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Preferred Ratings and Related Required Capabilities for Indoor AC Medium-Voltage Switches Used in Metal-Enclosed Switchgear

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1. Scope

This standard provides preferred ratings for indoor AC medium-voltage switches used in metal-enclosed switchgear.

2. Referenced standards

This standard is intended to be used in conjunction with the following standards. When the referenced standards are superseded by an approved revision, the revision shall apply; except in the case of ANSI/IEEE Std.4, the 1978 edition shall apply.

ANSI/IEEE C37.20.4-1997, *Trial Use Guide for Indoor AC Medium-Voltage Switches for Use in Metal-Enclosed Switchgear**

ANSI/IEEE C84.1-1982, *Voltage Ratings (60 Hz)—Electric Power Systems and Equipment*

ANSI/IEEE C37.100-1992, *Definitions for Power Switchgear*

ANSI/IEEE C37.20.2-1994 , *Metal-Clad and Station-Type Cubicle Switchgear*

ANSI/IEEE C37.20.3-1987 (R1993), *Metal-Enclosed Interrupter Switchgear*

ANSI/IEEE Std 4-1978, *IEEE Standard Techniques for High-Voltage Testing*

3. Indoor medium-voltage switches

For basis of rating, refer to ANSI/IEEE C37.20.4, Indoor AC Medium-Voltage Switches for Use in Metal-Enclosed Switchgear. The preferred ratings for these switches are listed in tables 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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Table 1— Preferred voltage and insulation levels for indoor AC medium-voltage switches for use in metal-enclosed switchgear

		Dielectric Withstand Test Voltages		
	Rated Maximum Voltage kV, rms (1)	Impulse Withstand* kV, Peak (3)	Power Frequency Withstand kV, rms (3)	Reference DC Withstand kV (2)
Line No.	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1	4.76	60	19	27
2	8.25	95	36	50
3	15	95	36	50
4	27	125	60	(2)
5	38	150	80	(2)

(Number in parentheses in the table refer to the following correspondingly numbered notes.)
For service conditions, definitions and interpretation of ratings, tests and qualifying terms, see ANSI/IEEE C37.20.4 and ANSI/IEEE C37.100.

1 — The voltage rating is based on ANSI C84.1, where applicable, and is the maximum voltage for which the switch is designed and is the upper limit for operation.

2 — The column headed DC Withstand is given as a reference only for those using DC tests. It represents values believed to be appropriate and approximately equivalent to the corresponding power frequency withstand test values specified for each voltage rating. The presence of this column in no way implies any requirement for a DC withstand test on AC equipment or that a DC withstand test represents an acceptable alternative to power frequency withstand tests. When making DC tests, the voltage should be raised to the test value in discrete steps and held for a period of 1 min. Because of the variable voltage distribution encountered when making DC withstand tests, the manufacturer should be contacted for recommendations before applying DC withstand tests.

3 — Field tests are made at 0.75 times the values listed.

* 1.2×50 microseconds positive and negative waves. Ref. ANSI/IEEE Std.4.

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Table 2— Preferred short-time, momentary and fault closing current ratings for Indoor AC medium-voltage switches used in metal-enclosed switchgear

	Ratings				
	Rated Continuous Current at 60 Hz Amperes, rms	Rated Short-Time Current* kA, rms (Symmetrical)	Rated Momentary Current kA, rms (Asymmetrical)	Rated Fault Closing Current kA, rms (Asymmetrical)	Reference Fault Closing and Momentary Current kA, Peak
Line No.	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5
1	200	12.5	20	20	33
2	600, 1200	25	40	40	65
3	600, 1200	38	61	61	99
4	1200	50	80	80	130
5	2000, 3000	38	61	N/A	99
6	2000, 3000	50	80	N/A	130

* The preferred duration of short-time current is 2 seconds

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Table 3— Preferred load current switching ratings and endurance capabilities

