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Scope

This Standards Publication covers uninsulated connectors and bus supports which are made of metal and intended for use in substations. Connectors which are supplied in equipment are covered by the appropriate equipment standards and are excluded from this Standards Publication.

Purpose

The purpose of this Standards Publication is to provide standard test methods and performance requirements for the electrical and mechanical characteristics of connectors under normal operating conditions.

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ELECTRIC POWER CONNECTORS FOR SUBSTATIONS

Section 1
DEFINITIONS

1.1 ANGLE CONNECTOR

An angle connector joins two conductors end to end at a specified angle.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.2 ANGLE OF A CONNECTOR

The angle of a connector is:

1. In the case of an angle connector, the deflected angle.
2. In the case of a branch connector, the least angle between the branch and the main conductor.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.3 BOLTED-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a bolted-type connector the contact between the conductor and the connector is made by pressure exerted by one or more clamping bolts.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.4 BRANCH CONNECTOR

A branch connector is an angle connector which joins a branch conductor to the main conductor at a specified angle.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.5 BUS SUPPORT

A bus support is a metal member, usually mounted on an insulator, which supports a bus conductor.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.6 COMBINED "T" AND STRAIGHT CONNECTOR ("T" COUPLER)

A combined "T" and straight connector joins two main conductors end to end and also joins a branch conductor to the main conductors at an angle of 90 degrees.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.7 CONDUCTOR

A conductor is constructed from conducting material so that it may be used as a carrier of electric current.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.8 CONNECTOR

A connector is a device which joins two or more conductors for the purpose of providing a continuous electrical path.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.9 CROSS CONNECTOR

A cross connector joins two branch conductors to the main conductor. The branch conductors are opposite to each other and perpendicular to the main conductor.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.10 DESIGN TESTS

Design tests are made on the completion of the development of a new design to establish representative performance data. They need to be repeated only if the design is changed to modify its performance.

NEMA Standard 3-17-1955.

1.11 HV (HIGH VOLTAGE), EHV (EXTRA-HIGH-VOLTAGE), AND UHV (ULTRA-HIGH-VOLTAGE) POWER CONNECTORS

A HV, EHV, or UHV power connector is a connector, bus support, or other device which, when installed on its conductor, does not generate corona or noise at nominal voltage.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

1.12 EXPANSION CONNECTOR

An expansion connector provides a flexible connection between rigid conductors or between a rigid conductor and electrical apparatus.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.13 HOT-LINE CLAMP (LIVE-LINE CONNECTOR)

A hot-line clamp is a connector which shall be permitted to be installed while the conductor is energized.

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1.14 "L" CONNECTOR

An "L" connector is an angle connector which joins two conductors end to end at an angle of 90 degrees.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.15 MAIN CONDUCTOR (RUN)

A main conductor is a continuous conductor from which other conductors branch.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

1.16 PAD (SOLID OR LAMINATED BLOCK) ANGLE TERMINAL CONNECTOR

A pad (solid or laminated block) angle terminal connector joins a conductor to the terminal pad (solid or laminated block) of electrical apparatus at a specified angle.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.17 PAD (SOLID OR LAMINATED BLOCK) TERMINAL CONNECTOR

A pad (solid or laminated block) terminal connector joins a conductor to the terminal pad (solid or laminated block) of electrical apparatus.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.18 PARALLEL CONNECTOR

A parallel connector joins two parallel conductors which may overlap each other.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.19 PRESSED-TUBULAR TERMINAL CONNECTOR

A pressed-tubular terminal connector is fabricated or pressed from tubing.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.20 PRESSURE-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a pressure-type connector the pressure to fix the connector to the electrical conductor is applied by integral screw, cone, or other mechanical parts.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.21 RANGE-TAKING (MULTISIZE) CONNECTOR

A range-taking connector accommodates more than one conductor size.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.22 ROUTINE TESTS

Routine tests are made to verify the quality and uniformity of the workmanship and materials used in the manufacture of electric power connectors.

NEMA Standard 3-17-1955.

1.23 SERVICE CONNECTOR

A service connector is a parallel connector in which the contact between the conductors is obtained by mechanically applied pressure.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.24 SHRINK-FIT-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a shrink-fit-type connector the contact between the conductor and the connector is made by a shrink fit.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.25 SINGLE-SIZE CONNECTOR

A single-size connector accommodates only one conductor size.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.26 SOLDERED-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a soldered-type connector the contact between the conductor and the connector is made by a soldered joint.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.27 SPLIT-SLEEVE CONNECTOR

A split sleeve connector is of split-sleeve form and is tinned for soldering.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.28 STRAIGHT ADAPTER CONNECTOR (STRAIGHT ADAPTER)

A straight adapter connector joins two conductors of different shapes end to end in a straight line.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.29 STRAIGHT CONNECTOR

A straight connector joins two lengths of conductor end to end in a straight line.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.30 STRAIGHT COUPLER CONNECTOR (COUPLER)

A straight coupler connector joins two conductors of equal sizes end to end in a straight line.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

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1.31 STRAIGHT REDUCER CONNECTOR (REDUCER)

A straight reducer connector joins two conductors of unequal sizes end to end in a straight line.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.32 STUD ANGLE TERMINAL CONNECTOR

A stud angle terminal connector joins a conductor to the round terminal stud of electrical apparatus at a specified angle.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.33 STUD TERMINAL CONNECTOR

A stud terminal connector joins a conductor to the round terminal stud of electrical apparatus.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.34 "T" CONNECTOR

A "T" connector is a branch connector which joins a branch conductor to the main conductor at an angle of 90 degrees.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.35 TANG

A tang is that portion of a connector which is used to fasten a connector to a terminal pad.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.36 TAP CONDUCTOR

A tap conductor branches off from a main conductor.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.37 TERMINAL CONNECTOR

A terminal connector joins a conductor to a lead, terminal pad (solid or laminated block), or round terminal stud of electrical apparatus.

NEMA Standard 1-6-1966.

1.38 TERMINAL PAD

A terminal pad is the (usually) flat conducting part of a device to which a terminal connector is fastened.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

1.39 THREADED-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a threaded-type connector the contact between the conductor and the connector is made by pressure exerted on a threaded part.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.40 TWISTED SLEEVE CONNECTOR

A twisted sleeve connector is a parallel connector in which the contact between the conductors is obtained by forming a spiral twist in the connector and conductors after they are assembled.

NEMA Standard 5-19-1935.

1.41 "V" CONNECTOR

A "V" connector joins two branch conductors to a main conductor. The branch conductors are perpendicular to the main conductor and have an included angle between them of less than 180 degrees.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1961.

1.42 WEDGE-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a wedge-type connector the contact between the conductor and the connector is made by pressure exerted by a wedge.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.43 "Y" CONNECTOR

A "Y" connector joins two branch conductors to the main conductor at an angle. The three conductors are in the same plane.

