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High Temperature Insulation Systems and their use in Mobile Transformers

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Introduction



History of Delta Star

- > 1908 Delta Star founded in Chicago
- 1950 Purchased by H.K. Porter and named Delta Star Electric Division
- 1959 Delta Star purchased Hill Transformer located in San Carlos, CA
- 1961 Built our Lynchburg, VA manufacturing facility
- 1976 First mobile substation built for Withlacoochie Electric Coop
- 1988 Delta Star became an Employee Owned Company (ESOP)

- > 2003 Delta Star received ISO 9001:2008 standing
- 2005 Delta Star chosen by Congress to provide military mobile transformers
- > 2008 Delta Star celebrating 100 years in business
- > 2009 Delta Star plant modernization complete
- > 2013 Delta Star completes hi-bay expansion
- > 2014 Delta Star completes second vapor phase
- > 2015 Delta Star increases capacity.



Agenda

Basic Transformer Design Variables Mobile Transformer Design vs. Power Transformer Design Thermal Limits of Conventional Insulation Affects of Heat on Conventional Insulation Systems Definitions from C57.154-2012 IEEE Standard Hybrid Insulation Thermal Limits **Factory Thermal Testing Purpose of C57.154-2012 IEEE Standard** Mobile Transformer construction and setup Summary **Examples of mobile solutions** Q&A



Nameplate Ratings

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	S/N		CLA	SS	ONAN/ONAF/ONAF	THREE P	HASE 60	HERTZ
	HV	550	κv	BIL		135000GRD	Y/77945	VOLTS
۱	LV	200	kV	BIL		35500 GRD	Y/20497	VOLTS
. 1	TV	110	kV	BIL			13200	VOLTS
,	NEUTRAL H0	150	kV	BIL				
1	NEUTRAL X0	110	kV	BIL				
	CONT. TEMP. RISE (HV,L)	/)	65	°C		26.9/3	5.8/44.8	MVA
7	CONT. TEMP. RISE (TV)		65	°C		9.42/1	2.5/15.7	MVA
	IMPEDANCE (H-X)		%	AT	135000-35500	VOLTS AN	D 44.8	MVA
	IMPEDANCE (H-Y)		%	AT	135000-13200	VOLTS AN	D 44.8	MVA
	IMPEDANCE (X-Y)		%	AT	35500-13200	VOLTS AN	D 44.8	MVA
	MEASURED NOISE LEVE		(S Nou		DARD SOUND)			dB(A)

TRANSFORMER



Details, details, details

- Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Current Density
- Radial and Axial short circuit forces
- Flux Density
- Turns Ratio
- Winding Resistance
- Ampere turns



Items to consider

What does the customer need? Are there size limitations? What is the intended usage? Items most critical Voltage Ratio Phase Angle Impedance **MVA**



Basic Transformer Design Forces:

- Vectoral components, in axial and radial directions, seen by the windings.
- These forces are the mechanical stresses on the transformer.

Force
$$\leftarrow$$
 Flux Density X Current Density
 $\overrightarrow{F} \sim \overrightarrow{B} \times \overrightarrow{J}$





Forces: $\mathbf{F} \sim \mathbf{I}^2 \mathbf{N}$

- Current is already determined by MVA and Voltage ratings.
- Now we need to determine the number of turns
- What do turns affect, other than ratio?



Impedance is affected by 2 main things. Geometry – Height and gap. Typically taller units will have a lower impedance. *Assuming the same number of turns.

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Impedance:

 The # of turns – Impedance varies with the square of the turns.



Once we know our turns

- We can calculate our volts/turn
 - Exactly as it sounds. The voltage drop across each turn in the windings.

Once established, this value is the same for all windings in the transformer. i.e. HV, LV, TV, RV, etc.



Example:

- 138,000 volts across an HV winding having 1380 turns equates to 100 volts/turn.
- 72 turns on the LV winding will produce (72)X(100) = 7200 volts
- What about a regulating winding?
- **The lower the volts/turn, the smaller the iron core can be for a given flux density.



