

## **SECTION 26 22 00 - LOW-VOLTAGE TRANSFORMERS**

### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

#### **1.1 SUMMARY**

- A. This Section includes the following types of dry-type transformers rated 600 V and less, with capacities up to 1000 kVA:
  - 1. Distribution transformers.
  - 2. Buck-boost transformers.

#### **1.2 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data: For each product indicated.
- B. Shop Drawings: Indicate dimensions and weights.
  - 1. Wiring Diagrams: Power, signal, and control wiring.
- C. Manufacturer Seismic Qualification Certification: Submit certification that transformers, accessories, and components will withstand seismic forces defined in Division 26 Section "Vibration and Seismic Controls for Electrical Systems."
- D. Field quality-control test reports.
- E. Operation and maintenance data.

#### **1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, Article 100, by a testing agency acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction, and marked for intended use.
- B. The following factory tests shall be made on all transformers. Comply with IEEE C57.12.91, "Test Code for Dry-Type Distribution and Power Transformers."
  - 1. Resistance measurements of all windings on the rated voltage connection of each unit and at the tap extremes of one unit only of a given rating on this for indoor or outdoor installation.
  - 2. Ratio tests on the rated voltage connection and on all tap connections.
  - 3. Polarity and phase relation tests on the rated voltage connections.
  - 4. No-load loss at rated voltage on the rated voltage connections.
  - 5. Exciting current at rated voltage on the rated voltage connection.
  - 6. Impedance and load loss at rated current on the rated voltage connection of each unit and on the tap extremes of one unit only of a given rating on this project.

7. Temperature test(s) shall be made on one unit only of a project covering one or more units of a given KVA rating. Tests shall not be required when there is available a record of a temperature test on an essentially duplicate unit. When a transformer is supplied with auxiliary cooling equipment to provide more than one KVA rating, temperature tests as listed above shall be made on the lowest KVA AA rating and the highest KVA FA rating.
8. Applied potential test.
9. Induced potential tests.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following or approved equal:
  1. ABB
  2. General Electric Company.
  3. Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.
  4. Square D; Schneider Electric.

### 2.2 GENERAL TRANSFORMER REQUIREMENTS

- A. Description: Factory-assembled and -tested, air-cooled units for 60-Hz service.
- B. Cores: Grain-oriented, non-aging silicon steel.
- C. Coils: Continuous windings without splices except for taps.
  1. Internal Coil Connections: Brazed or pressure type.
  2. Coil Material: Copper.

### 2.3 DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

- A. Comply with NEMA ST 20, and list and label as complying with UL 1561.
- B. Provide transformers that are constructed to withstand seismic forces specified in Division 26 Section "Vibration and Seismic Controls for Electrical Systems."
- C. Cores: One leg per phase.
- D. Enclosure: Ventilated, NEMA 250, Type 2.
  1. Core and coil shall be encapsulated within resin compound, sealing out moisture and air.
  2. Ventilation openings shall be louvered or fine mesh screened. Straight punched holes are not acceptable.

- E. Transformer Enclosure Finish: Comply with NEMA 250.
  - 1. Finish Color: ANSI 61 gray.
- F. Taps for Transformers Smaller Than 3 kVA: One 5 percent tap above normal full capacity.
- G. Taps for Transformers 7.5 to 24 kVA: One 5 percent tap above and one 5 percent tap below normal full capacity.
- H. Taps for Transformers 25 kVA and Larger: Two 2.5 percent taps above and two 2.5 percent taps below normal full capacity.
- I. Insulation: Class H 220 deg C, UL-component-recognized insulation system with a maximum of 150 deg C rise above 40 deg C ambient temperature.
- J. Entire core and coil assembly shall be Vacuum Pressure Impregnated (VPI) with a high temperature thermo setting polyester varnish. The total VPI process shall apply a one (1) cycle shield of resin to the coils and bus, core and support structure. The VPI process shall effectively encapsulate the entire core and coil assembly which results in a transformer which is virtually impermeable to moisture, dust, dirt, salt air and other industrial contaminants.
- K. Transformers shall include the following features.
  - 1. Lifting lugs.
  - 2. Base suitable for skidding in all directions.
  - 3. Equip with fully insulated secondary neutral bushing (externally groundable) to permit the use of a neutral conductor or current transformer or sensing ground fault currents.
  - 4. Terminal markings shall be provided on the transformer terminals and shall clearly identify each terminal when doors or covers are opened.
- L. Energy Efficiency for Transformers Rated 15 kVA and Larger:
  - 1. Complying with NEMA TP 1, Class 1 efficiency levels.
  - 2. Tested according to NEMA TP 2.
- M. K-Factor Rating: Transformers indicated to be K-factor rated shall comply with UL 1561 requirements for nonsinusoidal load current-handling capability to the degree defined by designated K-factor.
  - 1. Unit shall not overheat when carrying full-load current with harmonic distortion corresponding to designated K-factor.
  - 2. Indicate value of K-factor on transformer nameplate.
- N. Electrostatic Shielding: Each winding shall have an independent, single, full-width copper electrostatic shield arranged to minimize interwinding capacitance.
  - 1. Arrange coil leads and terminal strips to minimize capacitive coupling between input and output terminals.
  - 2. Include special terminal for grounding the shield.

