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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for SF6 insulated, dead-front, enclosed and non-enclosed, pad-mounted switchgear with load and fault interrupting switched ways, with maximum ratings of 600 amperes and 38 kV, 60 Hz.

Comments and suggestions on this guide specification are welcome and should be directed to the technical proponent of the specification. A listing of technical proponents, including their organization designation and telephone number, is on the Internet.

Recommended changes to a UFGS should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

Use of electronic communication is encouraged.

Brackets are used in the text to indicate designer choices or locations where text must be supplied by the designer.

NOTE: This guide specification can be used for subsurface (vault) applications with appropriate modifications.

Use the following related guide specifications for power distribution equipment:

--Section 26 08 00 APPARATUS INSPECTION AND TESTING
--Section 26 12 19.10 THREE-PHASE PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS
--Section 26 12 19.20 SINGLE-PHASE PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS
--Section 33 71 01 OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION
--Section 33 71 02.00 20 UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

--Section 26 11 13 SECONDARY UNIT SUBSTATIONS
--Section 26 11 16.00 20 PRIMARY UNIT SUBSTATIONS

NOTE: The following information shall be indicated
on the project drawings:

1. Site Plan showing location, space available, and
desired arrangement of switchgear.
2. Single-line diagram showing: nominal system
voltage; number and configuration of switched ways;
type, number, and size of conductors for each
circuit; and method of power cable termination (200
ampere loadbreak connectors, or 600 ampere deadbreak
connectors). Individually identify each switched way
as load or fault interrupter and single-pole or
three-pole tripping.
3. Grounding Detail with ground rods, ground loop
and interconnecting cables when interconnecting with
other grounding systems or if multiple switches are
provided.
4. Special conditions, such as altitude,
temperature and humidity, exposure to fumes, vapors,
dust, and gases.

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the
publications cited in the text of the guide
specification. The publications are referred to in
the text by basic designation only and listed in
this paragraph by organization, designation, date,
and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature
when you add a RID outside of the Section's
Reference Article to automatically place the
reference in the Reference Article. Also use the
Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update
the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically
be deleted from this section of the project
specification when you choose to reconcile
references in the publish print process.

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the
extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the
basic designation only.

AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)

ANSI C57.12.29 (1999) Pad-Mounted Equipment - Enclosure Integrity for Coastal Environments

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM A 167 (2004) Stainless and Heat-Resisting Chromium-Nickel Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip

ASTM D 1535 (2001) Specifying Color by the Munsell System

ASTM D 2472 (2000) Sulfur Hexafluoride

INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS (IEEE)

IEEE C2 (2005) National Electrical Safety Code

IEEE C37.60 (2003) Requirements for Overhead, Pad Mounted, Dry Vault and Submersible Automatic Circuit Reclosers and Fault Interrupters for Alternating Current Systems Up to 38 kV

IEEE C62.11 (1999) Metal-Oxide Surge Arresters for Alternating Current Power Circuits (>1KV)

IEEE Std 386 (1995) Separable Insulated Connector Systems for Power Distribution Systems Above 600V

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL TESTING ASSOCIATION (NETA)

NETA ATS (2003) Acceptance Testing Specifications

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC)

IEC 60265-1 (1998) High Voltage Switches - Part 1: Switches for Rated Voltages Above 1 kV and Less Than 52 kV

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NEMA)

NEMA C37.72 (1987) Manually-Operated, Dead-Front Padmounted Switchgear with Load Interrupting Switches and Separable Connectors for Alternating-Current Systems

NEMA C57.12.28 (1999) Pad-Mounted Equipment - Enclosure Integrity

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 70 (2005) National Electrical Code

NFPA 70B (2002) Electrical Equipment Maintenance

1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Include Section 26 08 00 APPARATUS INSPECTION
AND TESTING on all projects involving medium voltage
and specialized power distribution equipment.

