

**SECTION 26 43 13**  
**TRANSIENT-VOLTAGE SURGE SUPPRESSION**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION**

Section includes transient voltage surge suppression equipment for low-voltage power distribution and control equipment.

**1.2 RELATED WORK**

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General requirements that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 23 00, LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR: For factory-installed TVSS.
- C. Section 26 24 11, DISTRIBUTION SWITCHBOARDS: For factory-installed TVSS.
- D. Section 26 24 16, PANELBOARDS: For factory-installed TVSS.
- E. Section 26 26 00, POWER DISTRIBUTION UNITS FOR UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SYSTEMS: For factory-installed TVSS.

**1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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

**1.4 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Include rated capacities, operating weights, electrical characteristics, furnished specialties, and accessories.
- B. Operation and Maintenance Data: For TVSS devices to include in emergency, operation, and maintenance manuals.
- C. Warranties: Sample of special warranties.
- D. Certifications:
  - 1. Two weeks prior to final inspection, submit four copies of the following to the Resident Engineer:
    - a. Certification by the Contractor that the assemblies have been properly installed, adjusted and tested.
    - b. Certified copies of all of the factory design and production tests, field test data sheets and reports for the assemblies.

**1.5 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

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 the basic designation only.

- A. Institute of Engineering and Electronic Engineers (IEEE):

IEEE C62.41.2.....Recommended Practice on Characterization  
of Surges in Low-Voltage (1000 V and  
Less) AC Power Circuits

IEEE C62.45.....Recommended Practice on Surge Testing for  
Equipment Connected to Low-Voltage (1000  
V and Less) AC Power Circuits

B. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):

NEMA LS 1.....Low Voltage Surge Protective Devices

C. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):

UL 1283.....Electromagnetic Interference Filters

UL 1449.....Surge Protective Devices

D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

NFPA 70.....National Electrical Code (NEC)

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 SWITCHGEAR/SWITCHBOARD SUPPRESSORS**

A. Surge Protection Devices:

1. Comply with UL 1449.

//2. Modular design with field-replaceable modules//Non-modular  
design//.

3. Fuses, rated at 200-kA interrupting capacity.

4. Fabrication using bolted compression lugs for internal wiring.

5. Integral disconnect switch.

6. Redundant suppression circuits.

7. Redundant replaceable modules.

8. Arrangement with copper bus bars and for bolted connections to phase  
buses, neutral bus, and ground bus.

9. Arrangement with wire connections to phase buses, neutral bus, and  
ground bus.

10. LED indicator lights for power and protection status.

11. Audible alarm, with silencing switch, to indicate when protection  
has failed.

12. Form-C contacts rated at 5 A and 250-V ac, one normally open and one  
normally closed, for remote monitoring of protection status.

Contacts shall reverse on failure of any surge diversion module or  
on opening of any current-limiting device. Coordinate with building  
power monitoring and control system.

13. Four-digit transient-event counter set to totalize transient surges.

- B. Peak Single-Impulse Surge Current Rating: //320 kA per mode/640 kA//  
//240 kA per mode/480 kA// //160 kA per mode/320 kA// per phase.
- C. Minimum single impulse current ratings, using 8-by-20-mic.sec waveform described in IEEE C62.41.2
  - 1. Line to Neutral: 70,000A.
  - 2. Line to Ground: 70,000 Insert value A.
  - 3. Neutral to Ground: 50,000 Insert value A.
- D. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for grounded wye circuits shall be as follows:
  - 1. Line to Neutral: 800 V for 480Y/277 V, 400 V for 208Y/120 V.
  - 2. Line to Ground: 800 V for 480Y/277 V, 400 V for 208Y/120 V.
  - 3. Neutral to Ground: 800 V for 480Y/277 V, 400 V for 208Y/120 V.
- E. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for 240/120 V, single-phase, 3-wire circuits shall be as follows:
  - 1. Line to Neutral: 400 V.
  - 2. Line to Ground: 400 V.
  - 3. Neutral to Ground: 400 V.
- F. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for 240/120-V, 3-phase, 4-wire circuits with high leg shall be as follows:
  - 1. Line to Neutral: 400 V, 800 V from high leg.
  - 2. Line to Ground: 400 V.
  - 3. Neutral to Ground: 400 V.
- G. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for 240 V or 480 V, 3-phase, 3-wire, delta circuits shall be as follows:
  - 1. Line to Line: 2000 V for 480 V, 1000 V for 240 V.
  - 2. Line to Ground: 2000 V for 480 V, 1000 V for 240 V.

