

SECTION 26 23 00
LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

This section specifies the furnishing, installation, and connection of the low voltage indoor switchgear.

1.2 RELATED WORK

- A. Section 26 05 11, REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS: General electrical requirements and items that are common to more than one section of Division 26.
- B. Section 26 05 21, LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL POWER CONDUCTORS AND CABLES (600 VOLTS AND BELOW): Cables and Wiring.
- C. 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.
- D. Section 26 05 33, RACEWAY AND BOXES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: Conduit and outlet boxes.
- E. Section 26 43 13, TRANSIENT-VOLTAGE SURGE SUPPRESSION: For TVSS units integral to the switchgear.

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 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. Thoroughly test the switchgear at the factory with the circuit breakers in the connected position in their cubicles. The factory tests shall be in accordance with C37.20 and ANSI C37.51 and shall include the following tests:
 - 1. Design Tests
 - 2. Production Tests
 - 3. Conformance Tests
- C. 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.
 10. Perform phasing checks on double-ended or dual-source switchgear to insure correct bus phasing from each source.
- D. 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 Resident Engineer:

- 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
 - C57.13.....Instrument Transformers
 - C62.41.....Surge Voltage in Low Voltage AC Power Circuits
- C. National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA):
 - SG-3.....Low Voltage Power Circuit Breakers.
 - SG-5.....Power Switchgear Assemblies.
- D. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):
 - 70.....National Electrical Code (NEC).
- E. Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL):
 - UL 891Dead-Front Switchboards
 - 977.....Safety Fused Power Circuit Devices
 - 1053.....Ground Fault Sensing and Relaying Equipment
 - UL 1558.....Metal-Enclosed Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breaker Switchgear

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 GENERAL

- A. Low voltage switchgear shall be in accordance with IEEE, NEMA, NFPA and UL.
- B. Provide complete switchgear including, but not limited to housing, buses, draw out air circuit breakers, instruments and related transformers, relays fuses and wiring.
- C. Switchgear dimensions shall not exceed the dimensions shown on the drawings.

- D. Manufacturer's nameplate shall include complete ratings of switchgear in addition to date of manufacture.

2.2 HOUSING

- A. Construction: Provide housing of structural or formed steel frame braced to maintain alignment and resist damage during shipment, erection, and by stresses resulting from short circuits. Enclose the frame on all sides, top, and bottom (except cable compartment) with sheet steel covers, doors and panels and equip with interior barriers. Provide rear access panels of the hinged type with provisions for padlocking. Provide ventilating louvers where required to limit the temperature rise of current carrying parts. Provide breakers with hinged covers and cutouts for control mechanism. Protect all openings against entrance of falling dirt, water or foreign matter. Isolate each breaker in its own compartment. Metering transformers and instruments shall be similarly isolated.
- B. Painting: Enclosure shall be thoroughly cleaned, phosphate treated and primed by a phosphate or similar treatment, and followed immediately with a rust-inhibiting paint. Final finish coat shall be the manufacturers standard gray.
- C. Breaker Compartments: The breaker compartments shall include stationary primary contacts, stationary secondary contacts as required, barriers, and rails for the drawout elements.

2.3 BUSES

- A. General: Arrange buses for 3 phase, 4 wire distribution. The phase buses (through bus), neutral bus, and ground bus shall be full capacity and shall extend the entire length of the switchgear. Make provisions for future extensions by means of bolt holes or other approved method. Brace bus to withstand short circuit current available at the particular location.
- B. Material and Size: Buses and connections shall be hard-drawn copper of 98 percent conductivity. Bus size and arrangement shall be such that the temperature rise of the buses shall not exceed IEEE standards. Bus connections to circuit breakers shall be copper. Size feeder busing to the line side of breakers based on IEEE. Bus laminations shall have a minimum of 1/4 inch [6mm] spacing.
- C. Bus Connections: Provide bolted or welded connections. All contact surfaces are of copper. A minimum of two plated bolts per splice or connection is required for nonwelded bus except where physical bus size

permits only one bolt; the joint shall include an approved means, other than friction, to prevent turning, twisting, or bending. Bolts shall be torqued to the values recommended by the manufacturer.

- D. Neutral Bus: Provide bare neutral bus mounted on insulated bus supports. Provide neutral disconnect links to permit isolation of the neutral bus from the common ground bus and service entrance conductors.
- E. Ground Bus: Provide an uninsulated 6 mm by 50 mm (1/4 inch by 2 inch) copper equipment ground bus bar the length of the switchgear and secure to each unit frame.
- F. Main Bonding Jumper: An uninsulated 6 mm by 50 mm (1/4 inch by 2 inch) copper bus shall interconnect the neutral and ground buses, when the secondary service equipment is incorporated within the switchgear to establish the system common ground point.