3. Shield Effectiveness:

- a. Capacitance between Primary and Secondary Windings: Not to exceed 33 picofarads over a frequency range of 20 Hz to 1 MHz.
- b. Common-Mode Noise Attenuation: Minus 120 dBA minimum at 0.5 to 1.5 kHz; minus 65 dBA minimum at 1.5 to 100 kHz.
- c. Normal-Mode Noise Attenuation: Minus 52 dBA minimum at 1.5 to 10 kHz.

O. Transformer shall meet sound level standards for dry-type transformers as defined in NEMA TR-1.

P. Wall Brackets: Manufacturer's standard brackets.

2.4 BUCK-BOOST TRANSFORMERS

A. Description: Self-cooled, two-winding dry type, rated for continuous duty and with wiring terminals suitable for connection as autotransformer. Transformers shall comply with NEMA ST 1 and shall be listed and labeled as complying with UL 506 or UL 1561.

B. Enclosure: Ventilated, NEMA 250, Type 2.

- 1. Finish Color: ANSI 61 gray.

2.5 VIBRATION ISOLATION

A. Acceptable Manufacturers.

- 1. Amber / Booth
- 2. Korfund Dynamics
- 3. Mason Industries
- 4. Peabody Noise Control
- 5. Vibration Mountings Control
- 6. Kinetics Noise Control

B. Provide DNP (Double Neoprene Pad): Neoprene pad isolators shall be formed by two layers of 1/4 inch to 5/16 inch thick ribbed or waffled neoprene, separated by a stainless steel or aluminum plate. These layers shall be permanently adhered together.

C. Neoprene shall be 40 to 50 durometer. The pads shall be sized so they will be loaded within the manufacturer's recommended range.

D. A steel top plate equal to the size of the pad shall be provided to transfer the weight of the supported unit to the pads.

## 2.6 IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

- A. Nameplates: Engraved, laminated-plastic or metal nameplate. Nameplates are specified in Division 26 Section "Identification for Electrical Systems."

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine conditions for compliance with enclosure- and ambient-temperature requirements for each transformer.
- B. Verify that field measurements are as needed to maintain working clearances required by NFPA 70 and manufacturer's written instructions.
- C. Examine walls and floors for suitable mounting conditions where transformers will be installed.
- D. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### 3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Install wall-mounting transformers level and plumb with wall brackets fabricated by transformer manufacturer.
  - 1. Brace wall-mounting transformers as specified in Division 26 Section "Vibration and Seismic Controls for Electrical Systems."
- B. Construct concrete bases and anchor floor-mounting transformers according to manufacturer's written instructions, seismic codes applicable to Project, and requirements in Division 26 Section "Hangers and Supports for Electrical Systems."

### 3.3 CONNECTIONS

- A. Ground equipment according to Division 26 Section "Grounding and Bonding."
- B. Connect wiring according to Division 26 Section "Conductors and Cables."
- C. Tighten electrical connectors and terminals according to manufacturer's published torque-tightening values. If manufacturer's torque values are not indicated, use those specified in UL 486A and UL 486B.

### 3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Perform tests and inspections.

B. Tests and Inspections:

1. Perform each visual and mechanical inspection and electrical test stated in NETA Acceptance Testing Specification. Certify compliance with test parameters.
2. Infrared Scanning: Two months after Substantial Completion, perform an infrared scan of transformer connections.
  - a. Use an infrared-scanning device designed to measure temperature or detect significant deviations from normal values. Provide documentation of device calibration.
  - b. Perform 2 follow-up infrared scans of transformers, one at 4 months and the other at 11 months after Substantial Completion.
  - c. Prepare a certified report identifying transformer checked and describing results of scanning. Include notation of deficiencies detected, remedial action taken, and scanning observations after remedial action.

3.5 ADJUSTING

- A. Record transformer secondary voltage at each unit for at least 48 hours of typical occupancy period. Adjust transformer taps to provide optimum voltage conditions at secondary terminals. Optimum is defined as not exceeding nameplate voltage plus 10 percent and not being lower than nameplate voltage minus 5 percent at maximum load conditions. Submit recording and tap settings as test results.
- B. Connect buck-boost transformers to provide nameplate voltage of equipment being served, plus or minus 5 percent, at secondary terminals.
- C. Output Settings Report: Prepare a written report recording output voltages and tap settings.

**END OF SECTION 26 22 00**