TR-05655

Overhead Line Clamp 120mm² (500amp testing)

Test Date: 08/07/16 Operator: D.Maclachlan

TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF TEST

OVERHEAD LINE CLAMP 120MM2. DIRECT RESISTANCE WITH 500A CURRENT.

OBJECTIVE

The object of this test is to assess the current carrying capacity of the Overhead Line Clamp.

TEST METHOD

A specified test current shall be applied to the contacts of the specimen for a minimum period of 3 hours or until equilibrium is reached. (Less than 1 degree per hour). The Clamp will be fed with 500A from the 3000A load unit via a Powersafe Line Drain 500A connector on 120mm² cable and attached to a copper lug adaptor which is connected to the other side of the load unit.

REQUIREMENTS

The clamp must be capable of carrying the specified test current for a minimum period of 3 hours without exceeding the specified temperature rise.

TEST ITEMS

1x Powersafe Overhead Line Clamp fitted with 120mm² cable to a Powersafe Line source 500amp Connector.

1x Powersafe 500amp Line Drain Connector on 120mm² cable.

1x Copper Lug Adaptor.

EQUIPMENT USED

| INSTRUMENT | DESCRIPTION | CALIBRATION EXPIRY DATE |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Current Generation | T & R PCU1 Mk3 P.C.I.T.S. (21TE0216) | 20/01/2017 |
| External Load Unit | 3000A Loading Unit | 20/01/2017 |
| Digital Thermometer | YF-160A Thermocoupler + 5 Probes | 04/02/2017 |



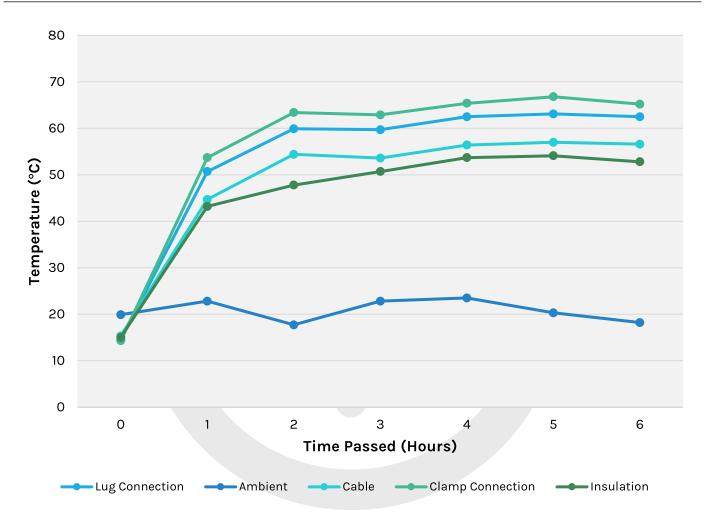
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| TIME | LUG CONNECTION | AMBIENT | CABLE | CLAMP CONNECTION | INSULATION | AMPS |
|------|-------------------|---------|-------|---------------------|------------|------|
| 0 | 14.5 | 19.9 | 15.3 | 14.3 | 15.0 | 500 |
| 1 | 50.7 | 22.8 | 44.7 | 53.7 | 43.2 | 506 |
| 2 | 59.9 | 17.7 | 54.4 | 63.4 | 47.8 | 503 |
| 3 | 59.7 | 22.8 | 53.6 | 62.9 | 50.7 | 502 |
| 4 | 62.5 | 23.5 | 56.4 | 65.4 | 53.7 | 506 |
| 5 | 63.1 | 20.3 | 57.0 | 66.8 | 54.1 | 508 |
| 6 | 62.5 | 18.2 | 56.6 | 65.2 | 52.8 | 510 |

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FINAL RESULTS

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| PROBE POSITION | TEMPERATURE (C) | T (MEASURED-AMBIENT) | AMPS |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|------|
| Ambient | 18.2 | N/A | N/A |
| Cable Core (P1) | 56.6 | 38.4 | 510A |
| Connection Between Clamp & Adaptor (P2) | 65.2 | 47.0 | 510A |
| Adaptor (P3) | 62.5 | 44.3 | 510A |
| Clamp Insulated Body (P4) | 52.8 | 34.6 | 510A |

CONCLUSION

| MEASUREMENT | RESULT |
|--|--------|
| Maximum Allowable Temperature | 125°C |
| Maximum Recorded Temperature Rise @ Insulated Body (above ambient) | 34.6°C |
| Maximum Allowable Temperature Between Clamp & Busbar | 125°C |
| Maximum Recorded Temperature Rise (above ambient) | 47.0°C |
| TEMPERATURE RISE WITHIN EN, BS AND VDE ALLOWABLE LIMITS. | PASS |







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