NEMA Standard 8-16-1951.

1.44 WELD-TYPE CONNECTOR

In a weld-type connector the contact between the conductor and the connector is made by welding.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

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Section 2
RATING STANDARDS

2.1 CURRENT RATINGS FOR BARE COPPER CONDUCTORS ▲

The 60-hertz current ratings of IACS copper conductors having a conductivity of 98 percent shall be in accordance with column 2 of Tables 2-1 and 2-2 when used indoors. When conductors are used outdoors and are subjected to air currents, weathering, and so forth, the current ratings shall be in accordance with column 3 of Tables 2-1 and 2-2.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1984.

Table 2-1
CURRENT RATINGS FOR BARE COPPER CONDUCTORS

(1) Size of Conductors	Current Ratings, Amperes[1] (2) Indoor[2]	(3) Outdoor[3]
Solid Wire		
0 AWG (54 mm²)	190	270
00 AWG (67 mm²)	220	310
0000 AWG (107 mm²)	270	380
Stranded Wire		
0 AWG (54 mm²)	170	240
00 AWG (67 mm²)	210	290
0000 AWG (107 mm²)	260	370
250 MCM (127 mm²)	310	430
400 MCM (203 mm²)	430	580
500 MCM (253 mm²)	500	670
600 MCM (304 mm²)	590	780
750 MCM (380 mm²)	680	880
1000 MCM (507 mm²)	840	1040
1500 MCM (760 mm²)	1020	1300
2000 MCM (1013 mm²)	1200	1500

Table 2-2
CURRENT RATINGS FOR BARE COPPER CONDUCTORS

(1) Standard Pipe Size, Inches (mm)	Current Ratings, Amperes[1] (2) Indoor[2] Sch. 40 Reg.	Sch. 80 Ex. Hvy	(3) Outdoor[3] Sch. 40 Reg.	Sch. 80 Ex. Hvy
½ (12.7)	380	420	510	580
¾ (19.0)	540	590	710	780
1 (25.4)	650	750	850	1010
1¼ (31.8)	870	975	1120	1250
1½ (38.1)	1020	1150	1280	1450
2 (50.8)	1250	1500	1550	1850
2½ (63.5)	1700	1975	2000	2400
3 (76.2)	2175	2475	2550	2950
3½ (88.9)	2575	2875	3050	3400
4 (101.6)	2850	3100	3400	3800
5 (127.0)	3450	3850	4100	4600
6 (152.4)	4000	4500	4700	5200

[1]The distance between conductors should be at least 18 inches (457mm) but, in the event it is less than 18 inches (457mm), the proximity effect should be taken into consideration.

[2]Indoor ratings are calculated for a 30°C rise above an ambient temperature of 40°C in still but unconfined air.

[3]Outdoor ratings are given for a wind velocity of 2 feet per second (0.6 meter per second), an ambient air temperature of 40°C and a conductor temperature of 70°C (30°C rise). (These footnotes are classified as Authorized Engineering Information 7-12-1984.)

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2.2 CURRENT RATINGS FOR BARE ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS

2.2.1 The 60-hertz current ratings of aluminum conductors, when used indoors, shall be in accordance with column 2 of Tables 2-3 and 2-4. When aluminum conductors are used outdoors and are subjected to air currents, weathering, and so forth, the current ratings shall be in accordance with column 3 of Tables 2-3 and 2-4. ▲

NEMA Standard 7-12-1984.

Table 2-3
CURRENT RATINGS FOR BARE ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS

(1) Size of Conductors	Current Ratings, Amperes[1] (Based on 57-61 Percent Conductivity) (2) Indoor[3]	(3) Outdoor[4]
Solid Wire		
0 AWG (54 mm²)	130	170
00 AWG (67 mm²)	160	215
0000 AWG (107 mm²)	210	280
Stranded Wire		
0 AWG (54 mm²)	135	180
00 AWG (67 mm²)	165	220
0000 AWG (107 mm²)	215	280
250 MCM (127 mm²)	250	330
400 MCM (203 mm²)	340	440
500 MCM (253 mm²)	390	490
600 MCM (304 mm²)	450	570
750 MCM (380 mm²)	520	660
1000 MCM (507 mm²)	630	790
1500 MCM (760 mm²)	800	1000
2000 MCM (1013 mm²)	950	1175

Table 2-4
CURRENT RATINGS FOR BARE ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS

(1) Standard Pipe Size, Inches (mm)	Current Ratings, Amperes[2] (Based on 53 Percent Conductivity) (2) Indoor[3] Schedule 40	Schedule 80	(3) Outdoor[4] Schedule 40	Schedule 80
½ (12.7)	315	360	400	455
¾ (19.0)	400	455	495	565
1 (25.4)	535	605	650	740
1¼ (31.8)	680	780	810	930
1½ (38.1)	790	910	930	1070
2 (50.8)	1000	1175	1155	1355
2½ (63.5)	1365	1570	1550	1780
3 (76.2)	1670	1935	1895	2195
3½ (88.9)	1945	2265	2170	2530
4 (101.6)	2230	2605	2460	2880
4½ (114.3)	2515	2955	2750	3230
5 (127.0)	2845	3355	3080	3635
6 (152.4)	3500	4205	3735	4490

[1]The distance between conductors should be at least 18 inches (457mm) but, in the event that it is less than 18 inches (457mm), the proximity effect should be taken into consideration.

[2]Tubing available in other conductivity values will affect this table. See 2.2.2 below.

[3]Indoor ratings are calculated for a 30°C rise above an ambient temperature of 40°C in still but unconfined air and a surface emissivity, e, equal to 0.35.

[4]Outdoor ratings are given for a wind velocity of 2 feet per second (0.6 meters per second), an ambient air temperature of 40°C, a conductor temperature of 70°C (30°C rise) and a surface emissivity, e, equal to 0.50. (These notes are classified as Authorized Engineering Information 7-12-1984.)

2.2.2 For other aluminum tubing conductivities, the current ratings should be adjusted in accordance with the following formula:

$$I\ (\text{New Alloy}) = I\ (53\%) \sqrt{\frac{\text{Conductivity of New Alloy}}{0.53}}$$

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2.3 RATINGS FOR HV, EHV AND UHV POWER CONNECTORS (See 3.4)

The ratings of EHV power connectors shall be based on the following minimum design phase spacings and distances from ground plane. These are the maximum test conditions. The visual corona and audible noise extinction test voltage shall be at least 10 percent greater than the nominal operating voltage. The radio influence voltage (RIV) level shall be below 200 microvolts (not including background noise) at this voltage. All tests shall be conducted under laboratory conditions.

High Voltage (HV)—a nominal system voltage not exceeding 230 kilovolts.

Extra High Voltage (EHV)—a nominal system voltage that is greater than 230 kilovolts but less than 1100 kilovolts.

