

FREQUENCY RESONANCE BUMP TEST On GENERATOR STATOR END-WINDING

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND



Generator stator end-winding vibration is caused by forces that can be electrical or mechanical in origin. Generally, forces can be divided in steady state, load change, drive (turbine) problem and system fault or short circuit forces.

Based on frequency, end-windings can vibrate in two critical ranges, line frequency, usually produced by mechanical forces and twice line frequency, produced by electromagnetic forces from current carrying on stator bar/coil.

Mechanical vibration is the result of rotor rotation: unbalance or misalignment, damaged bearings, and electrical problems on rotor field.

Electromagnetic forces excited by the stator current which is twice the electrical synchronous frequency of the generator (100 Hz for 50Hz System)

FREQUENCY RESONANCE BUMP MEASUREMENT



An end-winding bump test uses accelerometers placed on the stator winding, special computer software and computer, and a calibrated impact hammer. The hammer is used to bump the end-winding, causing it to vibrate. The vibrations are then measured and analyzed. The purpose of performing impact or bump testing on generator end-winding baskets, phase leads, and circuit rings is to identify resonances that would be readily excitable by the electromagnetic forcing frequency (100 Hz in Thailand (50Hz system))

Bump test was carried out on end winding caps of NDE (Exciter End) and DE (Turbine End) which is the location of highest vibration in order to determine the dynamic flexibility, and to identify local resonances of the bars in the critical frequency range of 95 – 115 Hz. Response was captured in frequency response function (FRF) format.



KEY CONCEPT



A bump test is the measured response of an impact to an stator winding.



The force of the impact is to energize.



The response of the stator winding **IS MEASURED**.





Analyzer





TYPICAL ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA



The resonant peak value in critical frequency region 95Hz to 115 Hz shall be less than 4.4 (m/s^2)/N or 2.0 g/lbf

	Radial Direction	Axial Direction		
Impact Location (Slot) on DE	Measurement	Measurement	Criteria	Test Evaluation
	Max 2.0 g/lbf @ 95-=115 Hz	Max 2.0 g/lbf @ 95-=115 Hz		
1	0.450	0.338	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
2	0.991	0.159	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
3	0.976	0.204	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
4	0.221	0.326	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
5	1.397	1.820	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
6	0.155	0.291	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
7	0.196	0.107	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
8	0.770	0.234	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
9	1.213	0.695	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
10	0.082	0.449	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
11	0.724	0.237	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
12	1.389	0.771	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
13	1.566	0.606	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
14	0.145	0.176	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
15	1.124	0.564	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
16	0.548	0.396	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
17	0.749	0.130	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
18	0.255	0.766	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
19	0.580	0.315	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified
20	0.315	0.097	< 2 g/lbf	Satisified

Summary Highest Amplitude @ 95-115Hz at each Slot at DE



WHEN TO PERFORM

- 1. During Major overhaul.
- 2. Anytime that found sign of vibration/broken of blocking, tie, serial loop or structure on generator stator end-winding.

Improvement after found vibration higher than criteria







JOB REFERENCE LIST

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- LPS Power Station GT12, BRUSH, 30.4MW, Brunei
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