Section 26 00 00.00 20 BASIC ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS and Section
26 08 00 APPARATUS INSPECTION AND TESTING, apply to this section, with the
additions and modifications specified herein.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

1.3.1 Switched Way

A switched way is considered a three-phase circuit entrance to the bus
through a switch. For single-phase switches, it is a single-phase entrance
to the bus through a switch.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

NOTE: Review submittal description (SD) definitions
in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit
the following list to reflect only the submittals
required for the project. Submittals should be kept
to the minimum required for adequate quality control.

A "G" following a submittal item indicates that the
submittal requires Government approval. Some
submittals are already marked with a "G". Only
delete an existing "G" if the submittal item is not
complex and can be reviewed through the Contractor's
Quality Control system. Only add a "G" if the
submittal is sufficiently important or complex in
context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army
projects, a code of up to three characters within
the submittal tags may be used following the "G"
designation to indicate the approving authority.
Codes for Army projects using the Resident
Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for
Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office
(Engineering Division or other organization in the
District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for
Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes
following the "G" typically are not used for Navy,
Air Force, and NASA projects.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force
and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed
item for Army projects.

Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] The following shall be submitted in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Switchgear Drawings; G

SD-03 Product Data

NOTE: Include the following paragraph when the
switchgear will have fault interrupting switched
ways.

[Electronic Overcurrent Control Curves; G]
SF6 Insulated Pad-mounted Switchgear; G
Insulated High-Voltage Connectors; G
Surge Arresters; G

Each submittal shall include data on switches and associated accessories. Each submittal shall include manufacturer's information for each component, device and accessory provided with the equipment.

SD-06 Test Reports

Acceptance Checks and Tests; G

SD-07 Certificates

Paint Coating System; G

SD-09 Manufacturer's Field Reports

Switchgear design and production tests; G

SD-10 Operation and Maintenance Data

SF6 Insulated Pad-mounted Switchgear Operation and Maintenance,
Data Package 5; G

Submit in accordance with Section 01 78 23 OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE DATA.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.5.1 Switchgear Drawings

Furnish drawings that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Overall dimensions, weights, plan view, and front view
- b. Ratings
- c. Single-line diagram.

1.5.2 Paint Coating System

NOTE: Select ANSI C57.12.29 when specifying
stainless steel enclosures.

Submit [NEMA C57.12.28] [ANSI C57.12.29] paint coating system performance requirement tests.

[1.5.3 Electronic Overcurrent Control Curves

Provide time-current characteristic curves (on full size logarithmic paper) and instruction manuals for the electronic overcurrent control.

]1.6 MAINTENANCE

1.6.1 SF6 Insulated Pad-mounted Switchgear Operation and Maintenance Data

Submit Operation and Maintenance Manuals in accordance with Section 01 78 23 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DATA.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 SF6 INSULATED PAD-MOUNTED SWITCHGEAR

NOTE: Add reference to IEC 60265-1 for projects
located in Europe only after verifying that at least
three manufacturers of this switchgear comply with
this standard.

NEMA C37.72[, IEC 60265-1]

2.1.1 Ratings and Test Requirements

The voltage rating of the switchgear shall be [15.5 kV] [27 kV] [38 kV] [as indicated]. The corresponding ratings associated with the required switchgear voltage rating shall be as follows:

NOTE: The following optional ratings are available
for switchgear assemblies, however, specifying these
will require proprietary justification.

1. Optional short-time and short-circuit
interrupting current ratings of 16,000 rms
symmetrical amperes is available for both two and
three position switchgear assemblies.

2. Optional short-time current rating of 25,000 rms
symmetrical amperes is available for switchgear

assemblies configured with load interrupting
switched ways only.

3. For Norfolk Naval Shipyard projects, select
optional 25,000 rms symmetrical amperes short-time
current rating for switchgear assemblies that are to
be installed on the 11.5 kV system.