- Now we know Turns, Impedance, Volts/Turn, and Flux Density
- The last item we need for our basic design is Current Density.
- Remember, our forces are proportional to current density. A smaller conductor means a smaller coil, but higher forces and higher resistance.
- What does a larger conductor do?





- Are you bored yet?
- How is this related to high temperature insulation?
- What causes higher temperatures in transformers?



Heating

Heating:

- Generally caused by high losses, or reduced cooling. How are losses calculated?
- Losses are split into three categories, with the third having two subcategories.
 - 1) I²R Losses from the copper in the winding
 - 2) No-Load losses for the iron in the core
 - 3) Stray losses consisting of Eddy and Hysteresis losses in the stray fields.





I²R, or Copper Losses

Simple mathematic equation, the product of I²R. The resistance of the winding multiplied by the square of the current.

These losses vary as the square of the MVA or current. Once measured, they can be scaled to any MVA for a given unit.

What did we discuss that affects the resistance?





No-Load Losses or Iron Losses

By using our core diameter and window height, we calculate the core weight. Also knowing the flux density allows us to calculate the no-load losses from performance curves of the electrical steel being used for the core.





No-Load Losses:





No-Load Losses:





No-Load Losses:

From this example, by changing core steel grades from M6 to H0-DR, our loss values at the same flux density went from:

0.25 Watts/pound for M6 to 0.141 Watts/pound for H0-DR Nearly 44% decrease!!!!!





Stray Losses:

These losses are calculated by evaluating finite element field plots for the design.





Now that we know our losses, how are we going to cool the unit?

Table 2—Cooling class designation

Present designations	Previous designations		
ONAN	OA		
ONAF	FA		
ONAN/ONAF/ONAF	OA/FA/FA		
ONAN/ONAF/OFAF	OA/FA/FOA		
ONAN/OFAF	OA/FOA		
ONAN/ODAF/ODAF	OA/FOA ^a /FOA ^a		
OFAF	FOA		
OFWF	FOW		
ODAF	FOA ^a		
ODWF	FOW ^a		

^a Indicates directed oil flow per preceding NOTE 2.

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Cooling - ODAF

Oil flow – 2 parallel systems Oil flow within the winding





Mobile Units













Applications Transformer failure -Emergency □ Natural causes □ Vandalism/Sabotage **Terrorism EMP/GIC Routine maintenance**

Temporary power supply

Power for a seasonal load





Types of mobile units

Mobile transformer



Types of mobile units

Mobile transformerMobile substation



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Types of Mobile Units

- **Mobile Transformer**
- Mobile Substation
- **Portable Transformer**

















Types of mobile units

Mobile transformer
Mobile substation
Portable transformer
Skid mounted















Types of mobile units

All of these have something in common.

The need to be compact for the amount of MVA they deliver, in order to be quickly transported



Mobile versus Power unit



Mobile versus Power Unit

Smaller size
Lighter
Delivered fully assembled to the site
Short set up time
Self contained - auxiliary power supply
Must comply with DOT regulations
May be equipped with HV and LV protection
May be used outside substation if properly equipped

How to achieve it?



Mobile versus Power Unit

- ☐ High current densities and temperature rises limited by short circuit withstand
- Insulation hybrid for 75, 95 and 95/115 C ratings
- Impedance voltage specified at maximum rating
- **Core** high permeability steel
- **Oil preservation system sealed tank, N2 system**
- **Cooling ODAF**, sound pressure level and source
- **Tank High strength steel**
- **Switches instead of boards**
- **Auxiliary** power supply external or internal
- Accessories and trailer design


Short Circuit Withstand

Current densities for mobiles

- Restricted by short circuit withstand
- Higher losses
- The unit protected by its own impedance only

