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- a) IEC 60953-2:1990 has been used as the basis to develop IEC 60953-0;
- b) Outdated measuring techniques have been updated and the corresponding reduction of the expected test result measuring uncertainty indicated;
- c) Guarantee of power output at specified steam flow has been included;
- d) A proposal for assignment of unaccounted for leakages has been included;
- e) Correction methods and guarantee comparisons are updated;
- f) Various appendices deleted:
 - Appendix B (flow nozzle)
 - Appendix E (generalized correction curves)
 - Appendix G (power measurement uncertainty)

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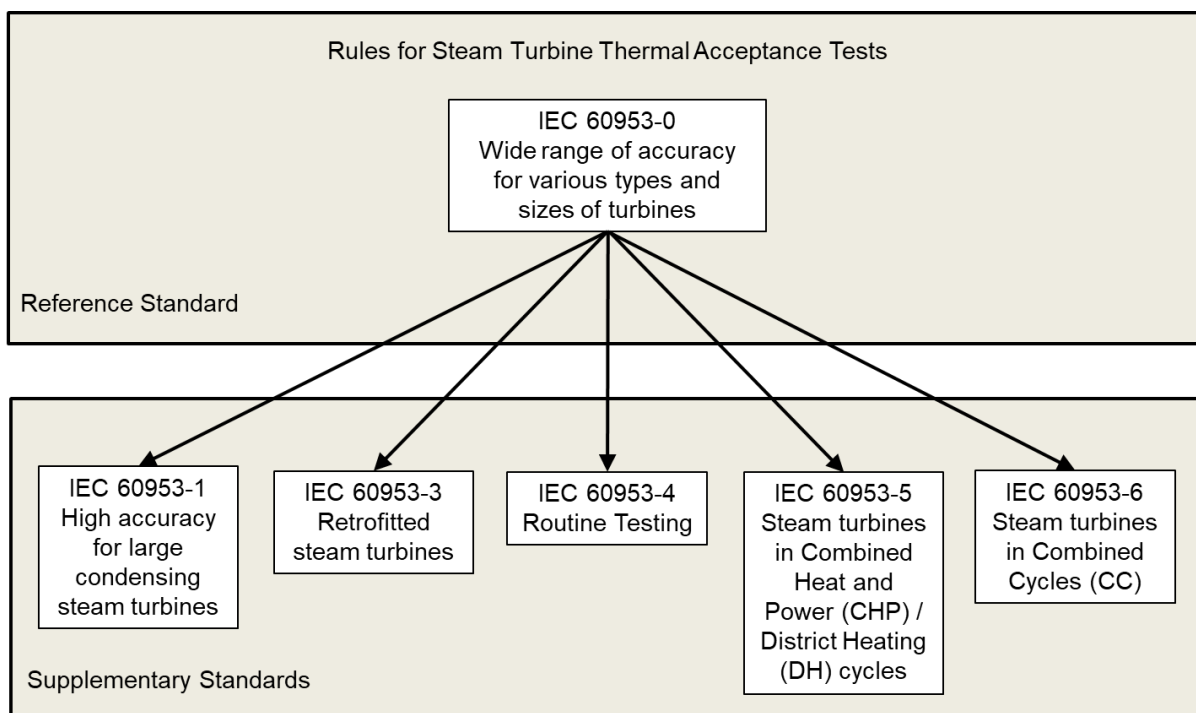
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INTRODUCTION

The continuing development of measuring techniques, the increasing capacity of steam turbines and increasing variety of steam turbine configurations has necessitated a revision of IEC 60953:1990.

Since all the needs of the power industry could not be satisfied by one single performance test standard covering the requirements for all of the steam turbine configurations and accuracy, the revision to this standard is based upon one reference standard and various supplementary parts as indicated below:



1) Basic philosophy and figures on uncertainty

IEC 60953-0 provides for acceptance tests of steam turbines of various types and capacities with corresponding measuring uncertainty, it is based upon the Method B of IEC 60953-2:1990. Additional and alternative guidance will be given for specific steam turbine applications in the supplementary standards where it is required.