Rated Maximum Voltage, kV	[15.5]	[27]	[38]
Rated Withstand Impulse Voltage, kV BIL	[95]	[125]	[150]
Continuous and Load Interrupting Current, A	[600]	[600]	[600]
Short-Time Current, kA rms Sym	[12]	[12]	[10]
[Short-Circuit interrupting Current, kA rms Sym	[12]	[12]	[12]]

Switched ways shall be rated for the required continuous and load
interrupting current.[Short-circuit interrupting current rating applies
to fault interrupting switched ways only.]

2.1.2 Switchgear Construction

**NOTE: For LANTDIV projects select "three position
switch: Open, Closed, Ground."**

Switch contacts and cable entrance terminations shall be contained in an
SF6 filled stainless steel tank. Switchgear shall be shipped factory filled
with SF6 gas conforming to [ASTM D 2472](#). Switchgear shall be configured
with[load interrupting][and][fault interrupting] switched ways as
indicated. Switchgear shall have front accessible terminations suitable
for cables entering from below[with the manual operating provisions
mounted on the rear].[Switch contact positions for switched ways shall be
visible through viewing windows in the SF6 tank located adjacent to the
manual operating provisions.] Provide gas pressure gage in viewable
location from switch operating handle. Each switched way shall have [three
position switch; Open, Closed, Ground][provisions for grounding].

2.1.2.1 Pad-mounting Provisions

**NOTE: Choose stainless steel enclosure where
environmental conditions are not suitable for mild
steel or where a higher level of corrosion
protection is desired. Select ANSI C57.12.29 when
enclosure is required to be stainless steel.**

Provide [non-]enclosed switchgear suitable for installation on a concrete
pad. Switchgear[support frame][enclosure base][enclosure] shall be
fabricated of [ASTM A 167](#) type 304 or 304L stainless steel.[Enclosure base
shall include any part of the switchgear enclosure that is within [75 mm 3
inches](#) of concrete pad.] Paint [switchgear tank and support
frame][enclosure including base] [ASTM D 1535](#) Munsell 7GY3.29/1.5 green.
Paint coating system shall comply with [[NEMA C57.12.28](#)][[ANSI C57.12.29](#)]
regardless of equipment material.

[2.1.3 Load Interrupting Switched Ways

Load interrupter switched ways shall provide[single-pole][three-pole group operated] switching[as indicated].

] [2.1.4 Fault Interrupting Switched Ways

NOTE: 1. Do not provide switchgear units configured with fault interrupting switched ways where the system available fault current is greater than 16,000 rms symmetrical amperes.

2. Do not provide switchgear units configured with fault interrupting switched ways at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

IEEE C37.60. Provide non-fused, non-reclosing, manual reset, vacuum interrupters consisting of vacuum bottles and a spring assisted operating mechanism. Each fault interrupting switched way shall utilize internally mounted current transformers and an electronic overcurrent control to provide[single-pole][three-pole ganged] tripping[as indicated] for single-phase[and three-phase] faults. The electronic overcurrent control shall have provisions for a wide variety of field selectable time-current characteristic curves with ten field selectable trip levels through a current range of[300][600] amperes.[Fault interrupting switched ways shall have provisions for remote tripping via an external dry contact device[as indicated]. Provide[120 Vac][48 Vdc] remote trip control power as indicated.]

] [2.1.5 Key Interlock

NOTE: Add requirements for key interlock if needed.
Provide details of interlock system on the drawings.

Provide key interlock system as indicated on the drawings.

] 2.1.6 Dead-Front High-Voltage Bushings

NOTE: Two types of cable entrances are available:
600 ampere deadbreak apparatus bushings and 200 ampere loadbreak bushings. Choose the bushing, inserts and connector appropriate for each of the specific applications.

If available fault is greater than 10,000 rms symmetrical amperes or if cable size is greater than No. 4/0 AWG, do not use 200 A loadbreak elbow connectors.