□ Impedance restraints

- Regulation affected by power factor
- Stray losses affected by stray flux

Radial forces

- Compressive (buckling) on inner winding
- Outward force on outer winding

Axial forces

- Forces within the winding and on end structures
- Pre-compressing windings





Radial Forces

Compressive (buckling) forces on the inner winding (usually LV) **Self supporting winding Outward** forces on the outer winding (usually HV) **Forces try to increase the** main duct







SCALE 0.127 F6423-1.SC LV= 88 HV= 5





Forces at the ends of windings
Forces within windings created by taps
Balancing windings







Axial Forces

Forces within the windings

- Bending forces
- Pressing key spacers
- Tilting forces

Pre-compressing windings
Pressing beams, rings and end insulation















Heat Generated from Mobile Design

Mobiles typically generate 30%-50% more heat as a comparative power transformer, given the same MVA.

- Due to:
 - Higher current density, flux density, and impedance.
 - Smaller tanks
 - Less oil



Meant to measure actual temperature for average winding and top oil during full load simulation. Hot spot can also be measured, if fiber optics are installed, if not, hot spot is calculated using the measured winding gradient and an empirical multiplier generated by the manufacturer.

Proving of the design!



- No-load and Load Losses are measured independently for the top rated MVA. We already discussed what affects these values
- These losses are summed together and this simulated "Load" is forced upon the unit in test.
- Monitored variables include: Top Oil temp, Bottom and Top radiator temp, ambient temp, hot spot (if possible), Actual sourced kW, and actual sourced current.



- Continues until the top oil rise over ambient changes by less than 2.5% or 1°C for 3 consecutive hours.
- Load is reduced to rated current for the associated MVA for 1 hour.
- Source power is disconnected and winding resistance is measured for a 10 minute period in 15 second intervals.



- These resistance values are then plotted in a spreadsheet to extrapolate the resistance value at the time the source was disconnected, "time zero"
- This resistance value, when compared to the winding resistance at an ambient reference temperature, allows us to calculate the average winding temperature and winding gradient at the associated MVA.



Thermal Test results

Simplified formula according to IEC 60076-7 (old IEC 354):







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Conventional Insulation limits

Table 3—Maximum continuous temperature rise limits

	Conventional insulation system
Minimum required high-temperature solid insulation thermal class	120
Top liquid temperature rise, (°C)	65
Average winding temperature rise, (°C)	65
Hottest spot temperature rise for solid insulation, (°C)	80

NOTE 1—The temperature rises shown are based on a 30 °C average cooling air temperature as defined in IEEE C57.12.00. If the specified cooling air temperature is different from 30 °C, the temperature rise limits shall be adjusted accordingly to meet the suggested limits of Table 5.



How to meet the limits using paper?

•ONAF?

Radiators would be too big for a mobile application

•ODAF?

More efficient and smaller than rads, but just not enough oil to keep the windings cool



What happens when paper overheats

 Insulation in a transformer has two properties; mechanical and electrical

 Overheating conventional insulation results in lowered degree of de-polymerization (mech), and decreased dielectric properties (elect).

• Decreased life, eventual failure!



What happens when paper overheats



*Ansgar Hinz Messko GmbH

The measure of the ageing of cellulose-containing parts of the insulation is the degree of de-polymerisation (DP). It describes the middle number of combined glucose-rings inside the cellulose. In the unaged state the cellulose has



What happens when paper overheats

Ageing of a transformer according IEC 60076-7 (old IEC 354)















C57.154 Definitions

Conventional – temp rise limits, insulation materials or insulation systems operating at temperatures within normal thermal limits of IEEE C57.12.00

65°C avg winding rise, 80°C Hot Spot Rise, 110°C Hotspot temp, and 65°C top oil rise

High Temperature – A description applied to temp-rise limits, insulation materials or insulation systems operating at higher temps than conventional

Hybrid Insulation System – High temp solid insulation operating above conventional temps, combined with conventional solid insulation.

