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This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 99-2019, IEEE Recommended Practice for the Preparation of Test Procedures for the Thermal Evaluation of Insulation Systems for Electrical Equipment.

The previous version, IEEE Std 99-2007, had been revised substantially to coordinate with both relevant IEC standards and the recently revised IEEE Std 98™.¹ These revisions include:

- Definitions and references
- Detail on examples of thermal endurance testing, including how to plot temperature index and relative temperature index
- Updated table for exposure temperatures and times
- Methodology for life requirements different than the 20 000 h life on which [Table 2](#) is based
- Detail on how to interpret aging data
- Addition of [Annex B](#), which provides a historical basis for discussions on the repeatability of systems testing.

¹Information on references can be found in [Clause 2](#).

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This recommended practice provides criteria for the preparation of test procedures for accelerated thermal aging of insulation systems for electrical equipment and for the specification of tests based on conditions of use. The objective of these test procedures is to provide for the functional evaluation, by test, of insulation systems for electrical equipment.

1.2 Purpose

This recommended practice provides a general format for the preparation of test procedures and suggest the points to be considered by technical committees in the preparation of specific instructions for the thermal evaluation of insulation systems for electrical equipment. The thermal evaluation of an insulation system involves the following thermal factors of influence:

- Exposure temperature
- Ambient temperature
- Temperature gradient
- Rate of temperature change

2. Normative references

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IEC 60505, Evaluation and Qualification of Electrical Insulation Systems.²

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