Alternating Current Motors in Detail

- Overview/Objectives:
 - Advanced motor component descriptions/details
 - Design, materials and construction
 - Starting and operation
 - Temperature effects on performance



AC Motor Components



Capacitors





Centrifugal Switching

Centrifugal Switching





Essential Components



Two Basic Parts of any AC Motor





- Stator Contains the windings within the steel laminations.
- The stator is not mechanically connected to the load

- Rotor & Shaft A rotating unit mounted on bearings and provides mechanical power transmission
 - The rotor and shaft are mechanically connected to the load

Motor Frame

Typical construction materials:

- Steel Band: Carbon and Stainless Steel
- Laminated
- Cast Iron: Grey and Ductile Iron
- Fabricated Steel

Stators



What is Electrical Steel?

- A special cold rolled steel with special coating on both sides (also called lamination steel)
- It has relatively low energy loss (in a motor this is called core loss)
- Mixture of ~ 3- 6% silicon
- Very efficient at generating/concentrating magnetic fields per given current flow







Microscopic view

Why use Laminations?

Solid Core

Low resistance Large eddy currents Higher core losses





Laminated Core

High resistance Small eddy currents Lower core losses



Steel Core Plates

- Core Plate C3
 - High Grade Varnish
 - Intended for Air-Cooled or Oil Immersed Cores
 - Approved for NEMA Class F Service*
 - Will Not Survive Lamination Annealing Process
 - Provides Less Resistance Between Laminations
- Core Plate C5
 - Oil and Heat Resistant Inorganic Coating
 - Suited for High Temperature Applications
 - Withstands Lamination Annealing Temperature, Welding Temperature and Typical Burn-Out Temperature



Per NEMA Standard MG-1

Coil Steel



Punch Press





Lamination Blanks





Stator Laminations and Rotor Blanks



Stator Core



Solid



Ducted



Stator Windings

- All coils are manufactured with insulated copper wire.
- Form Wound or Random Wound
 - Number of Turns
 - Size/Shape of Wire
 - Insulation
 - Class F or Class H
 - Enamel or Glass over Enamel



Stator Windings

Random







Stator Windings - Random Wound





Stator Windings Random Wound



Stator Windings Form Wound











Stator Windings Form Wound



Stator Windings Manufacturing Process



Stator Windings Magnetic Wire Types

| NEMA Class | Description | Insulation Thickness |
|---------------|--|-------------------------|
| Н | Heavy Film, Single Glass, Epoxy Saturant, Copper Wire | 0.013" |
| F | Heavy Film, Single Glass, Copper Wire | 0.013" |
| F | Dual Film, Copper Wire | 0.005" |



Form Wound Stator Windings Ground Wall Insulating Layers by Voltage Class

| Voltage | 0 to 3kV | 3.1 to 5kV | 5.1 to 7Kv | 7.1 to 13.2kV |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Layers 1/2 Lap Nomex Mica Tape | 2 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
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Insulation Systems in Random Wound Motors

- Dip & Bake
- Vacuum Impregnate (VI)
- VPI (Vacuum Pressure Impregnation)



Insulation Systems Random Wound









Insulation Systems in Form Wound Motors

- VPI (Vacuum Pressure Impregnation)
- Sealed VPI
 - Additional sealing components
 - Capable of Passing the Water Immersion Test



Insulation Systems Form Wound







Sealed Insulation Water Test





Stator Windings Testing

- Magnetic wire test (NEMA Standard MW1000)
- Surge (IEEE Standard 522)
 - Individual Coils
 - Wound Stator Before Connect
 - Wound Stator After Connect
- High potential test (NEMA Standard MG1-20, IEEE Standard 112)
- Added Testing for Enduraseal
 - One Minute Megger Dry @ 500VDC (IEEE Standard 43)
 - Polarization Index Wet 10 min to 1 min Ratio @ 500VDC(IEEE 43)
 - High Potential Test Wet (NEMA MG1-20.18, IEEE 112)
 - One Minute Megger Wet @ 500VDC (IEEE 43)







Understanding Motor Temperatures



Insulation Class

• F or H*

 Refers to total temperature the Insulation System is designed to withstand and deliver 'full' life