Mixed Hybrid Insulation Winding– A winding composed of conventional solid insulation with high temp insulation used only selectively to allow higher than conventional hottest spot temps, with conventional avg temps.

Full Hybrid Insulation Winding – A winding composed of conventional solid insulation with high temp insulation used in areas in contact with the winding conductor to allow higher avg winding and hot spot temps.













High Temp Insulation

The Primary High-Temperature Insulation used in the United States in Nomex® by Dupont

- Aramid based material
- Suitable for continuous operation at 220°C
- Retains dielectric strength from 0 95% relative humidity
- Once oil impregnated, significantly better dielectric strength than kraft paper of the same thickness



Temperature Rises (from IEEE C57.154)

Table 3—Maximum continuous temperature rise limits for transformers with hybrid insulation systems

	Conventional insulation system 120	Hybrid insulation systems				
		Mixed hybrid insulation winding	Full hybrid insulation winding ^a			
Minimum required high-temperature solid insulation thermal class		130	130	140	155	
Top liquid temperature rise, (°C)	65	65	65	65	65	
Average winding temperature rise, (°C)	65	65	75	85	95	
Hottest spot temperature rise for solid insulation, (°C)	80	90	90	100	115	

NOTE 1—The temperature rises shown are based on a 30 °C average cooling air temperature as defined in IEEE C57.12.00. If the specified cooling air temperature is different from 30 °C, the temperature rise limits shall be adjusted accordingly to meet the suggested limits of Table 5.

NOTE 2-The conventional insulation system is shown for comparison purposes.

^a Essentially oxygen-free applications where the liquid preservation system effectively prevents the ingress of air into the tank.



IEEE Standard for the Design, Testing, and Application of Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and Regulating Transformers Using High-Temperature Insulation Systems and Operating at Elevated Temperatures



The purpose is to **standardize** the development of liquid-immersed transformers that use hightemperature insulation and operate at temperatures that exceed the normal thermal limits of C57.12.00 under continuous load, in the designed ambient, and at rated conditions.

Create rules that apply to all manufacturers for using insulation above conventional levels.



Avg Winding temp : Conventional Limits Winding Hot Spot temp : Higher than conventional



Figure 1—Illustration of a mixed hybrid insulation winding

Avg Winding temp : Higher than conventional Winding Hot Spot temp : Higher than conventional



Figure 2—Illustration of a full hybrid insulation winding

What's

This?

Table 2—Insulation winding/system comparison

			Hybrid insulation	High-		
		Conventional insulation system	Mixed hybrid	Full hybrid	temperature insulation system ^b	
Type of insulating	Liquid	C or H	C or H	C or H	H	
component ^a	Wire insulation	С	C & H combination	H	Н	
Conventional (C) or	Spacers/strips	C	C & H combination	H	H	
high-temperature (H)	Barrier solid	C	С	С	H	
Insulating component application temperature	Top liquid rise	С	С	С	Н	
	Average winding rise	С	С	н	Н	
Conventional (C) or high-temperature (H)	Hottest spot winding rise	С	Н	Н	н	

^a Only basic winding components are shown and other high-temperature insulation may be required depending on the results of the thermal mapping.

^b Some conventional insulation is acceptable in locations where conventional temperatures are maintained.



• High Temp Insulation System - An insulation system used throughout the transformer, except for some minor insulation in lower temp areas, together with high-temp insulating liquid operating at higher than conventional levels

Table 4—Maximum continuous temperature rise limits for transformers with high-temperature insulation systems^{a,b}

Liquid type	Ester			Silicone				
Minimum required high-temperature solid insulation thermal class ^c	130	1 <mark>4</mark> 0	155	180	130	140	155	180
Top liquid temperature rise, (°C)	90	90	90	90	115	115	115	115
Average winding temperature rise, (°C)	75	85	95	115	75	85	95	115
Hottest spot temperature rise, (°C)	90	100	115	140	90	100	115	140

^a The temperature rises shown are based on a 30 °C average cooling air temperature as defined in IEEE Std C57.12.00. If the specified cooling air temperature is different from 30 °C, the temperature rise limits shall be adjusted accordingly to meet the suggested limits of Table 6.