Ultra High Voltage (UHV)—a nominal system voltage that is equal to or greater than 1100 kilovolts.

Nominal Operating Voltage, kV	Minimum Phase Spacing, Feet (meter)	Minimum Distance From Ground Plane, Feet (meter)
230	11 (3.4 m)	15 (4.6 m)
345	16 (4.9 m)	25 (7.6 m)
500	25 (7.6 m)	30 (9.1 m)
765	45 (13.7 m)	45 (13.7 m)
1100	55 (16.8 m)	55 (16.8 m)

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

2.4 RATED FREQUENCY

The rated frequency of the power connectors covered by this publication shall be 60 hertz.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

2.5 BASIS OF TEMPERATURE RISE (See 3.1)

2.5.1 The temperature rise of an electric power connector shall not exceed the temperature rise of the conductor with which it is intended to be used.

2.5.2 The temperature rise of an electric power connector which connects conductors of varying sizes shall not exceed the temperature rise of the conductor having the highest temperature rise.

2.5.3 The average temperature rise of an expansion electric power connector shall be in accordance with par. 2.5.1. The hot-spot temperature rise shall not exceed the average temperature rise by more than 10°C.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

2.6 RESISTANCE (See 3.2)

The resistance of a connection shall not exceed 110 percent of the resistance of the conductor.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

2.7 PULLOUT STRENGTH (See 3.3)

The pullout strength of connector fittings shall be as follows:

Wire or Cable Size AWG or MCM (mm^2)	Minimum Pullout Strength, Pounds (kg)
6-1/0 (13-54)	300 (136)
2/0-4/0 (67-107)	500 (227)
250-500 (127-253)	1000 (454)
above 500 (above 253)	2000 (907)

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

2.8 CANTILEVER STRENGTH OF BUS SUPPORTS (SEE 3.5)

The minimum cantilever strength of bus supports shall be as follows:

Bronze - Pounds (kg)	Aluminum - Pounds (kg)
500 (227)	2000 (907)

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

2.9 TORQUE STRENGTH OF BOLTED CONNECTOR

The connector shall withstand, without damage, a torque value 50 percent over the torque values given in Table 4-2, Nominal Torque Values. Damage is defined as any crack or opening detected by the naked eye.

NEMA Standard 5-28-81.

2.10 ALUMINUM WELDMENT COUPLERS

The strength of the coupler shall be such that failure will occur in the annealed tubular bus when subjected to either a tensile or bending test.

The welded connection shall have an electrical conductivity equal to or greater than the original bus.

*The recommended welding methods are tungsten inert gas (TIG) or metallic inert gas (MIG).

NEMA STANDARD 5-28-1981.

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Section 3
TESTING STANDARDS

3.1 TEMPERATURE RISE TESTS

3.1.1 At the discretion of the manufacturers, temperature rise tests on electric power connectors shall be permitted to be conducted either indoors or outdoors. The temperature rise shall be determined at 100, 125, and 150 percent of the rated current, with equilibrium temperatures obtained at each level. Equilibrium temperature is defined as a constant temperature (±1 °C) between three successive measurements. Measurements are made at the end of the first 30 minutes and at one hour intervals thereafter until completion of the test. The current values used shall be based on the following:

	For Rated Current Values When Temperature Rise Test Is Conducted	
Type of Conductor	Indoors	Outdoors
Bare Copper	See Col. 2 of Tables 2-1 and 2-2	See Col. 3 of Tables 2-1 and 2-2
Bare Aluminum	See Col. 2 of Tables 2-3 and 2-4	See Col. 3 of Tables 2-3 and 2-4

This test is not intended to qualify the connectors for service higher than the normal rating (2.1, 2.2).

3.1.2 Conductors of the correct size and type shall extend a minimum of 4 feet (1.2 metre) from each opening of the connector to the point where connection is made to the circuit, in order to eliminate heat sinks or hot spots on the test loop.

3.1.3 The values of the currents to be used in making temperature rise tests for the various general types of connectors shall be determined in accordance with the following:

1. Terminal Connectors—the values of rated current shall be selected on the basis of the rating of the equipment to which the connector is connected, or on the basis of the rating of the conductor for which the opening is designed, whichever is smaller.

2. Angle and Straight Connectors—the values of current shall be selected on the basis of the conductor which has the lower current-carrying value where the openings are of two sizes, and on the basis of the conductor which is common to both openings where the openings are of the same size.

3. "T" Connectors—the values of current shall be selected on the basis of the full-rated current in the tap conductor or in the run conductor if the run conductor is the smaller.

3.1.4 On expansion connectors measurements shall be made in accordance with the following:

1. Thermocouples shall be attached to the top surface of the individual flexible elements at the center of the free length (see Fig. 3-1).

2. The temperature of each flexible element forming the entire connector shall be measured. The highest temperature shall be recorded and compared to the requirements given in 2.5.

3. All of the temperature measurements shall be averaged to obtain the average temperature rise of the expansion connector.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

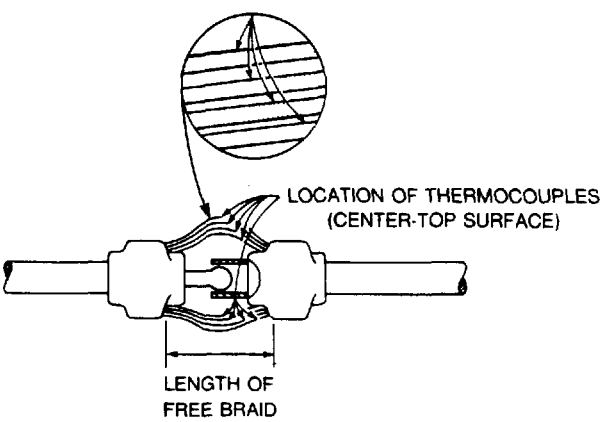


Figure 3-1
THERMOCOUPLE LOCATIONS

3.2 RESISTANCE TEST

3.2.1 The largest conductor which the electric power connector will accommodate shall be used during the resistance test.

3.2.2 The resistance measurements shall be made by millivolt drop, accurate resistance bridge, or other suitable means. The ambient temperature shall be recorded concurrently with the resistance measurements and the resistance shall be corrected to 20 °C.

3.2.3 The resistance measurement shall include 48 inches (1220 mm) of a conductor, including connectors such as splices, elbows, and so forth. For terminal connectors, the resistance measured shall be the sum of the resistance measurements taken from A to B and C to D. In cases where the

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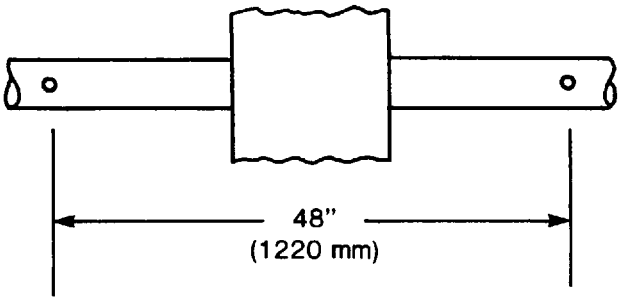


Figure 3-2
RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS
FOR SPLICES, ETC.

