies.

6 Tests

6.1 General

6.1.1 Tests – General

In addition to the tests of IEC 61557-1:2019, Clause 6, the following tests shall be performed.

6.1.2 Visual display

Tests of the visual display are performed under the following conditions.

The display shall be unambiguously discernible by a person with 6/6 vision from a distance of 500 mm at ambient lighting levels from 30 lx to 1 000 lx. During the measurement, the measuring equipment shall be placed on a matt grey surface (type test).

A visual comparison under reference conditions with equipment that has successfully passed the type test is adequate for a routine test with respect to the visual display. The display on the item under test shall produce a similar or better readability (routine tests).

6.1.3 Audible indication (if applicable)

The test for the audible indication is performed at a sound level of L_{AF} = 75 dB (white noise). The indication shall generate a sound between 1 kHz and 4 kHz and be unambiguously discernible by a person with a hearing loss of less than 15 dB HL under these conditions (routine test).

6.2 Leakage current

The requirements under 4.3.2 shall be tested as follows.

The phase sequence indicator shall be connected in series with a current measuring instrument that has one lead connected with earth, and with the other interconnected leads connected with a phase conductor at a voltage of 110 % of its rated voltage or a voltage at the upper limit of its rated voltage range. The magnitude of the current shall not exceed the value specified under 4.3.2.

This test shall be executed on each conductor (routine test).

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