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- a) IEC 60255-13 has been significantly revised to follow the common structure of the functional standards for protection relays (IEC 60255-1xx series). IEC 60255-187-1 has been developed to address the restrained and unrestrained differential protection of motors, generators and transformers. The revisions include detailed description of the functions including the performance specification, testing and documentation requirements.

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## MEASURING RELAYS AND PROTECTION EQUIPMENT –

### Part 187-1: Functional requirements for differential protection – Restrained and unrestrained differential protection of motors, generators and transformers

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60255 specifies the minimum requirements for functional and performance evaluation of (longitudinal) differential protection designed for the detection of faults in ac motors, generators and transformers. This document also defines how to document and publish performance test results.

This document covers the differential protection function whose operating characteristic can be defined on a bias-differential plane. It includes specification of the protection function, measurement characteristics, compensation of energizing quantities, additional restraint or blocking methods (for overexcitation and magnetizing inrush), starting and time delay characteristics. This document also covers unrestrained differential protection functions traditionally combined with the restrained (biased) differential element to form a single differential relay.

This document defines the influencing factors that affect the accuracy under steady state conditions and performance characteristics during dynamic conditions. The test methodologies for verifying performance characteristics and accuracy are also included in this document.

This document also includes current transformer requirements for the protection functions.

The differential protection functions covered by this document are as follows:

	IEEE/ANSI C37.2 function numbers	IEC 61850-7-4 logical nodes
Transformer differential	87T	PDIF
Motor differential	87M	PDIF
Generator differential	87G	PDIF
Restricted earth fault (ground differential)	87N	PDIF
Inrush restraint or inrush blocking		PHAR
Overexcitation restraint or overexcitation blocking		PHAR

This document does not specify the functional description of additional features often associated with biased differential relays such as current transformer (CT) supervision (CTS), switch onto fault (SOTF) and detection of geo-magnetically induced currents (GIC).

This document does not cover differential relays designed for bus bar protection (including high impedance differential protection and low impedance differential protection) or line protection. Additionally, this document does not explicitly cover generator incomplete longitudinal differential protection, generator split-phase transverse differential protection, self-balancing or magnetic balanced protection scheme, differential protection of phase-shifting transformers, directional restricted earth fault protection, railway transformers, convertor transformers and reactors. However, the principles covered by this document can be extended to provide guidance on these applications.