## 2.2 PANELBOARD SUPPRESSORS

- A. Surge Protection Devices:
  - 1. Non-modular.
  - 2. LED indicator lights for power and protection status.
  - 3. Audible alarm, with silencing switch, to indicate when protection has failed.
- B. Peak Single-Impulse Surge Current Rating: //160 kA per mode/320 kA//  
//120 kA per mode/240 kA// //80 kA per mode/160 kA// per phase.
- C. Minimum single impulse current ratings, using 8-by-20-mic.sec waveform described in IEEE C62.41.2:
  - 1. Line to Neutral: 70,000 Insert value A.
  - 2. Line to Ground: 70,000 Insert value A.

3. Neutral to Ground: 50,000 Insert value A.
- D. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for grounded wye circuits shall be as follows:
1. Line to Neutral: 800 V for 480Y/277 V, 400 V for 208Y/120 V.
  2. Line to Ground: 800 V for 480Y/277 V, 400 V for 208Y/120 V.
  3. Neutral to Ground: 800 V for 480Y/277 V, 400 V for 208Y/120 V.
- E. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for 240/120-V, single-phase, 3-wire circuits shall be as follows:
1. Line to Neutral: 400 V.
  2. Line to Ground: 400 V.
  3. Neutral to Ground: 400 V.
- F. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for 240/120-V, 3-phase, 4-wire circuits with high leg shall be as follows:
1. Line to Neutral: 400 V, 800 V from high leg.
  2. Line to Ground: 400 V.
  3. Neutral to Ground: 400 V.
- G. Protection modes and UL 1449 SVR for 240 V or 480 V, 3-phase, 3-wire, delta circuits shall be as follows:
1. Line to Line: 2000 V for 480 V, 1000 V for 240 V.
  2. Line to Ground: 1500 V for 480 V, 800 V for 240 V.

### **2.3 ENCLOSURES**

- A. Indoor Enclosures: NEMA 250 Type 1 Type 12.
- B. Outdoor Enclosures: NEMA 250 Type 3R Type 4 Type 4X.

## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.1 INSTALLATION**

- A. Install TVSS devices at switchboard, switchgear, or panelboard on load side, with ground lead bonded to service entrance ground.
- B. Install TVSS devices for panelboards and auxiliary panels with conductors or buses between suppressor and points of attachment as short and straight as possible. Do not exceed manufacturer's recommended lead length. Do not bond neutral and ground.
  1. Provide a circuit breaker, sized by manufacturer, as a dedicated disconnecting means for TVSS unless otherwise shown on drawings.

### **3.2 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. Compare equipment nameplate data with specifications and approved shop drawings.
- b. Inspect physical, electrical, and mechanical condition.
- c. Verify that disconnecting means and feeder size and maximum to TVSS unit correspond to approved shop drawings.
- d. Verifying tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method.
- e. Clean TVSS unit.
- f. Complete startup checks according to manufacturer's written instructions.
- g. Verify the correct operation of all sensing devices, alarms, and indicating devices.

### **3.3 STARTUP**

- A. Do not energize or connect switchgear, switchboards, or panelboards to their sources until TVSS devices are installed and connected.
- B. Do not perform insulation resistance tests of the distribution wiring equipment with the TVSS installed. Disconnect before conducting insulation resistance tests, and reconnect immediately after the testing is over.

### **3.4 SPARE PARTS**

- A. Furnish extra materials that match products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
  1. Replaceable Protection Modules: One of each size and type installed.

### **3.5 INSTRUCTION**

Provide factory certified technician to train Government maintenance personnel to maintain TVSS devices. Training shall be provided for a total period of 4 hours of normal working time and shall start after the system is functionally complete but prior to final acceptance test. Training shall cover all essential items contained in the operation and maintenance manual.

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