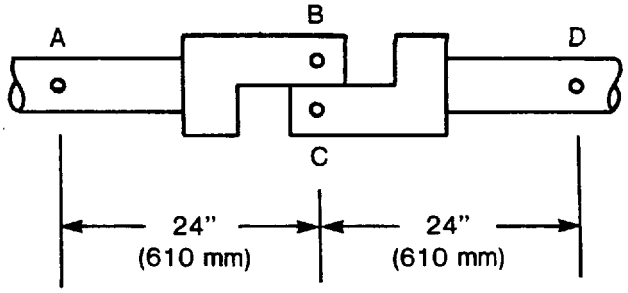


Figure 3-3
RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS
FOR TERMINAL CONNECTORS

conductor is stranded cable, the strands shall be suitably bonded at the point of measurement.

3.2.4 The points of resistance measurements shall be as shown in Fig. 3-2 and 3-3.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

3.3 PULLOUT STRENGTH TESTS

The pullout strength tests of connector fittings shall be made with both the maximum and minimum size of conductor, either aluminum or copper, which is normally used with each particular connector. The connector shall be fastened to the conductor and the clamping bolts tightened in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. The load shall be applied between the jaws at a crosshead speed not exceeding ¼ inch per minute per foot of length (20.8 mm per minute per meter of length).

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

3.4 CORONA AND RIV TESTS

3.4.1 Connectors shall be tested while assembled with the conductor on which they are to be used. Dimensionally equivalent tubing shall be permitted to be substituted for stranded conductors. The connector and conductor to be tested shall be in a clean, dry, and new condition.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

3.4.2 Tests shall be permitted to be performed under single-phase conditions but must be corrected to the connector rating at the center phase of the three-phase condition.

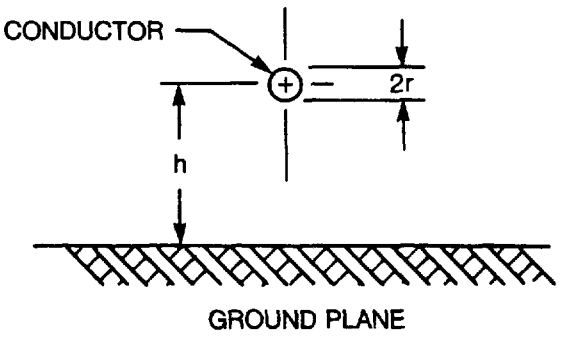
This shall be done as follows:

1. Determine the conductor voltage gradient by using the corona-extinction test voltage and the test conditions in the formulae in Figures 3-4 and 3-5.
2. Determine the line-to-ground voltage at which the connector will operate by using the voltage gradient determined in item 1 and the actual "operating" conditions in the formulae in Figures 3-6 and 3-7.

Where—

- h = distance from center of conductor to ground plane, centimeters.
- r = radius of the individual conductor, centimeters.
- s = conductor centerline spacing in the bundle, centimeters.
- d = phase-to-phase spacing of bundle centerlines, centimeters.
- V_1 = line-to-ground corona-extinction test voltage, kV.
- V_2 = line-to-ground corona-extinction operating voltage, kV.
- E_a = average voltage gradient at the surface of the conductor, kV/cm.
- E_m = maximum voltage gradient at the surface of a single conductor, kV/cm.
- r_e = equivalent single-conductor radius of bundled conductors, centimeters.
- n = number of conductors in the bundle.
- γ = for 1-, 2- and 3-conductor bundles, = 1; for 4-conductor bundles, = 1.12.

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$$E_a = \frac{V_1}{r \ln\left[\frac{2h}{r}\right]}$$

$$E_m = \frac{h}{h-r} E_a$$

Figure 3-4
CONDUCTOR VOLTAGE GRADIENT FOR SINGLE CONDUCTOR

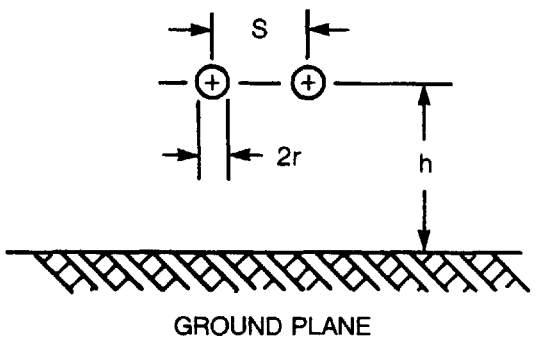
3.4.3 Observations for visual corona shall be made in a darkened area after the eye has adapted to the dark. Binoculars can be used to locate and observe corona. The observations shall be confined to the presence or absence of positive corona, neglecting any negative glow corona, as only the positive corona contributes significantly to the radio noise. A voltage up to 30 percent overvoltage shall be applied to establish the critical corona location, if any. The corona extinction voltage shall be observed as the voltage is decreased.

3.4.4 RIV measurements shall be made in accordance with the NEMA Standards Publication No. 107-1964 (R1971, 1976, 1981), *Methods of Measurement of Radio Influence Voltage (RIV) of High-Voltage Apparatus*. The RIV measurements shall be permitted to be omitted if the test set-up allows complete visual observation and all sources of corona have been identified.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

3.5 CANTILEVER STRENGTH OF BUS SUPPORTS

The cantilever strength shall be determined by applying a load at the centerline of the conductor, transverse to the conductor longitudinal axis. The bus support shall be bolted to a flat surface, using the hardware recommended by the manufacturer.

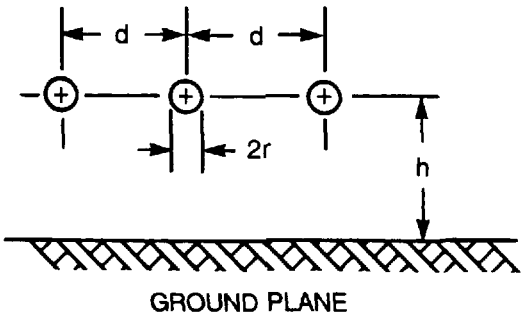


$$E_a = \frac{V_1}{n\, r \ln\left[\frac{2h}{r_e}\right]}$$

$$r_e = r\left[\gamma \frac{s}{r}\right]^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$$

Figure 3-5
CONDUCTOR VOLTAGE GRADIENT FOR BUNDLED CONDUCTOR

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$$V_2 = E_a \; r \; 1n \left[\frac{2hd}{r\sqrt{4h^2+d^2}} \right]$$

Figure 3-6
LINE-TO-GROUND VOLTAGE FOR SINGLE CONDUCTOR (THREE PHASE)

Hook–on types (with open support slot) shall be tested without welding by applying the load against only one support leg.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

3.6 TORQUE STRENGTH TEST OF BOLTED CONNECTORS

The conductor(s) shall be assembled in the connector and the bolts torqued uniformly and alternately in 100 pound-inch (11.3 N.m) increments until 50 percent over the nominal torque value is achieved (4.6).

