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This standard is based on the standard practices in the United States for bushings for high-voltage power circuit breakers, gas-insulated substation switchgear, and gas-insulated transmission lines. It is the result of joint efforts of the users and manufacturers working together in the Bushings Working Group of the High Voltage Circuit Breakers Subcommittee of the IEEE Switchgear Committee and the Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) Subcommittee of the IEEE Substations Committee.

Prior to 1991, ANSI C76.1 was the governing standard for the circuit breaker bushings. These bushings were oil-filled condenser type and intended for oil-filled power circuit breakers. NEMA, who had responsibility for this standard, transferred its content to the Transformers Committee of the IEEE Power and Energy Society. ANSI C76.1 was revised as IEEE Std C57.19.00-1991<sup>TM</sup>[B1]<sup>1</sup>. IEEE Std C57.19.00-1991<sup>TM</sup>[B1] was “shared” between the Switchgear and Transformers Committees of the IEEE Power and Energy Society as it included the bushings that were interchangeable between the power transformers and the oil-filled circuit breakers. Since oil-filled circuit breakers were no longer being supplied in the United States, the bushings for oil-filled circuit breakers were eliminated in the 2000 edition of IEEE Std C57.19.00<sup>TM</sup>[B1]. This standard fills the void in North America of a suitable bushing standard for circuit breakers and GIS. Electrical characteristics of the replacement bushings for the oil-filled circuit breakers are included in Annex A of IEEE Std C57.19.01-2000<sup>TM</sup>[B3].

This issue of IEEE Std C37.017<sup>TM</sup> is a revision of IEEE Std C37.017-2010<sup>TM</sup>. Significant changes in this revision include changes in the partial discharge test requirement during routine test. Order of Clause 7 (Tests) and Clause 8 (Hollow insulators tests) of the 2010 version of the standard has been reversed in this issue to correspond with a normal sequence of tests on insulators and bushings. The clauses were updated to refer to IEEE Std C37.100.1-2018<sup>TM</sup>.<sup>2</sup> Normative references and definitions were updated. There were several other editorial type changes.

The related IEC standard is IEC 60137:2017, Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1000 V.<sup>3</sup>

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## 1. Overview

### 1.1 Scope

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- a) High-voltage cable terminations
- b) Bushings for instrument transformers
- c) Bushings for test transformers
- d) Bushings for power transformers
- e) Bushings for oil-filled circuit breakers
- f) Oil-filled bushings in general

### 1.2 Purpose

This standard defines the special terms used, service conditions, ratings, general requirements, test procedures, and acceptance criteria for these bushings.

### 1.3 Word usage

The word *shall* indicates mandatory requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the standard and from which no deviation is permitted (*shall* equals *is required to*).<sup>4,5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>The use of the word *must* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements, *must* is used only to describe unavoidable situations.

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