- Class B: 130°C
 - The 'previous' NEMA standard
- Class F: 155°C

Most common insulation class for current AC motors

Class H: 180°C

Standard for RPM AC motors

Ref. NEMA Standard MG-1

Temperature Rise per NEMA MG1-2011

20.8.1 Machines with a 1.0 Service Factor at Rated Load

| | | | Temperature Rise, Degrees C | | | |
|------|---|---|-----------------------------|----|-----|---------|
| | | | Class of Insulation System | | | em |
| Item | Machine Part | Method of Temperature Determination | А | В | F | Н |
| а | Insulated windings | | | | | |
| | 1. All horsepower (kW) ratings | Resistance | 60 | 80 | 105 | 125 |
| | 2. 1500 horsepower and less | Embedded detector* | 70 | 90 | 115 | 140 |
| | 3. Over 1500 horsepower (1120 kW | () | | | | |
| | a) 7000 volts and less | Embedded detector* | 65 | 85 | 110 | 135 |
| | b) Over 7000 volts | Embedded detector* | 60 | 80 | 105 | 125 |
| b | The temperatures attained by cores, squirrel-cage windings, collector rings, and miscellaneous parts (such as | | | | | such as |

brushholders and brushes, etc.) shall not injure the insulation or the machine in any respect.

20.8.2 Machines with a 1.15 Service Factor at Service Factor Load

| | | | Temperature Rise, Degrees C | | | |
|------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | Class of Insulation System | | | |
| Item | Machine Part | Method of Temperature Determination | А | В | F | н |
| а | Insulated windings | | | | | |
| | 1. All horsepower (kW) ratings | Resistance | 70 | 90 | 115 | 135 |
| | 2. 1500 horsepower and less | Embedded detector* | 80 | 100 | 125 | 150 |
| | 3. Over 1500 horsepower (1120 kW) |) | | | | |
| | a) 7000 volts and less | Embedded detector* | 75 | 95 | 120 | 145 |
| | b) Over 7000 volts | Embedded detector* | 70 | 90 | 115 | 135 |

b The temperatures attained by cores, squirrel-cage windings, collector rings, and miscellaneous parts (such as brushholders and brushes, etc.) shall not injure the insulation or the machine in any respect.

*Embedded detectors are located within the slot of the machine and can be either resistance elements or thermocouples. For machines equipped with embedded detectors, this method shall be used to demonstrate conformity with the standard. (See 20.27.)



Temperature Rise & Insulation Class Summary



Temperature Rise & Increased Ambient



Effect of Altitude on Temperature Rise NEMA MG 1 - 2011

20.8.4 Temperature Rise for Altitudes Greater than 3300 Feet (1000 Meters)

For machines which operate under prevailing barometric pressure and which are designed not to exceed the specified temperature rise at altitudes from 3300 feet (1000 meters) to 13200 feet (4000 meters), the temperature rises, as checked by tests at low altitudes, shall be less than those listed in 20.8.1 and 20.8.2 by 1 percent of the specified temperature rise for each 330 feet (100 meters) of altitude in excess of 3300 feet (1000 meters).

Example: 6600 ft altitude

$$1 - \frac{6,600 - 3,300}{33,000} = 0.9$$

 $80 \times 0.9 = 72$

Therefore, motor must be sized for 72°C Rise by Res at full load for B Rise



Temperature Effect on Motor Life

Insulation life

- Heat is the #1 cause of reduced insulation life
- For every 10^o C above rated temperature cuts life by 50%

Common overheating sources beyond basic design

- Overload
- Inadequate ventilation
- Dirt buildup
- Phase unbalance
- High/Low voltage

Bearing life

- Bearing temperatures are typically 50-75% of winding temperature
 - Temperature impact (+ 10° C = 50% life)



Quiz

- How are starting capacitor circuits typically disconnected once the motor starts?
- Why are rotors and stators typically made of laminated steel?
- What are the two common types of stator windings?
- Every 10°C reached above rated temperature decreases motor life by what %?

- %09
- Form wound, random wound
- Lower electrical losses than solid
 - Centritugal switch

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