IEEE Std 386. [15 kV, 95 kV BIL][25 kV, 125 kV BIL][35 kV, 150 kV BIL]. Provide[600 ampere one-piece deadbreak apparatus bushings][and][200 ampere bushing wells with bushing well inserts] for each switched way[as

indicated].

**NOTE: Include standoff bushings only when the
Activity requires the additional items.**

- [a. Parking stands: Provide a parking stand near each dead-front bushing.[Provide insulated standoff bushings for parking of energized load-break connectors on each parking stands.]]

2.2 Insulated High-Voltage Connectors

IEEE Std 386. Provide corresponding connector for each switched way. Connectors shall have a steel reinforced hook-stick eye, grounding eye, test point, and arc-quenching contact material.

- [a. 200 Ampere loadbreak connector ratings: Voltage: [15 kV, 95 kV BIL] [25 kV, 125 kV BIL] [35 kV, 150 kV BIL]. Short time rating: 10,000 rms symmetrical amperes.]

**NOTE: For LANTDIV projects, provide 200 ampere
bushing interface on all 600 ampere connectors.**

- [b. 600 Ampere deadbreak connector ratings: Voltage: [15 kV, 95 kV BIL] [25 kV, 125 kV BIL] [35 kV, 150 kV BIL]. Short time rating: 40,000 rms symmetrical amperes.[Connectors shall have 200 ampere bushing interface[for surge arresters][as indicated].]]

**NOTE: Include the following paragraph only when the
activity requires additional grounding elbows and
feed-thru inserts.**

- [c. Provide[[one][____] set[s] of three grounding elbows][and][[one][____] set[s] of three feed-thru inserts]. [Grounding elbows][and][feed-thru inserts] shall be delivered to the Contracting Officer.]

[2.3 Surge Arresters

IEEE C62.11, rated[[3][6][9][10][12][15][____] kV][as indicated], fully shielded, dead-front, metal-oxide-varistor, elbow type with resistance-graded gap, suitable for plugging into inserts. Provide arresters on switched ways as indicated.

]2.4 SF6 Refill Cylinders

**NOTE: Include the following paragraph only when the
activity requires additional SF6 refill cylinders.**

Provide [two][____] SF6 refill cylinders, minimum size of 6 pounds of SF6; include regulator, valves, and hose for connection to the fill valve of the switch.

]2.5 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL

2.5.1 Switchgear Design and Production Tests

NOTE: Include IEEE C37.60 when the switchgear will
have fault interrupting switched ways.

NOTE: Add reference to IEC 60265-1 for projects
located in Europe only after verifying that at least
three manufacturers of this switchgear comply with
this standard.

Furnish reports which include results of design and production tests
performed according to NEMA C37.72[, IEC 60265-1][and IEEE C37.60].
Production tests shall be performed by the manufacturer on each switchgear
assembly to ensure that design performance is maintained in production.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

Electrical installations shall conform to IEEE C2, NFPA 70, and to the
requirements specified herein.

3.2 GROUNDING

NOTE: Where rock or other soil conditions prevent
obtaining a specified ground value, other methods of
grounding should be specified. Where it is
impractical to obtain indicated ground resistance
values, the designer should make every effort,
within reason, to obtain ground resistance values as
near as possible to the indicated values.

NFPA 70 and IEEE C2, except that grounds and grounding systems shall have a
resistance to solid earth ground not exceeding 5 ohms. When work, in
addition to that indicated or specified, is directed to obtain the
specified ground resistance, the provision of the contract covering
"Changes" shall apply.

3.2.1 Grounding Electrodes

NOTE: For LANTNAVFACENGCOM projects, use Section
L-16303N UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL WORK in lieu of
Section 33 71 02.00 20 UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION AND
DISTRIBUTION.

Provide driven ground rods as specified in Section [33 71 02.00 20
UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION] [_____] [at each corner of
switchgear pad] [as indicated].

