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**Railway applications - Hydrogen and fuel cell systems for rolling stock -  
Part 3: Performance test methods for fuel cell power system**



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## INTRODUCTION

The scope of the IEC 63341 series encompasses categories such as fuel cell power systems, hydrogen fuel systems, and performance test methods for fuel cell power systems.

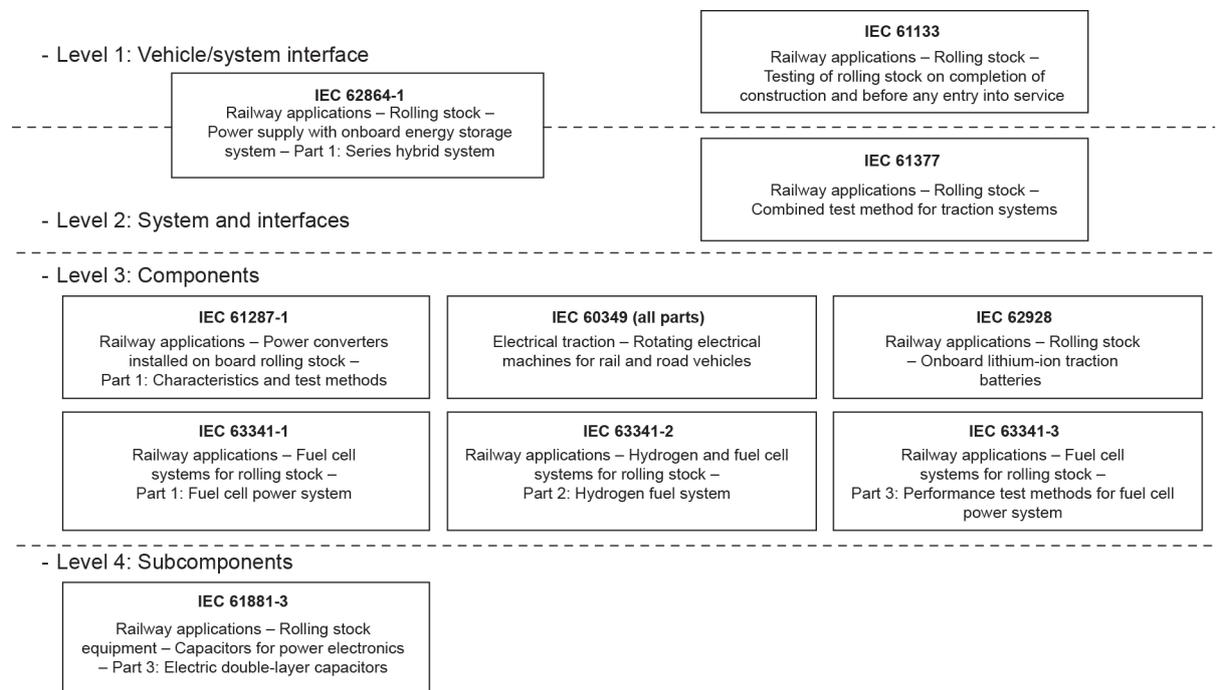
This part of IEC 63341 establishes uniform and replicable testing methodologies for the electrical and environmental performance of fuel cell power systems employed in rolling stock. It is important to note that this document does not specify or categorise the tests in any particular way, nor does it establish performance targets.

Fuel cells utilised in rolling stock, including light rail vehicles, trams, streetcars, metros, commuter trains, regional trains, high-speed trains, and locomotives, are classified as hybrid systems, thereby operating in multiple modes. A similar observation can be made about rolling stock, which also operates in different modes. The purpose of this document is to evaluate the fuel cell system in the different combinations of fuel cell modes and rolling stock operating modes.

It is anticipated that this document will be utilised by manufacturers of fuel cell power systems employed in rolling stock, as well as those engaged in the evaluation of the performance of their systems.

Users of this document are at liberty to select test items from those described herein that are appropriate for their purposes. It is important to note that the present document does not seek to exclude the utilisation of alternative methods.

The hierarchical structure of standards is illustrated in Figure 1. It should be noted that the standards enumerated in Figure 1 are not exhaustive.



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**Figure 1 – Hierarchy of standards related to IEC 63341**

The decision was taken by TC 105 to initiate a project on generic fuel cell technologies, with a view to covering different industrial sectors:

- IEC 62282 (all parts): Fuel cell technologies:
  - IEC 62282-2-100: Fuel cell modules
  - IEC 62282-3-100: Stationary fuel cell power systems – Safety
  - IEC 62282-4-101: Fuel cell power systems for electrically powered industrial trucks – Safety

It is evident that these standards are frequently generic in nature and therefore not specific to the requirements of railway applications.

The IEC 63341 series *Railway applications – Fuel cell systems for rolling stock* is divided into several parts as outlined below:

- IEC 63341-1: Fuel cell power system
- IEC 63341-2: Hydrogen fuel system
- IEC 63341-3: Performance tests methods for fuel cell power system

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 63341 specifies the performance evaluation methodologies for fuel cell power systems that are designed for utilisation in electrically propelled rolling stock.

The scope of this document concerns itself exclusively with electrically powered rolling stock. Internal combustion engines utilising hydrogen are not encompassed within the scope of this document.

This document is applicable to hydrogen fuel cell power systems for electrically propelled rolling stock.

This document does not apply to reformer-equipped fuel cell power systems.

This document does not cover the hydrogen fuel systems that are permanently or separately attached to either the rolling stock or the fuel cell power system. These systems are addressed in IEC 63341-2.

The fundamental system overview, incorporating the interrelationships between the primary functions and the connections to the external system, is delineated in IEC 63341-1:2025, Figure 4.

The relevant standards are comprehensively delineated in IEC 63341-1. The performance targets for fuel cell power systems are agreed upon between the user and the manufacturer.

## 2 Normative references

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IEC 61287-1, *Railway applications - Power converters installed on board rolling stock - Part 1: Characteristics and test methods*

IEC 62236-3-1, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-1: Rolling stock - Train and complete vehicle*

IEC 62236-3-2, *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-2: Rolling stock - Apparatus*

IEC 62498-1, *Railway applications - Environmental conditions for equipment - Part 1: Equipment on board rolling stock*

ISO 3744, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3746, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

ISO 9614-1, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity - Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

ISO 9614-2, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity - part 2: Measurement by scanning*

ISO 14687:2019, *Hydrogen fuel quality - Product specification*