Line No	Rated Load Current Switching at 60 Hz Amperes, rms	Number of Operations at Rated Maximum Voltage (kV rms) (Each operation is comprised of one closing plus one opening)				
		4.76 kV	8.25 kV	15 kV	27 kV	38 kV
	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5	Col 6
1	200, 600	50	30	30	10	5
2	1200	20	10	10	—	—

Table 4— Mechanical endurance capabilities

Line No.	Rated Continuous Current Amperes, rms	Rated Fault Closing Current kA, rms Asymmetrical	Number of No-Load Operations (Each operation is comprised of one closing plus one opening)	
			Rated Maximum Voltage 4.76–15 kV, rms	Rated Maximum Voltage 27–38 kV, rms
	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4
1	200, 600	None	750	500
2	200	20	600	450
3	600	40	500	350
4	600	61	350	250
5	1200	None	400	300
6	1200	40/61	250	150
7	1200	80	150	100
8	2000	None	300	250
9	3000	None	250	200

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Table 5— Preferred rated control voltages and their ranges for indoor AC medium-voltage switches used in metal-enclosed switchgear

Operating mechanisms are designed for the rated control voltages listed with operational capability throughout the indicated voltage ranges to accommodate variations in source regulation, coupled with DC low charge levels, as well as DC high charge levels maintained with DC floating chargers. The maximum voltage is measured at the point of user connection to the switch with no operating current flowing and the minimum voltage is measured with maximum operating current flowing.

	Direct Current Control Voltage			Alternating Current Control Voltage	
		Ranges (1) (2) (3) (6) (9) (10)			
		Functions			Ranges (1) (2) (3) (9)
	Rated Control Voltage (volts, DC)	Closing and Auxiliary	Opening	Rated Control Voltage (volts 60 Hz)	Closing Opening & Auxiliary Functions (4) (5)
Line No.	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	Col 4	Col 5
1	24	(7)	14–28	Single Phase	Single Phase
2	48 (7)	38–56	28–56	120	104–127 (8)
3	–	–	–	240	208–254 (8)
4	125	100–140	70–140	Polyphase	
5	250	200–280	140–280	208Y/120	180Y/104–
6	–	–	–	240	208–254

NOTES: (Number in parentheses in the table refer to the following correspondingly numbered notes.)

1 — Electrically operated motors, contactors, solenoids, valves, and the like, need not carry a nameplate voltage rating that corresponds to the control voltage rating shown in the table as long as these components perform the intended duty cycle (usually intermittent) in the voltage range specified.

2 — Relays, motors, or other auxiliary components that function as a part of the control for a device shall be subject to the voltage limits imposed by this standard, whether mounted at the device or at a remote location.

3 — Device control components, in some applications, may be exposed to control voltages exceeding those specified here due to abnormal conditions such as abrupt changes in line loading. Such applications require specific study, and the manufacturer should be consulted. Also, application of switchgear control components containing solid-state control, exposed continuously to control voltages approaching the upper limits of ranges specified herein, require specific attention and the manufacturer should be consulted before application is made.

4 — Closing functions include (a) the closing power mechanism, and (b) the means (coils, contactors, seal-in relays, and the like) to actuate the power mechanisms. Auxiliary functions include all functions except closing and opening.

5 — Opening is the release of the holding means that permits stored energy to open the device.

6 — It is recommended that the coils of closing, auxiliary, and opening components that are connected continually to one DC potential should be connected to the negative control bus so as to minimize electrolytic deterioration.

7 — 24-volt or 48-volt control voltages are recommended only when both the control components and devices are located near the battery or where special effort is made to ensure adequate control voltage at the control terminals. The 24-volt closing function is not recommended.

8 — Includes heater circuits

9 — Devices utilizing standard auxiliary relays for control may not function at lower extremes of voltage ranges when relay coils are hot, as after repeated or continuous operation.

10 — Direct current control voltage sources, such as those derived from rectified alternating current, may contain sufficient inherent ripple to modify the operation of control devices to the extent that they may not function over the entire specified voltage ranges.

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