

SECTION 26 23 00**LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR OVER-CURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICES****PART 1 - GENERAL****1.1 DESCRIPTION**

This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of new over-current protective devices in existing low voltage indoor switchgear.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 13 05 41, SEISMIC RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: Requirement for Seismic Restraint for Nonstructural Components.
- B. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- C. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Cables and Wiring.
- D. Section 26 05 26, GROUNDING AND BONDING FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Requirements for personnel safety and to provide a low impedance path for possible fault currents.
- E. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduit and outlet boxes.
- F. Section 26 05 71, ELECTRICAL SYSTEM PROTECTIVE DEVICE STUDY: Coordination study of overcurrent protection devices.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Refer to Paragraph, QUALIFICATIONS, in Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS.

1.4 FACTORY TESTS

- A. Low-voltage switchgear over-current protective device shall be thoroughly tested at the factory to assure that there are no electrical or mechanical defects. Tests shall be conducted as per UL and ANSI Standards. Factory tests shall be certified.
- B. The following additional tests shall be performed:
 - 1. Verify that circuit breaker sizes and types correspond to drawings and coordination study.
 - 2. Verify tightness of bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method in accordance with manufacturer's published data.

3. Confirm correct operation and sequencing of electrical and mechanical interlock systems by attempting closure on locked-open devices, and attempting to open locked-closed devices, and making key exchange with devices operated in off-normal positions.
 4. Verify correct barrier and shutter installation and operation.
 5. Exercise all active components.
 6. Inspect indicating devices for correct operation.
 7. Perform a dielectric withstand voltage test on each bus section, each phase-to-ground with phases not under test grounded, in accordance with manufacturer's published data.
 8. Perform insulation-resistance tests on control wiring with respect to ground. Applied potential shall be 500 volts dc for 300-volt rated cable and 1000 volts dc for 600-volt rated cable, or as required if solid-state components or control devices cannot tolerate the applied voltage.
 9. If applicable, verify correct function of control transfer relays located in the switchgear with multiple control power sources.
- C. Furnish four (4) copies of certified manufacturer's factory test reports to the Resident Engineer prior to shipment of the switchgear to ensure that the switchgear has been successfully tested as specified.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS:
- B. Shop Drawings:
1. Sufficient information, clearly presented, shall be included to determine compliance with drawings and specifications.
 2. Include electrical ratings, dimensions, mounting details, materials, required clearances, terminations, weight, wiring and connection diagrams, plan, front, side, and rear elevations, sectional views, bus work, circuit breaker frame sizes, trip and short-circuit rating, long-time, short-time, instantaneous and ground fault settings, coordinated breaker and fuse curves, accessories, and device nameplate data.
 3. Show the size, ampere-rating, number of bars per phase and neutral in each bus run (horizontal and vertical), bus spacing, equipment ground bus, and bus material.
- C. Manuals:

1. Submit, simultaneously with the shop drawings, companion copies of complete maintenance and operating manuals including technical data sheets, wiring diagrams, and information for ordering replacement parts.
 - a. Wiring diagrams shall have their terminals identified to facilitate installation, maintenance, and operation.
 - b. Wiring diagrams shall indicate internal wiring for each item of equipment and the interconnection between the items of equipment.
 - c. Provide a clear and concise description of operation, which gives, in detail, the information required to properly operate the equipment.
 - d. Approvals will be based on complete submissions of manuals together with shop drawings.
 2. Two weeks prior to final inspection, deliver four copies of the final updated maintenance and operating manuals to the Resident Engineer.
 - a. The manuals shall be updated to include any information necessitated by shop drawing approval.
 - b. Complete "As Installed" wiring and schematic diagrams shall be included which show all items of equipment and their interconnecting wiring.
 - c. Show all terminal identification.
 - d. Include information for testing, repair, trouble shooting, assembly, disassembly, and factory recommended/required periodic maintenance procedures and frequency.
 - e. Provide a replacement and spare parts list. Include a list of tools and instruments for testing and maintenance purposes.
 - f. Furnish manuals in loose-leaf binder or manufacturer's standard binder.
- D. Certifications:
1. Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the COTR:
 - a. Certification by the Contractor that the assemblies have been properly installed, adjusted and tested, including circuit breaker settings.
 - b. Certified copies of all of the factory design and production tests, field test data sheets and reports for the assemblies.

1.6 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below (including amendments, addenda, revisions, supplements, and errata), form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. Publications are referenced in the text by basic designation only.
- B. Institute of Engineering and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):
 - C37.13.....Low Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used in Enclosures
 - C37.20.1.....Standard for Metal-Enclosed Low-Voltage Power Circuit-Breaker Switchgear
- C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
 - SG-3.....Low Voltage Power Circuit Breakers.
- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
 - 70-08.....National Electrical Code (NEC).
- E. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
 - UL 891Dead-Front Switchboards
 - 977.....Safety Fused Power Circuit Devices
 - UL 1558.....Metal-Enclosed Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breaker Switchgear

PART 2 - PRODUCTS**2.1 LOW VOLTAGE POWER CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

- A. General: Circuit breakers shall be dead front, drawout, stored energy type with solid state trip devices. Arcing contacts shall be renewable. Circuit breakers shall be UL listed (Category PAQX).
- B. Rating: Circuit breakers shall be 3 pole, 600 volts AC and below, 60 cycle with indicated frame size, trip rating and system voltage. Breakers shall have 30 cycle short time current ratings.
- C. Drawout Mounting: Provide a racking mechanism to position and hold the breaker in the connected, test, or disconnected position. Provide an interlock to prevent movement of the breaker into or out of the connected position unless the breaker is tripped open.
- D. Trip Devices: Breakers shall be electrically and mechanically trip free and shall have trip devices in each pole. Unless otherwise indicated, each breaker shall have overcurrent, short-circuit and integral ground fault trip devices. Trip devices shall be of the solid state type with adjustable pick-up settings, with both long time and short time elements, and integral trip unit testing provisions. Devices shall have

time-delay band adjustment of minimum, intermediate, and maximum setting. Long-time delay element shall have inverse time characteristics. Final settings, of pick-up and time bands shall be as reflected by the Electric System Protective Device Study.

- E. Position Indicator: Provide a mechanical indicator visible from the front of the unit to indicate whether the breaker is open or closed.
- F. Trip Button: Equip each breaker with a mechanical trip button accessible from the front of the door, which shall permit tripping of the breaker.
- G. Padlocking: Provisions shall be included for padlocking the breaker in the open position.
- H. Operation: Unless otherwise indicated on the drawings, breakers 1600 ampere frame size and less shall be manually operated.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 ACCEPTANCE CHECKS AND TESTS

- A. Perform in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Include the following visual and mechanical inspections and electrical tests:
 - 1. Visual and Mechanical Inspection
 - a. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
 - b. Confirm correct application of manufacturer's recommended lubricants.
 - c. Verify appropriate anchorage, required area clearances, and correct alignment.
 - d. Verify that circuit breaker sizes and types correspond to approved shop drawings.
 - e. Verifying tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method, or performing thermographic survey after energization.
 - f. Confirm correct operation and sequencing of electrical and mechanical interlock systems.
 - g. Verify correct shutter installation and operation.
 - h. Exercise all active components.
 - i. Verify the correct operation of all sensing devices, alarms, and indicating devices.

3.2 FOLLOW-UP VERIFICATION

Upon completion of acceptance checks, settings, and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that the switchgear

is in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function. Circuit breakers shall be tripped by operation of each protective device.

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