^b Essentially oxygen-free applications where the liquid preservation system effectively prevents the ingress of air into the tank.

^c The high-temperature insulation may include different temperature classes, all above conventional.



Table A.1—Typical properties of solid insulation materials

Material	Thermal class	ASTM standard	TM Relative dard permittivity rence at 25 °C	Dissip	ation (%)	Moisture absorption (%)	Density (g/cm ³)	Form
	(°C)	reference		At 25 °C	At 100 °C			
Cellulose- based	105	D1305	3.3 – 4.1	0.4	1.0	7.0	0.97 – 1.2	Paper
Cellulose- based thermally- upgraded	120	D1305	3.3-4.1	0.4	1.0	7.0	0.97 – 1.2	Paper
Cellulose- based	105*	D4063 [B8]	2.9-4.6	0.4	1.0	7.0	0.8 – 1.35	Board
Polyphenylene sulfide (PPS)	155		3.0	0.06	0.12	0.05	1.35	Film
Polyester glass ^b	130 - 200		4.8	1.3 - 7.0	n/a	0.2 - 1.1	1.8-2.0	Sheet
Polyester glass ^b	130 - 220		n/a	n/a	n/a	0.16-0.28	1.8 - 2.0	Shapes
Polyimide	220		3.4	0.2	0.2	1.0-1.8	1.33 - 1.42	Film
Aramid	220		1.6-3.2	0.5	0.5	5.0	0.66 - 1.10	Paper
Aramid	220		1.7-3.5	0.5	0.5	5.0	0.52 - 1.15	Board

NOTE 3-Moisture data is based on conditions of 50% relative humidity at a temperature of 23 °C

Typical Mobile Transformer construction



High temperature material minimum 155 °C

- Wire insulation on all designs
- Key spacers on 95°C rise units
- Vertical strips on 95°C rise units
- Insulation in contact with metal parts temperature over 120°C
- Pressboard (low- and high density) for areas in contact with oil only where temperature is up to 105°C













HV Switch









Setting up mobile units



Setting up units					
Power	Mobile				
Unit in storage	Unit in storage				
Move on truck with crane					
Move to location	Move to location				
Move to pad with crane	— ———				
Set on pad	Set mobile				
Install rads., bushings, SA					
Wire control cabinet Check and set controls	Check and set controls				

Setting up units Power Vacuum fill unit **Waiting time after filling** Test unit Energize unit DGA Load unit DGA Set up time – 4-6 days longer than for mobile unit

Mobile Test unit Energize unit Load unit DGA



Summary

- Transformer Design is FUN!
- Changes to one variable affects others
- Substantial differences in Mobile vs. Power
- High temperature insulation has made it possible to push more MVA out of smaller size
- Read IEEE C57.154 for more detailed information



Examples of Mobile Substations and Mobile Products




Enclosed 10 MVA 34400 – 4800 x 2400





Enclosed 7 MVA, 25 kV Class Substation







HV 69 kV on the Gooseneck





50 MVA, 230 kV - 69 kV





45 MVA, 115 kV - 12 kV



40 MVA, 115 kV - 69 kV









HV Transrupter



Transformer + LV and **HV Breaker Trailer**



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Conservator Type



Portable Autotransformer





TURN_TABLE



Skid with Removable Wheels



Skid mounted Substation

Ready for transport

Under the test Visible shock absorbers



Skid Unit With LV switchgear, HV breaker, cooling





Transrupter with Switch Trailer











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LV Breaker Trailer

AND VOLTAGE

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Cable Trailers





E7405













Conceptual Design of 400 MVA Autotransformer 345 kV – 230 kV, 15 kV TV on three trailers



Single Phase Auto 133 MVA 345 kV - 230 kV





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