Test procedure for transformer & Reactor are similar. Hence, same method as mentioned for transformer shall be applicable for reactor also. However, few tests which only to be performed in Reactor are given below:

1. General

Tests shall be carried out as per following procedure. However, IEC 60076 shall be followed in general for other tests. Manufacturer shall offer the transformer/reactor unit for type testing with all major fittings including radiator bank, Marshalling Box, Common Marshalling Box RTCC (as applicable) (excluding ODS, DGA, Fire protection system) assembled.

RTCC and Common Marshalling Box testing may be carried during routine testing of any one unit (Transformer/Reactor). In case of only one unit is being manufactured, RTCC and Common Marshalling Box testing may be carried out along with that unit.

All measuring systems used for the tests shall have certified traceable accuracy and be subjected to periodic calibration, according to the rules given in ISO 9001. Specific requirements on the accuracy and verification of the measuring systems are described in IEC 60060 series and IEC 60076-8.

Latest IEC standards (as applicable) shall be followed for all the tests.

1.1. Before start of FAT following tests shall be carried out on insulating oil:

Break Down voltage (BDV), Moisture content, Tan-delta, Interfacial tension and Particle count

Acceptance Criteria: POWERGRID Specification of Insulating Oil

2. Low Voltage Tests

2.1. Voltage ratio measurement & Polarity check (Vector Group)

Refer IEC 60076-1for procedure and acceptance criteria. Manufacturer's standard practice may be followed.

2.2. Measurement of insulation power factor and capacitance between winding and earth and Bushings

Standards: IEC 60076-1 & POWERGRID Technical Specification for Transformers & Reactors.

Capacitance & tan delta of HV bushings, IV bushings, LV bushings and neutral shall be measured at 5kV & 10kV. It is applicable only for condenser type bushing (having test tap)

Tan delta measurement at variable frequency (in the range of 20 Hz to 350 Hz, at multiple of 17 Hz and applied voltage shall be 2 – 5kV) shall be carried out on each condenser type bushing (OIP & RIP) at Transformer manufacturing works as routine test before dispatch for reference and the result shall be compared at site during commissioning to verify the healthiness of the bushing. No temperature correction factor shall be applicable for tan delta.

Further winding capacitances & tan delta shall also be measured in the following modes as per the table given below:-

Transformer

Connection	Configuration Auto/Two Winding Transformer	Mode	Voltage (in kV)	Capacitance in pF	Tan delta
1	(HV-IV)/LV (C_{HL})	(UST)	5		
			10		
2	(HV-IV)-E (LV GUARD) (C_H)	(GSTg)	5		
			10		
3	(HV-IV)/(LV+E) (GST) ($C_{HL} + C_H$)	(GST)	5		
			10		
4	LV/(HV-IV) (C_{HL})	(UST)	5		
			10		
5	LV-E (HV+IV GUARD) (C_L)	(GSTg)	5		
			10		
6	LV/(HV + IV+GROUND) ($C_{HL} + C_L$)	(GST)	5		
			10		

Test Criteria

The test is successful if tan delta measured is less than 0.5% or as mentioned in specification. The capacitances measured for above combinations (C_H, C_L, $C_{HL} + C_H$, $C_{HL} + C_L$, C_{HL}) may be compared.

Reactor

Connection	Configuration Auto/Two Winding Transformer	Mode	Voltage (in kV)	Capacitance in pF	Tan delta
1	(HV+N) - E (C_H)	(GST)	5		
			10		

For bushings and neutral the following table shall be filled:-

Configuration		Voltage (in kV)	Capacitance in pF	% tan delta
HV Bushing	U-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
	V-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
	W-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
IV Bushing	U-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
	V-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
	W-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
LV Bushing	U-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
	V-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
	W-Phase Sl. No.--	5		
		10		
Neutral		5		
		10		

2.3. Measurement of insulation resistance & Polarization Index

Measurement of insulation resistance between winding & earth by 5 kV megger.

Insulation resistance tests are made to determine the insulation resistance from individual winding to ground or between individual windings. The insulation resistance in such tests is commonly measured in mega-ohms, or may be calculated from measurements of applied voltage and leakage current. The dc voltage applied for measuring insulation resistance to ground shall not exceed a value equal to the half of the rated voltage of the winding or 5 kV whichever is lower.

Note

1. The insulation resistance of electrical apparatus is subjected to wide variation in design, temperature, dryness, and cleanliness of the parts. When the insulation resistance falls below prescribed values, it can, in most cases of good design and where no defect exists, be brought up to that required standard by cleaning and drying the apparatus. The insulation resistance, therefore, may offer a useful indication as to whether the apparatus is in suitable condition for application of dielectric tests.

2. Under no conditions, test should be made while the transformer is under vacuum.

Polarisation Index (PI)

The purpose of polarisation index test is to determine if equipment is suitable for operation or even for an overvoltage test. The polarisation index is a ratio of insulation resistance value at the end of 10 min test to that at the end of 1 min test at a constant voltage. The total current that is developed when applying a steady state dc voltage is composed of three components:

(1) Charging current due to the capacitance of the insulation being measured. This current falls off from maximum to zero very rapidly.

