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IEC 60475	- <sup>1)</sup>	Method of sampling liquid dielectrics	-	-
ISO 4406	- <sup>1)</sup>	Hydraulic fluid power - Fluids - Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles	-	-
ISO 4407	- <sup>1)</sup>	Hydraulic fluid power - Fluid contamination - Determination of particulate contamination by the counting method using an optical microscope	-	-
ISO 5884	- <sup>1)</sup>	Aerospace - Fluid systems and components - Methods for system sampling and measuring the solid particle contamination of hydraulic fluids	-	-

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1989. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition are as follows:

- new calibration procedures for automated laser particle;
- three figures contamination code;
- new procedure of sample pre-treatment when automated laser counter method are used.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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## INTRODUCTION

The first edition of this standard was published in 1989, and confirmed in 1996. The present edition has been found necessary for consistency with the new ISO 4406:1999, in which calibration procedures for automated particles counters have been changed from ACFTD standard to ISO-MTD standard. Specific procedures for sample preparation are described in more detail when automated particle counters are used. Results and ISO Code reporting are consistent with ISO 4406:1999 standard. Repeatability and reproducibility data are reported.

It has been demonstrated that particle contamination of insulating liquids used in electrical equipment have been responsible for major faults [1]<sup>1</sup>. Particle analysis is recommended (as complementary test) by IEC 60422[3] for power transformers with nominal voltage above 170 kV[2].

Particle counting and sizing is usually carried out using automated counters; the calibration standard for these counters was changed in 1999. The ISO reporting code has also been changed from a two-figure to a three-figure code. This code gives information on three classes of cumulative counting: particles/ml with  $\varnothing > 4 \mu\text{m}$ , particles/ml with  $\varnothing > 6 \mu\text{m}$ , particles/ml with  $\varnothing > 14 \mu\text{m}$ . Particle analysis with automated particle counters has been thoroughly investigated to verify factors influencing the results and to optimize the analysis procedure. Reference figures for repeatability and Reproducibility are reported, for particle counting and for ISO Class.

Annex A provides information about sampling with syringes. Annex B reports a reference for ISO MTD calibration procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.