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

3.7 TENSILE TEST OF WELDED COUPLERS

The spliced conductor, with the coupler in between, shall be fastened in a tensile testing machine and a load shall be applied at a crosshead speed not exceeding ¼ inch per minute per foot (20.8 mm per minute per meter).

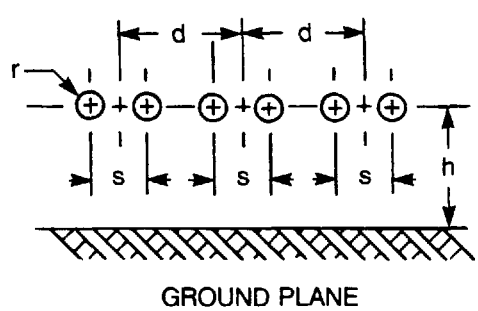
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3.8 BENDING TEST OF WELDED COUPLERS

A load shall be applied at two points, at a distance of three inches (76.2 mm) from the weld transverse, to the conductor longitudinal axis.

The conductor shall be freely supported at each end.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.



$$V_2 = E_a \; n \; r \; 1n \left[\frac{2hd}{r_e\sqrt{4h^2+d^2}} \right]$$

$$r_e = r \left[\gamma \frac{s}{r} \right]^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$$

Figure 3-7
LINE-TO-GROUND VOLTAGE FOR BUNDLED CONDUCTOR (THREE PHASE)

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Section 4
MANUFACTURING STANDARDS

4.1 CLAMPING FASTENERS FOR CONNECTORS

4.1.1 Clamping fasteners for copper electric power connectors shall meet the requirements of the American National Standard for Square and Hex Bolts and Screws, Including Askew Head Bolts, Hex Cap Screws, and Lag Screws B18.2.1-1981, and Square and Hex Nuts B18.2.2-1972. Washers shall meet the requirements of the American National Standard for Plain Washers B18.22.1-1965 (R 1981). Lock washers are optional and, if used, shall meet the requirements of the American National Standard for Lock Washers B18.21.1-1972.[1]

4.1.2 Clamping fasteners for aluminum electric power connectors shall meet the requirements of the American National Standard for Hex Bolts and Screws, Including Askew Head Bolts, Hex Cap Screw and Lag Screws B18.2.1-1981, and Hex Nuts B18.2.2-1972. Flat washers shall meet the requirements of the American National Standard B18.22.1-1965 (R 1981). Split washers shall meet the requirements of the American National Standard B18.21.1-1972.

Bolts, nuts, or both, shall be treated to prevent galling.

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

4.2 IDENTIFICATION MARKING ▲

The following minimum amount of information shall be given on all electric power connectors:

1. Manufacturer's designation
2. Maximum size or range of sizes of the conductors with which the connector is intended to be used.

NEMA Standard 7-12-1984.

[1]Copies of American National Standards are available from the American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

4.3 DESIGNATION OF CONNECTOR SIZES

The size of an electric power connector shall be designated in terms of the size, or other sizes of conductors which the connector accommodates.

The size of conductors shall be given in the following terms:

1. For wire and cable—in American Wire Gauge (AWG) sizes or thousands of circular mils.
2. For tubing—in nominal pipe size (NPS) or iron pipe size (IPS) which includes standard (SPS or SCH 40) and extra heavy (EHPS or SCH 80) sizes, except for expansion or internal connectors. The connector marked NPS or IPS indicates that it is designed to accommodate both SPS (SCH 40) or EHPS (SCH 80). Special marking is required if connector is limited to SPS (SCH 40) or EHPS (SCH 80) only. ●

NEMA Standard 5-28-1981.

4.4 THREAD DIMENSIONS FOR STUD TERMINAL CONNECTORS

The thread dimensions for stud terminal connectors intended for use with electrical equipment shall be as follows:

Stud Diameter In. (mm)	Number of Threads per In.	Connector Thread Class
¾ (19.0)	16	UNF-2B
1⅛ (28.6)	12	UNF-2B
1¼ (31.8)	12	UNF-2B
1½ (38.1)	12	UNF-2B
2 (50.8)	12	UN-2B
2½ (63.5)	12	UN-2B

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4.5 BOLT HOLES FOR TERMINAL CONNECTORS WITH SINGLE TANGS OR MULTIPLE FLAT BAR TANGS

The arrangement of bolt holes in the tangs of electric power connectors intended for use with electrical equipment shall be as shown in Figure 4-1 through 4-6. Holes in Figure 4-2 through 4-6 are $\frac{9}{16}$ inch (14.3 mm) in diameter. Figures 4-7 and 4-8 show the typical spacing for multiple flat bar tangs.