(2) Absorption current due to molecular charge shifting in the insulation. The transient current decays to zero more slowly.

(3) Leakage current which is the true conduction current of the insulation. It has a component due to the surface leakage because of the surface contamination.

The advantage of PI is that all of the variables that can affect a single IR reading, such as temperature and humidity, are essentially the same for both the 1 min and 10 min readings. Since leakage current increases at a faster rate with moisture present than does absorption current, the IR readings will not increase as fast with insulation in poor condition as with insulation in good condition. After 10 min the leakage current becomes constant and effects of charging current and absorption current die down.

Acceptable PI value for power transformer shall be better than 1.3.

2.4. Core assembly dielectric and earthing continuity test

After assembly each core shall be tested for 1 minute at 2000 AC Volts between all yoke clamps, side plates and structural steel work (core to frame, frame to tank & core to tank).

The insulation of core to tank, core to yoke clamp (frame) and yoke clamp (frame) to tank shall be able to withstand a voltage of 2.5 kV (DC) for 1 minute. Insulation resistance shall be minimum 1 GΩ for all cases mentioned above.

2.5. Measurement of winding resistance

After the transformer has been under liquid without excitation for at least 3 h, the average liquid temperature shall be determined and the temperature of the winding shall be deemed to be the same as the average liquid temperature. The average liquid temperature is taken as the mean of the top and bottom liquid temperatures. Measurement of all the windings including compensating (in case terminal is available at outside) at normal and extreme taps shall be done.

In measuring the cold resistance for the purpose of temperature-rise determination, special efforts shall be made to determine the average winding temperature accurately. Thus, the difference in temperature between the top and bottom liquid shall not exceed 5 K. To obtain this result more rapidly, the liquid may be circulated by a pump.

If fibre optic sensors are installed, temperature of winding and oil by FO sensors are also to be recorded in the test report. Further ensure that the FO reading should approx. match with RTD temperature reading.

Type tested unit:

Test engineer (manufacturers) add terminal cables/tube for taking immediate reading of hot resistance of winding. In that case the reference value of cold resistance of the same circuit to be measured and witnessed. Average oil temperature is also to be measured. The above is required for calculation of temperature at shut down condition.

2.6. Measurement of no load current & short circuit Impedance with 415 V, 50 Hz AC.

Measurement of no load current

415V, 50HZ 3-Ph supply (controlled) shall be supplied LV side (Tertiary side for Auto) and magnetising current shall be measured.

Voltage			Current		
U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ

Short circuit Impedance with 415 V, 50 Hz AC

Impedances shall be measured for all combinations and at Maximum, Minimum & Normal Voltage Tap – HV/IV, HV/LV & IV/LV

HV/IV – Connection

Applied Voltage at HV, IV Short circuited, Tertiary Open

Tap No.	Voltage			Current			%Z @ Base MVA
	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	
Max. Tap							
Normal Tap							
Min Tap							

HV/LV – Connection

Applied Voltage at HV, LV Short circuited, IV Open

Tap No.	Voltage			Current			%Z @ Base MVA
	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	
Max. Tap							
Normal Tap							
Min Tap							

IV/LV – Connection

Applied Voltage at IV, LV Short circuited, HV Open

Tap No.	Voltage			Current			%Z @ Base MVA
	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	U-Φ	V-Φ	W-Φ	
Normal							

Measured impedance shall be approximately matched with the impedances measured at rated current. The current at all the phases shall be approximately same.

3. No-load loss and current & harmonic measurement

As per IEC 60076-1:2011 clause 11.5. The transformer shall be approximately at factory ambient temperature. Measurement should be carried out at rated specified voltage of the transformer. Harmonics in no load current shall be measured during No Load Loss measurement.

Check points:

- The value of CT measurement range should be kept sufficiently high (3 to 5 times of measuring value) for better measurement and take care of distortions.
- Inputs like - constants, scaling factors, ratio errors, phase angle errors etc. to the loss measuring instrument shall be as per the latest calibration certificate.
- All wirings used for secondary measurements should be original as supplied by equipment manufacturer without any modification.

Note: After No load loss measurement Load loss measurement shall be commenced immediately and shall be carried out as per procedure mentioned at Sr. No. 6 below.

4. Magnetic Balance Test on 3-phase Transformers

This test is conducted only in three phase transformers to check the imbalance in the magnetic circuit. In this test, no winding terminal should be grounded; otherwise results would be erratic and confusing. Applied Test voltage shall be 415V.

Evaluation criteria

The voltage induced in the centre phase shall be 40% to 90% (approx.) of the applied voltage on the outer phases. However, when the centre phase is excited then the voltage induced in the outer phases shall be 30 to 70% (approx.) of the applied voltage. Zero voltage or very negligible voltage induced in the other two windings should be investigated. The purpose of this test basically is to ensure that there is no inter turn fault in the winding which is generally reflected in high excitation current in faulty winding.