3.2.2 Switchgear Grounding

Connect #4/0 bare copper conductor ground loop, not less than 610 mm 24 inches below grade, to the upper end of the ground rods by exothermic welds or compression connectors. Provide #4/0 bare copper conductors connecting the switchgear grounding provisions to two different ground rods.

3.2.3 Connections

NOTE: LANTNAVFACENGCOM Projects should use
LANTNAVFACENGCOM Section L-16303N in lieu of Section
33 71 02.00 20.

Make joints in grounding conductors and ground loop by exothermic weld or compression connector. Exothermic welds and compression connectors shall be installed as specified in [Section 33 71 02.00 20 UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION] [_____].

3.2.4 Grounding and Bonding Equipment

UL 467, except as indicated or specified otherwise.

3.3 FOUNDATION FOR EQUIPMENT AND ASSEMBLIES

Mount switch on concrete slab. Slab shall be at least 300 mm 12 inches thick, reinforced with a 152 x 152 - MW19 x MW19 6 x 6 - W2.9 x W2.9 mesh, placed uniformly 100 mm 4 inches from the top of the slab. Slab shall be placed on a 150 mm 6 inch thick, well-compacted gravel base. Top of concrete slab shall be approximately 100 mm 4 inches above finished grade. Edges above grade shall have 15 mm 1/2 inch chamfer. Slab shall be of adequate size to project at least 200 mm 8 inches beyond equipment.

Stub up conduits, with bushings, 50 mm 2 inches into cable wells in the concrete pad. Coordinate dimensions of cable wells with switch cable training areas. Concrete work shall be as specified in Section 03 30 00.00 20 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE.

3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

3.4.1 Performance of Acceptance Checks and Tests

Perform in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, NFPA 70B, NETA ATS and referenced ANSI standards.

Include the following visual and mechanical inspections and electrical tests, performed in accordance with NETA ATS.

3.4.1.1 Switchgear

a. Visual and Mechanical Inspection

- (1) Compare equipment nameplate information with specifications and approved shop drawings.
- (2) Inspect physical and mechanical condition.

(3) Check for proper anchorage, alignment, required area clearances, and grounding.

(4) Perform mechanical operator tests in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

(5) Verify that insulating SF6 gas pressure is correct.

(6) Inspect all indicating devices for proper operation.

**NOTE: Include the following option when key
interlocking is specified.**

[(7) Test interlock systems for proper operation and sequencing.]

b. Electrical Tests

(1) Perform contact-resistance tests.

[(2) Trip fault interrupters by operation of overcurrent control[and remote trip].]

(3) Perform insulation-resistance tests.

(4) Perform an over-potential test on each switched way pole with the switched way in the open position in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

[(5) Set fault interrupter overcurrent control in accordance with government provided settings. Request settings from government, in writing, a minimum of 30 days prior to scheduling electrical tests.]

3.4.1.2 Grounding System

a. Visual and Mechanical Inspection

Inspect ground system for compliance with contract plans and specifications.

b. Electrical Tests

Perform ground-impedance measurements utilizing the fall-of-potential method. On systems consisting of interconnected ground rods, perform tests after interconnections are complete. On systems consisting of a single ground rod perform tests before any wire is connected. Take measurements in normally dry weather, not less than 48 hours after rainfall. Use a portable ground testing megger in accordance with manufacturer's instructions to test each ground or group of grounds. The instrument shall be equipped with a meter reading directly in ohms or fractions thereof to indicate the ground value of the ground rod or grounding systems under test.

Submit the measured ground resistance of each ground rod and grounding system, indicating the location of the rod and grounding system. Include the test method and test setup (i.e., pin

location) used to determine ground resistance and soil conditions at the time the measurements were made.

3.4.2 Follow-Up Verification

Upon completion of acceptance checks and tests, the Contractor shall show by demonstration in service that devices are in good operating condition and properly performing the intended function. Test shall require each item to perform its function not less than three times. As an exception to requirements stated elsewhere in the contract, notify the Contracting Officer 5 working days in advance of the dates and times for checks and tests.

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