2.4 NAMEPLATES AND MIMIC BUS

- A. Nameplates: For Normal Power system, provide laminated black phenolic resin with white core with 1/2 inch [12mm] engraved lettered nameplates next to each circuit breaker. For Essential Electrical System, provide laminated red phenolic resin with white core with 1/2 inch [12mm] engraved lettered nameplates next to each circuit breaker. Nameplates shall indicate equipment served, spaces, or spares in accordance with one line diagram shown on drawings. Nameplates shall be mounted with plated screws on front of breakers or on equipment enclosure next to breakers. Mounting nameplates only with adhesive is not acceptable.
- B. Mimic Bus: Provide an approved mimic bus on front of each switchgear assembly. Color shall be black for the Normal Power system and red for the Essential Electrical System, either factory-painted plastic or metal strips. Plastic tape shall not be used. Use symbols similar to one line diagram shown on drawings. Plastic or metal strips shall be mounted with plated screws.

2.5 METERING

Refer to Section 25 10 10, ADVANCED UTILITY METERING.

2.6 SPACE FOR FUTURE

Where "provision for", "future", or "space" is noted on drawings, equip the compartment with rails, mounting brackets, supports, bus connections, and any appurtenances necessary for ready insertion of a future breaker. A blank door shall close off the front of the compartment. Design buses for the breaker ampere rating as indicated on the drawings.

2.7 BREAKER REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

Furnish a portable elevating carriage or permanent top-mounted device for installation and removal of circuit breakers.

2.8 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 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. Main circuit breakers shall have short-time trips, in lieu of instantaneous trips. Final settings, of pick-up and time bands shall be as recommended by the manufacturer.
- 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. Breakers larger than 1600 ampere frame size shall be electrically operated.

2.9 ACCESSORY SET

- A. Furnish tools and miscellaneous items required for circuit-breaker and switchgear test, inspection, maintenance, and operation.

1. Racking handle to manually move circuit breaker between connected and disconnected positions.
 2. Portable test set for testing all functions of circuit-breaker, solid-state trip devices without removal from switchgear.
 3. Relay and meter test plugs suitable for testing switchgear meters and switchgear class relays.
- B. Circuit-Breaker Removal Apparatus: Portable, floor-supported, roller-base, elevating carriage arranged for moving circuit breakers in and out of compartments.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install the switchgear in accordance with the NEC, as shown on the drawings, and as recommended by the manufacturer.
- B. Anchor switchgear to the slab with plated 1/2 inch [12.5mm] minimum anchor bolts, or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- C. Interior Location. Mount switchgear on concrete slab. Unless otherwise indicated, the slab shall be at least 4 inches [100mm] thick. The top of the concrete slab shall be approximately 4 inches [100mm] above finished floor. Edges above floor shall have 1/2 inch [15mm] chamfer. The slab shall be of adequate size to project at least 100 mm 8 inches beyond the equipment. Provide conduit turnups and cable entrance space required by the equipment to be mounted. Seal voids around conduit openings in slab with water- and oil-resistant caulking or sealant. Cut off and bush conduits 3 inches [75mm] above slab surface. Concrete work shall be as specified in Section 03 30 00, CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE.

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. Confirm correct application of manufacturer's recommended lubricants.
 - d. Verify appropriate anchorage, required area clearances, and correct alignment.
 - e. Verify that circuit breaker sizes and types correspond to approved shop drawings.

- f. Verifying tightness of accessible bolted electrical connections by calibrated torque-wrench method, or performing thermographic survey after energization.
 - g. Confirm correct operation and sequencing of electrical and mechanical interlock systems.
 - h. Clean switchgear.
 - i. Inspect insulators for evidence of physical damage or contaminated surfaces.
 - j. Verify correct shutter installation and operation.
 - k. Exercise all active components.
 - l. Verify the correct operation of all sensing devices, alarms, and indicating devices.
 - m. Verify that vents are clear.
 - n. Inspect control power transformers.
2. Electrical Tests
- a. Perform insulation-resistance tests on each bus section.
 - b. Perform overpotential tests.
 - c. Perform insulation-resistance test on control wiring; do not perform this test on wiring connected to solid-state components.
 - d. Perform phasing check on double-ended switchgear to ensure correct bus phasing from each source.

3.3 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.

3.4 INSTRUCTION

Furnish the services of a factory certified instructor for one 4 hour period for instructing personnel in the operation and maintenance of the switchgear and related equipment on the date requested by the Resident Engineer.

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