Instrumentation and measuring procedures are chosen accordingly from a scope specified in the standard series which is centred mainly on standardized instrumentation and procedures, but may extend up to high accuracy provisions requiring calibration of flow measuring devices. The resulting measuring uncertainty of the test result is then determined by calculating methods presented in the standard series and normally, if not stated otherwise in the contract, taken into account in the comparison between test result and guarantee value. The total cost of an acceptance test can therefore be maintained in relationship with the economic value of the guarantee values to be ascertained.

When good-standardized instrumentation and procedures are applied in a test, the measuring uncertainty given in Table 6 can be achieved. The parties to the test should reach agreement on the measuring uncertainty desired for the acceptance tests.

2) Guiding principles

The requirements concerning the preparation and conditions of the test and especially such conditions of the test as duration, deviations and constancy of test conditions are defined.

The test should be conducted preferably within eight weeks after first synchronisation. It is the intent during this period to minimize performance deterioration and risk of damage to the turbine.

Enthalpy drop tests should be made during this period to monitor HP and IP turbine section performance. However, these tests do not provide LP section performance and for this reason it is imperative to conduct the acceptance tests as soon as practicable.

Adjustment of the heat rate and power output test results for the effects of aging preferably by use of start-up enthalpy drop efficiency tests or by application of a standard allowance according to 7.9 is to be applied unless otherwise agreed in the contract.

3) Instruments and methods of measurement

a) Measurement instruments (for electrical power, pressure, temperature)

The measuring instruments used should be individually calibrated shortly before the test.

b) Flow measurement devices

For the measurement of main flows, uncalibrated or calibrated standardized flow measuring devices may be used.

Typically uncalibrated standardized flow measuring devices are used, however calibration is recommended where a reduction of overall measuring uncertainty is desirable. Double or multiple measurement of primary flow is recommended for the reduction of measuring uncertainty and a method for checking the compatibility is described.

4) Evaluation of tests

The preparatory work for the evaluation and calculation of the test results is covered.

Detailed methods for calculation of measuring uncertainty values of measured variables and tests results are given.

5) Correction of test results and comparison with guarantees

The correction of test results to guarantee conditions is covered. The measuring uncertainty of the result is taken into account in the guarantee comparison.

6) Proposals for application

Since the acceptance test method to be applied has to be considered in the details of the plant design, it should be stated as early as possible, preferably in the turbine contract, which method will be used.

This standard series can be applied to steam turbines of any type and any power. The desired measuring uncertainty should be decided upon sufficiently early, so that the necessary provisions can be included in the plant.

If the guarantee includes the complete power plant or large parts thereof, the relevant parts of this standard series can be applied for an acceptance test in accordance with the definition of the guarantee value.

RULES FOR STEAM TURBINE THERMAL ACCEPTANCE TESTS –

Part 0: Wide range of accuracy for various types and sizes of turbines

1 Scope

1.1 General

The rules given in this document are applicable to thermal acceptance tests covering a wide range of accuracy on steam turbines of every type, rating and application. Only the relevant portion of these rules will apply to any individual case.

The rules provide for the testing of turbines, whether operating with either superheated or saturated steam. They include measurements and procedures required to determine specific enthalpy within the moisture region and describe precautions necessary to permit testing while respecting radiological safety rules in nuclear plants.

Uniform rules for the preparation, carrying out, evaluation, comparison with guarantee and calculation of measuring uncertainty of acceptance tests are defined in this standard. Details of the conditions under which the acceptance test can take place are included.

Should any complex or special case arise which is not covered by these rules, appropriate agreement is to be reached by manufacturer and purchaser before the contract is signed.

1.2 Object

The purpose of the thermal acceptance tests of steam turbines and turbine cycles described in this document is to verify guarantees given by the manufacturer of the equipment concerning:

Efficiency guarantees

- a) Thermal efficiency;
- b) Heat rate;
- c) Thermodynamic efficiency;
- d) Steam rate;
- e) Power output.

Capacity guarantees

- a) Main steam flow capacity;
- b) Maximum power output at specified steam conditions according to IEC 60045-1 (other than steam flow);
- c) Nuclear: thermal load capacity of the steam turbine under defined conditions.

The guarantees with their provisions are formulated completely and without contradictions (see 3.4). The acceptance tests may also include such measurements as are necessary for corrections according to the conditions of the guarantee and checking of the results.