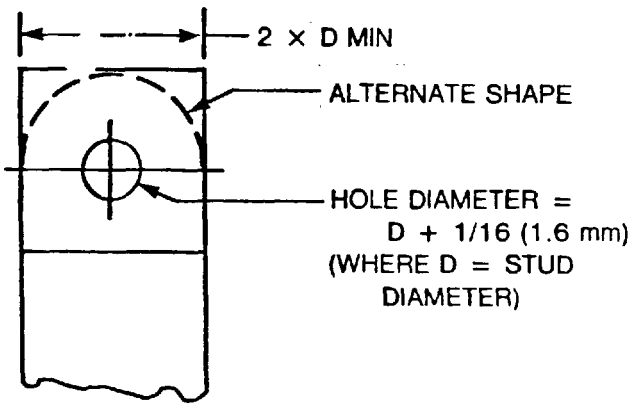


Figure 4-1
BOLT HOLES FOR TERMINAL CONNECTORS

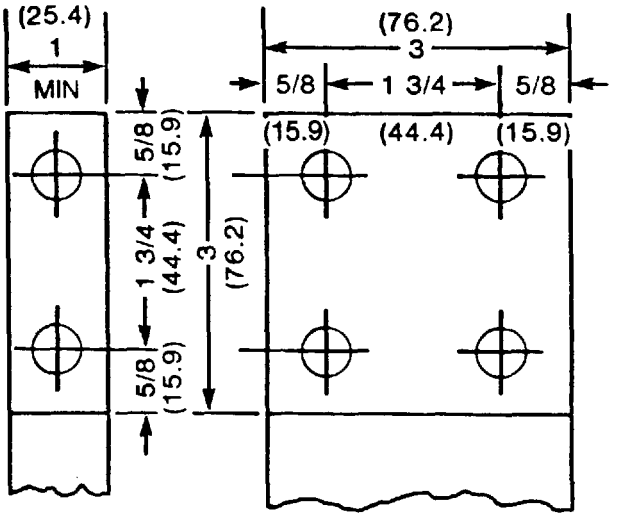


Figure 4-2
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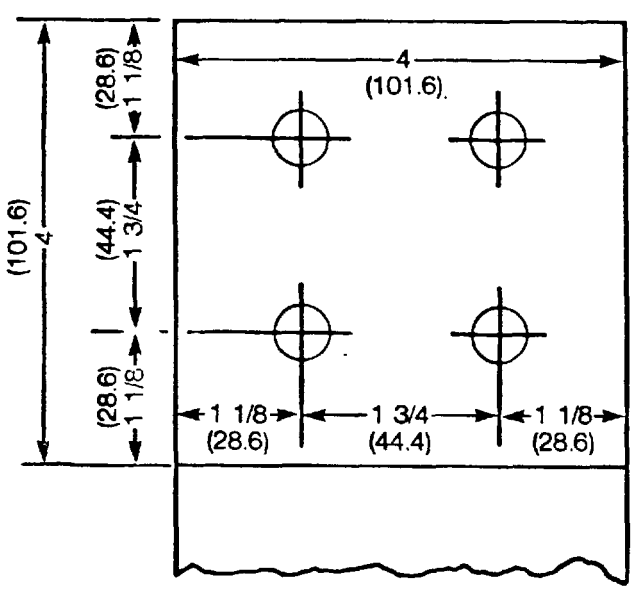


Figure 4-4
BOLT HOLES FOR TERMINAL CONNECTORS

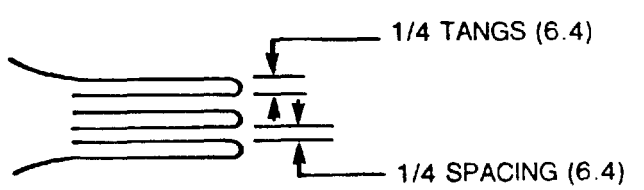


Figure 4-3
BOLT HOLES FOR TERMINAL CONNECTORS

All dimensions in inches and mm.

-For tongue dimensions and drilling, see Figures 4-2 through 4-6.

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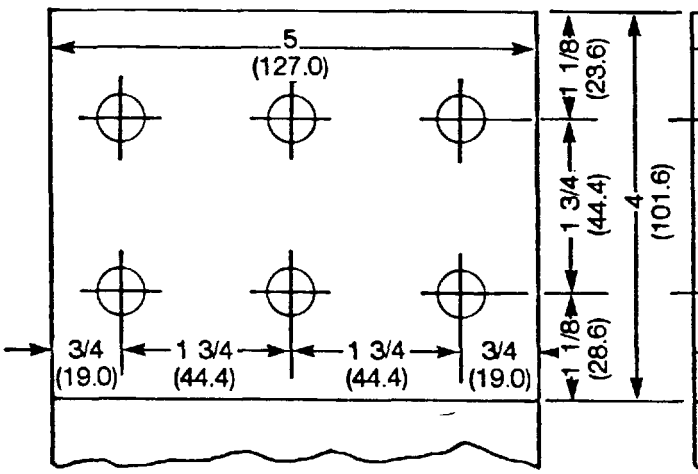


Figure 4-5
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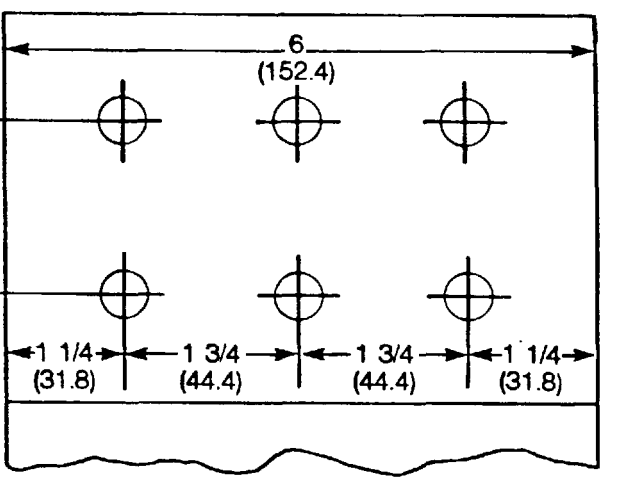


Figure 4-6
BOLT HOLES FOR TERMINAL CONNECTORS

All dimensions in inches and mm.

-For tongue dimensions and drilling, see Figures 4-2 through 4-6.

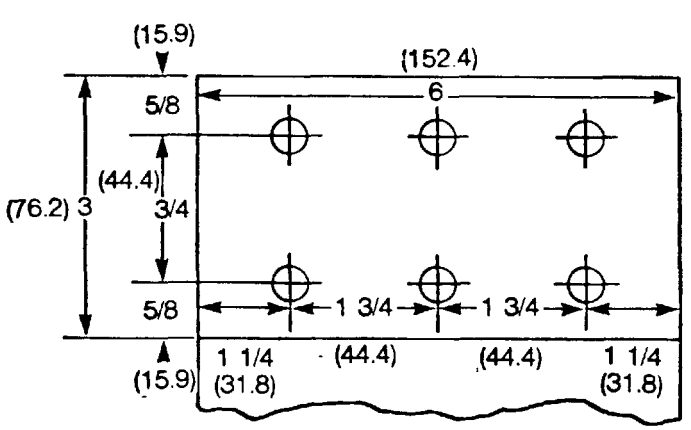


Figure 4-7
TYPICAL SPACING FOR
MULTIPLE FLAT BAR TANGS

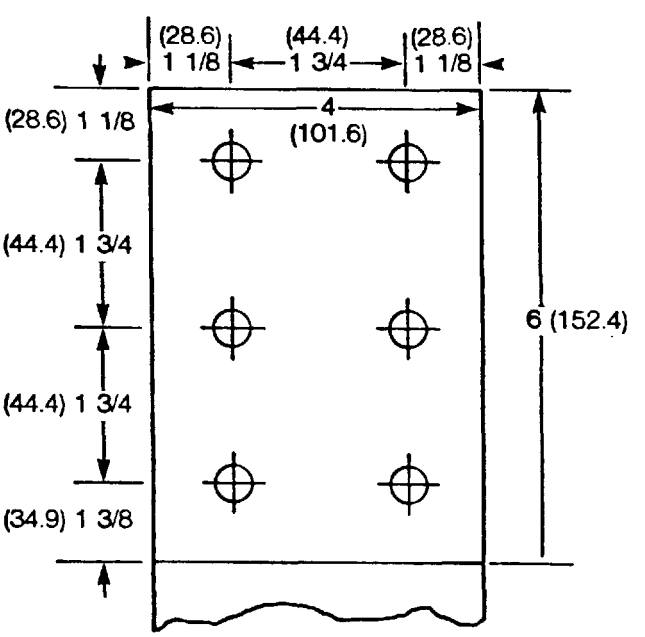


Figure 4-8
TYPICAL SPACING FOR
MULTIPLE FLAT BAR TANGS

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4.6 NUMBER AND DIAMATER OF CONDUCTOR CLAMPING BOLTS FOR CONNECTORS

4.6.1 The number and diameter of conductor clamping bolts for connectors are illustrated in Table 4-1.

Each U bolt shall count as two bolts.

