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METHODS OF TEST FOR CABLES

PART 26 PH VALUE OF WATER EXTRACT TEST OF INSULATING PAPER

1. Scope — This method is designed to indicate the active and the total acidity or alkalinity of an aqueous extract of insulating papers for electric cables. Since the aqueous extracts of most untreated papers used for electrical insulation are normally unbuffered and are readily affected by atmospheric conditions, this method embodies features to minimize errors from this source.

2. Significance — The pH determination measures the extent to which the paper alters the hydrogen-hydroxyl equilibrium of pure water : and the acidity-alkalinity determination measures the quantity of extracted ionic material that contributes to that equilibrium change. Such constituents may represent potential short comings, either initially, or after prolonged service, of electrical equipment using this paper. This test is useful for routine and acceptance testing, research work or in evaluation of different materials.

3. Terminology — The active and total acidity or alkalinity of an aqueous extract of electrical insulating paper is expressed as numerical value.

4. Apparatus

4.1 Flask (Borosilicate Glass or Quartz) — 250 ml capacity having negligible effect on the pH value of water with a ground reflux condenser of the same quality glass or quartz.

4.2 pH-Meter — Or suitable colorimetric indicator.

4.3 Hot Plate

5. Material - Distilled water, having a conductivity not exceeding 5 micromhos/cm.

6. Test Specimen — Paper weighing at least 5 g cut into small pieces approximately 1 cm³, are taken. Thoroughly mix the specimen and during preparation, avoid any contamination by handling.

7. Conditioning — Specimen shall be conditioned by first partially drying it by subjecting it to a temperature of 60° C for 10 min and then freely exposing it in an atmosphere having a relative humidity of 65 \pm 2 percent and a temperature of 27 \pm 2°C for a period of not less than 24 hours.

8. Procedure

8.1 Five grams of test specimen after conditioning shall be placed in a 250 ml flask together with 100 ml distilled water. The flask shall be fitted with a ground relfux condenser. The water shall be boiled gently for 10 minutes, then cooled to room temperature and filtered through a washed filter paper. The pH value of the filtrate shall be determined by using a pH-meter or suitable colorimetric indicator.

9. Tabulation of Observations

Sample No.		pH Value	
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10. Calculation - Nil.

11. Report

11.1 Test of pH Value of Water Extract of Insulating Paper

Cable Type

Batch No./Lot No.

Cable No./Drum No.

Date of Testing

11.2 Results

Reference specification _____

Specimen No.	pH Value of Water Extract	
	Observed	Specified

11.3 Conclusion — The specimen meets/does not meet the requirement of specification.