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Composite hollow core station post insulators consist of an insulating hollow core (tube), bearing the mechanical load protected by a polymeric housing, the load being transmitted to the core by end fittings. The hollow core is filled entirely with an insulating material. The core is made of resin impregnated fibres.

Composite hollow core station post insulators are typically applied as post insulators in substations. In order to perform the design tests, IEC 62217 is to be applied for materials and interfaces of the insulator. Some tests have been grouped together as "design tests", to be performed only once on insulators which satisfy the same design conditions. For all design tests on composite hollow core station post insulators, the common clauses defined in IEC 62217 are applied. As far as practical, the influence of time on the electrical and mechanical properties of the components (core material, housing, interfaces etc.) and of the complete composite hollow core station post insulator has been considered in specifying the design tests to ensure a satisfactory life-time under normally known stress conditions in service.

This standard relates to IEC 61462, *Composite hollow insulators – Pressurized and unpressurized insulators for use in electrical equipment with rated voltage greater than 1 000 V – Definitions, test methods, acceptance criteria and design recommendations*, as well as IEC 62231, *Composite station post insulators for substations with a.c. voltages greater than 1 000 V up to 245 kV – Definitions, test methods and acceptance criteria*. Tests and requirements described in IEC 62231 can be used although this standard has no voltage limit.

The use of polymeric housing materials that show hydrophobicity and hydrophobicity transfer mechanism (HTM) is preferred for composite hollow core station post insulators. This is due to the fact that the influence of diameter can be significant for hydrophilic surfaces (see also IEC 60815-3). For instance silicone rubber is recognized as successful countermeasure against severe polluted service conditions. The ageing performance of the polymeric housing can be evaluated by the salt fog test standardized in IEC 62217. For the time being, no test is defined to quantify the HTM, but CIGRE SC D.1 deals with this subject intensively and Technical Brochure No. 442 is available for the evaluation of the retention of the hydrophobicity.