For shackle design (single casting wrap-around conductor), each bolt shall count as two bolts.

When two different sizes of conductors are involved, the bolts specified for the smaller conductor shall be permitted to be used.

When three bolts are specified, the following exceptions shall apply:

1. Terminal lugs shall have a minimum of four bolts or the equivalent for a single conductor.
2. Stud connectors shall have a minimum of four bolts or the equivalent for the stud portion.

Bronze alloy bolts shall have a minimum tensile strength of 70,000 pounds per square inch (480 MPa) and aluminum alloy bolts shall have a minimum tensile strength of 55,000 pounds per square inch (380 MPa).

Bronze alloy bolts shall be used on copper alloy connectors and aluminum alloy bolts shall be used on aluminum alloy conductors. Alternate alloy materials shall be permitted to be used for bolts if performance requirements are met.

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Kind of Conductor				For Copper Conductors						For Aluminum or ACSR Conductors			
				Single Size Reg. Duty		Single Size Heavy Duty		Range Taking		Range Taking*		Single Size	
				Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor	
Standard Pipe Size, Inches	Copper Cable, AWG or MCM	Aluminum or ACSR Cable Outside Diameter, Inches	Stud Diameter, Inches	Number	Diameter Inches	Number	Diameter Inches	Number	Diameter Inches	Number	Diameter Inches	Number	Diameter Inches
⅜	4 thru 2/0	0.200 thru 0.399	½	2	⅜	3	⅜	4	⅜	2	½	2	½
½	3/0 thru 500	...	⅝ thru 1⅛	3	⅜	3	½	4	⅜	4	½	4	½
¾ thru 1	550 thru 800	...	...	3	⅜	4	½	4	½	4	½	4	½
1¼ thru 2	900 thru 2000	0.400 thru 1.412	1¼ thru 2½	3	½	4	½	4	½	4	½	4	½
2½	900 thru 2000	0.400 thru 1.412	...	3	½	4	½	4	½	4	½	4	½
3 thru 4	2250 thru 3000	1.413 thru 1.850	2¾ thru 5	3	⅝	4	⅝	4	⅝	4	⅝	4	⅝
4½ thru 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	⅝

Customary Units

Kind of Conductor				For Copper Conductors						For Aluminum or ACSR Conductors			
				Single Size Reg. Duty		Single Size Heavy Duty		Range Taking		Range Taking*		Single Size	
				Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor		Bolts Per Conductor	
Standard Pipe Size, mm	Copper Cable, mm^2	Aluminum or ACSR Cable Outside Diameter, mm	Stud Diameter, mm	Number	Diameter mm	Number	Diameter mm	Number	Diameter mm	Number	Diameter mm	Number	Diameter mm
9.5	21 thru 67	5.08 thru 10.1	12.7	2	9.5	3	9.5	4	9.5	2	12.7	2	12.7
12.7	85 thru 253	...	15.9 thru 28.6	3	9.5	3	12.7	4	9.5	4	12.7	4	12.7
19.0 thru 25.4	279 thru 405	...	...	3	9.5	4	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7
31.8 thru 50.8	456 thru 1013	10.2 thru 35.9	31.8 thru 63.5	3	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7
63.5	456 thru 1013	10.2 thru 35.9	...	3	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7	4	12.7
76.2 thru 101.6	1140 thru 1520	35.9 thru 47.0	69.8 thru 127.0	3	15.9	4	15.9	4	15.9	4	15.9	4	15.9
114.3 thru 152.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	15.9

SI Units

* Applies to cables only.

Table 4-1
CONNECTOR CLAMPING BOLTS FOR CONNECTORS
(Table shown in both customary and SI units)

—Nominal torque values shall be those illustrated in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2
NOMINAL TORQUE VALUES

Diameter of Bolts, Inches	(mm)	Nominal Torque Values lbf ft	(N.m)	lbf in	(N.m)
⅜—SB	(9.5)	20	(27.1)	240	(27.1)
½—SB	(12.7)	40	(54.2)	480	(54.2)
⅝—SB	(15.9)	55	(74.6)	660	(74.6)
⅜L—A	(9.5)	14	(19.0)	168	(19.0)
½L—A	(12.7)	25	(33.9)	300	(33.9)
⅝L—A	(15.9)	40	(54.2)	480	(54.2)

L—A = Lubricated—Aluminum
SB = Silicon bronze

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EXAMPLES ILLUSTRATING THE USE OF THE TABLE IN 4-1

EXAMPLE 1

A straight coupler connector or a 90-degree (1.57 rad) elbow connector is used to connect a conductor of 1½-inch (38.1 mm) copper pipe to another conductor of 1½-inch (38.1 mm) copper pipe. After locating the proper line for the 1½-inch (38.1 mm) copper pipe in the first column of the table, the total number of bolts required can be determined from the following information given for the connectors:

For standard-duty connectors—

three ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per conductor × 2 (number of conductors)

= a total of six ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per fitting

For heavy-duty connectors—

four ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per conductor × 2 (number of conductors)

= a total of eight ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per fitting

EXAMPLE 2

A single size "T" connector is used to connect a 3-inch (76.2 mm) Schedule 40 aluminum main to a 397.5 MCM ACSR (201 mm²) tap (outside diameter = 0.743 inch, 18.87 mm).

After locating the proper line for the 3-inch (76.2 mm) pipe in the first column of the table, it can be seen that the connectors require four ⅝-inch-diameter (15.9 mm) bolts per conductor.

After locating the proper line for the 0.743-inch-outside diameter (18.87 mm) ACSR tap in the third column of the table, it can be seen that the connectors require four ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per conductor.

In this case and in accordance with note C following the table, the manufacturer has the choice of using either four ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per conductor or four ⅝-inch-diameter (15.9 mm) bolts per conductor.

EXAMPLE 3

A copper stud connector having a 1¼—inch (28.6-mm)-12 thread is connected to copper cable ranging in size from 400 to 800 MCM (203 to 405 mm²). Using the fourth column for the stud and the second column for the copper cable, it can be seen that the connectors require the following bolts:

1. Four ⅜-inch-diameter (9.5 mm) bolts per conductor for the stud.
2. Four ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per conductor for the cable.

In this case and in accordance with note C following the table, the manufacturer has the choice of using either four ⅜-inch-diameter (9.5 mm) bolts per conductor or four ½-inch-diameter (12.7 mm) bolts per conductor.

