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**Electrical insulation systems – Procedures for thermal evaluation –  
Part 31: Applications with a designed life of 5 000 h or less**





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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61857-1 provides the general structure to be followed for an electrical insulation system (EIS) evaluation and classification.

IEC TR 61857-2 provides guidelines to identify the application and to select the preferred test method based on the application.

This part of IEC 61857 provides a test method for EIS applications, such as the automotive industry, when the designed life is 5 000 h or less.

The selection of this test method can be decided by the end product application.

# ELECTRICAL INSULATION SYSTEMS – PROCEDURES FOR THERMAL EVALUATION –

## Part 31: Applications with a designed life of 5 000 h or less

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61857 establishes an EIS evaluation for applications with a designed life of 5 000 h or less. This test method follows the procedures of IEC 60505 and is modified based on the range of designed life.

### 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 60505, *Evaluation and qualification of electrical insulation systems*

IEC 61857-1, *Electrical insulation systems – Procedures for thermal evaluation – Part 1: General requirements – Low-voltage*

IEC TR 61857-2, *Electrical insulation systems – Procedures for thermal evaluation – Part 2: Selection of the appropriate test method for evaluation and classification of electrical insulation systems*

IEC 61857-21, *Electrical insulation systems – Procedures for thermal evaluation – Part 21: Specific requirements for general-purpose models – Wire-wound applications*

IEC 61857-22, *Electrical insulation systems – Procedures for thermal evaluation – Part 22: Specific requirements for encapsulated-coil model – Wire-wound electrical insulation system (EIS)*

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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#### 3.1

##### **designed life**

expected application time which is proposed or decided by an end user, an industrial manufacturer, etc., regardless of the duty cycle, continual or intermittent