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International Standard IEC 60076-10-1 has been prepared by technical committee 14: Power transformers.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2005. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

a) extended information on sound fields provided;
b) effect of current harmonics in windings enfolded;
c) updated information on measuring methods sound pressure and sound intensity given;
d) supporting information on measuring procedures walk-around and point-by-point given;
e) clarification of A-weighting provided;
f) new information on frequency bands given;

g) background information on measurement distance provided;

h) new annex on sound-built up due to harmonic currents in windings introduced.

This standard is to be read in conjunction with IEC 60076-10.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
14/847/FDIS	14/850/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60076 provides supporting information to help both manufacturers and purchasers to apply the measurement techniques described in IEC 60076-10. Besides the introduction of some basic acoustics, the sources and characteristics of transformer and reactor sound are described. Practical guidance on making measurements is given, and factors influencing the accuracy of the methods are discussed. This application guide also indicates why values measured in the factory may differ from those measured in service.

This application guide is applicable to transformers and reactors together with their associated cooling auxiliaries.

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IEC 60076-10:2016, *Power transformers – Part 10: Determination of sound levels*

3 Basic physics of sound

3.1 Phenomenon

Sound is a wave of pressure variation (in air, water or other elastic media) that the human ear can detect. Pressure variations travel through the medium (for the purposes of this document, air) from the sound source to the listener's ears.

The number of cyclic pressure variations per second is called the 'frequency' of the sound measured in hertz, Hz. A specific frequency of sound is perceived as a distinctive tone or pitch. Transformer 'hum' is low in frequency, typically with fundamental frequencies of 100 Hz or 120 Hz, while a whistle is of higher frequency, typically above 3 kHz. The normal frequency range of hearing for a healthy young person extends from approximately 20 Hz to 20 kHz.

3.2 Sound pressure, p

The root-mean-square (r.m.s.) of instantaneous sound pressures over a given time interval at a specific location is called the sound pressure. It is measured in pascal, Pa.

Sound pressure is a scalar quantity, meaning that it is characterised by magnitude only.

The lowest sound pressure that a healthy human ear can detect is strongly dependent on frequency; at 1 kHz it has a magnitude of 20 μPa. The threshold of pain corresponds to a sound pressure of more than a million times higher, 20 Pa. Because of this large range, to avoid the use of large numbers, the decibel scale (dB) is used in acoustics. The reference level for sound pressure for the logarithmic scale is 20 μPa corresponding to 0 dB and the 20 Pa threshold of pain corresponds to 120 dB.