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4.7 EXPANSION CONNECTORS

Expansion connectors shall permit a total movement of one conductor in relation to the other as follows:

1. For copper conductors—1¼ inches (31.8 mm) minimum.
2. For aluminum conductors or combination of aluminum and copper—2 inches (50.8 mm) minimum.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

4.8 TERMINAL CONNECTORS

On bolted side formed terminals, there shall be a minimum clearance of ⅛ inch between the clamp bolts and the contact surface of the pad.

NEMA Standard 3-22-1972.

4.9 FLAT PLAIN WASHERS

The size of flat (plain) washers (silicon-bronze aluminum, steel) intended for use with ⅜-, ½-, and ⅝-inch (9.5-12.7-15.9-mm) bolts* for joining electric power connectors to flat contact surfaces shall be as follows:

Bolt Size, Inches (mm)	Washer Size inches (mm)		
	Inside Diameter		Maximum Outside Diameter
	Min.	Max.	
⅜ (9.5)	13/32 (10.3)	7/16 (11.1)	⅞ (22.2)
½ (12.7)	17/32 (13.5)	9/16 (14.2)	1¼ (31.7)
⅝ (15.9)	21/32 (16.7)	11/16 (17.4)	1½ (38.1)

* See 4.5 for arrangement and sizes of bolts for terminal connectors.

Suggested Standard for Future Design 5-12-1969.

4.10 HEIGHT OF ALUMINUM AND COPPER BUS SUPPORT CLAMPS (FITTINGS)

Standard Pipe Size Inches (mm)	Height in Inches (mm) of Centerline Conductor above Insulator Top	
	3-inch Bolt (76.2) Circle	5 and 7 inch (127.0 and 177.8) Bolt Circles
½ (12.7)	1¾ ± 1/16 (44.4 ± 1.6)	2⅛ ± 1/16 (54.0 ± 1.6)
¾ (19.0)	2 ± 1/16 (50.8 ± 1.6)	2¼ ± 1/16 (57.2 ± 1.6)
1 (25.4)	2 ± 1/16 (50.8 ± 1.6)	2¼ ± 1/16 (57.2 ± 1.6)
1¼ (31.8)	2¼ ± 1/16 (57.2 ± 1.6)	2⅜ ± 1/16 (60.3 ± 1.6)
1½ (38.1)	2½ ± 1/16 (63.5 ± 1.6)	2½ ± 1/16 (63.5 ± 1.6)
2 (50.8)	2¾ ± 1/16 (69.8 ± 1.6)	2¾ ± 1/16 (69.8 ± 1.6)
2½ (63.5)	3⅛ ± 1/16 (79.4 ± 1.6)	3⅛ ± 1/16 (79.4 ± 1.6)
3 (76.2)	3⅜ ± 1/16 (92.1 ± 1.6)	3⅜ ± 1/16 (92.1 ± 1.6)
3½ (88.9)	4 ± 1/16 (101.6 ± 1.6)	4 ± 1/16 (101.6 ± 1.6)
4 (101.6)	4½ ± 1/16 (114.3 ± 1.6)	4½ ± 1/16 (114.3 ± 1.6)
5 (127.0)	5 ± ⅛ (127.0 ± 3.2)	5 ± ⅛ (127.0 ± 3.2)
6 (152.4)	5½ ± ⅛ (139.7 ± 3.2)	5½ ± ⅛ (139.7 ± 3.2)

½" SPS (12.7) applies to copper clamps only.

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4.11 HEIGHT OF ALUMINUM SIDE FORMED TERMINAL CONNECTORS FOR TUBULAR BUS

The distance from the centerline of the bus to the pad contact shall be as follows:

Pipe Size Inches (mm)	Height in Inches Bolted (mm)	± 1/8" (13) Welded
1/2 (12.7)	1 3/8 (35)	15/16 (24)
3/4 (19.0)	1 3/8 (35)	1 (25)
1 (25.4)	1 3/8 (35)	1 1/8 (29)
1 1/4 (31.8)	1 1/2 (38)	1 1/4 (32)
1 1/2 (38.1)	1 5/8 (41)	1 1/2 (38)
2 (50.8)	1 3/4 (44)	1 3/4 (44)
2 1/2 (63.5)	2 1/8 (54)	2 (51)
3 (76.2)	2 3/8 (60)	2 3/8 (60)
3 1/2 (88.9)	2 5/8 (67)	2 5/8 (67)
4 (101.6)	3 1/8 (79)	2 7/8 (73)
5 (127.0)	3 3/4 (95)	3 3/8 (86)
6 (152.4)	4 3/8 (111)	4 (102)

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4.12 RECOMMENDATION FOR MAKING CONNECTIONS

The connector and conductor surfaces should be vigorously cleaned with a wire brush or emery cloth. A shiny, bright surface is needed. A contact compound should be applied immediately following the cleaning of the aluminum.

Some connectors are plated with other metals. The surfaces of these connectors should not be abraded since this may remove a portion of the plating. They may be cleaned with a solvent, if necessary.

Since it is the aluminum (anode) which corrodes in a copper-aluminum electrolytic cell, aluminum cable and tubing should not be used with unplated copper alloy connectors. The reverse however, (copper conductor and aluminum connector) is functionally acceptable provided the aluminum connector is "massive" in comparison to the copper conductor.

A prime precaution necessary in making any copper-to-aluminum joint concerns the relative positions of copper and aluminum conductors. Copper salts will attack aluminum, whereas aluminum salts will not attack copper. Thus, it is best to install, wherever possible, the aluminum conductors above the copper conductor. This will prevent the washing of copper salts over the aluminum.

In the case of an underhung copper switch pad, it is recommended that a copper bar extension first be bolted directly to the pad. This can be followed by directly bolting a massive aluminum connector, properly scratch-brushed and compound-smeared, to the upper surface of the bar extension. This installation procedure avoids the positioning of the aluminum terminal beneath the copper switch pad.

Another common aluminum-to-copper connector is an aluminum conductor joined to a copper stud. Such a connection can be made satisfactorily by directly joining a massive aluminum connector, properly scratch-brushed and compound-smeared, to the copper stud.

Silver plated aluminum connectors should not be used on unplated aluminum bus.

It is recommended that welding be performed by a qualified welder of aluminum. Prior to welding, it is recommended that a test weld be made on a typical aluminum casting.

4.13 TONGUE MOUNTING FASTENERS

Where an aluminum connector is used for making a connection to a copper pad, tin-plated silicon-bronze or stainless steel bolts, nuts and washers are suggested. Other suitable materials may also be used provided they meet the intent of the foregoing paragraph concerning galvanic corrosion. With steel hardware, consideration should be given to the use of spring-type washers to compensate for the different thermal coefficient of expansion between dissimilar metals and the flow of aluminum. Aluminum hardware is not recommended in a copper connection under corrosive conditions due to the effect of copper salts on the underside of the connection.

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