

Test current value of distribution box



Overview

Check the tightness of electrical connections along the power supply cable. Tighten any loose connections.

Key Takeaways

To test the current value of a distribution box, measure each phase using a clamp meter under normal operating conditions, check for unbalance, and ensure readings comply with rated current limits.

Step-by-Step Procedure

1. Safety Preparation Before testing, ensure all safety measures are in place: wear insulated gloves, safety shoes, and follow lockout/tagout procedures. Verify that the testing instruments, such as clamp meters or multimeters, are calibrated and rated for the system voltage and current . 2. Visual and Physical Inspection Perform a visual check of the distribution box to confirm all connections are secure, no signs of overheating exist, and the panel is free from dust or moisture . Inspect busbars, breakers, and outgoing circuits. 3. Measuring Current

- Open the panel cover carefully.
- Set the clamp meter to the appropriate current range.
- Measure the current on each phase (R, Y, B) individually by clamping around the conductor.
- Record the readings and compare them with the rated current of the panel and individual breakers . 4. Checking Load Balance

- Calculate the unbalance by comparing the current in each phase.
 - Maximum unbalance should not exceed 30%; higher unbalance can damage equipment .
 - Measure the neutral current to detect any imbalance in the system.
- #### 5. Insulation and Continuity Tests
- Use an insulation tester to check insulation resistance between live conductors and earth.
 - Verify continuity of protective conductors with a test current ≥ 200 mA to ensure proper earthing .
- #### 6. Verification Against Standards
- Ensure the measured currents and temperature rise are within limits specified by IEC 61439 for low-voltage switchgear assemblies .
 - Confirm that the panel's rated short-time withstand current and current-carrying capacity are not exceeded.
- #### 7. Documentation
- Record all measurements, observations, and any corrective actions. Maintain a test report for compliance and future reference . By following these steps, you can safely and accurately determine the current values in a distribution box, verify load balance, and ensure compliance with international standards, reducing the risk of equipment failure or electrical hazards.

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