

A STUDY OF CURRENT-CARRYING CAPACITY OF DRAWLEAD CABLE IN CONDENSER BUSHING

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ABSTRACT

Temperature rise distribution at the drawlead cables in the condenser bushings was studied with a thermal model and actual thermal tests. Temperature rise of the hottest spot at the cables from the model is consistent with that from the tests within a 10% deviation. Factors that influence working current and overload capacity of the cable were studied. Current-carrying capacities of the drawlead cables with index 105 insulation are presented based on thermal basis of rating.

KEY WORDS: Bushing, current-carrying capacity, drawlead cable, temperature rise, thermal model, thermal test.

INTRODUCTION

High voltage bushings in transformers are either bottom connected or drawlead connected. Because there was no thermal requirement in the IEEE bushing standard for drawlead cable until 1995 [1], there are no general guidelines for current-carrying capacity of a drawlead cable.

Current-carrying capacity of a drawlead cable is determined by temperature rise of the hottest spot. For index 105 insulation, current-carrying capacity of a drawlead cable is the current that makes the temperature rise of the hottest spot equal to 65°C, when the lower end of the bushing is immersed in an oil bath with 55°C temperature rise.

Because the drawlead cable is confined in the bushing stud, its current-carrying capacity is lower than the capacity of the overhead cable. Thermal testing is a method to determine current-carrying capacity of a drawlead cable. Because there are numerous combinations of bushings and cables, performing all the thermal tests would require a great deal of time. Therefore we used a thermal model to obtain guidelines regarding the drawlead cables.

THERMAL MODEL

A bushing in a drawlead application is shown in Fig. 1. The bushing is mounted on a transformer with the top in ambient air and the bottom in hot air and oil. For drawlead bushings there are two oil levels, one is the transformer oil level and other is the cable oil level in the stud of the

bushing. Both are measured from the mounting surface of the flange down to the oil surface. These two levels may not be the same.

A daisy-chain circuit model [2,3] is used to study temperature rise distribution at the drawlead cable. In the thermal model, the assumptions are as follows:

1. Radial thermal resistance in metal parts is ignored.
2. Axial thermal conduction in insulation is ignored.
3. Heat transfer from the cable to the stud is thermal conduction in the air or oil gap.
4. Heat transfer from the outer surface of the bushing to the surrounding media is convection.

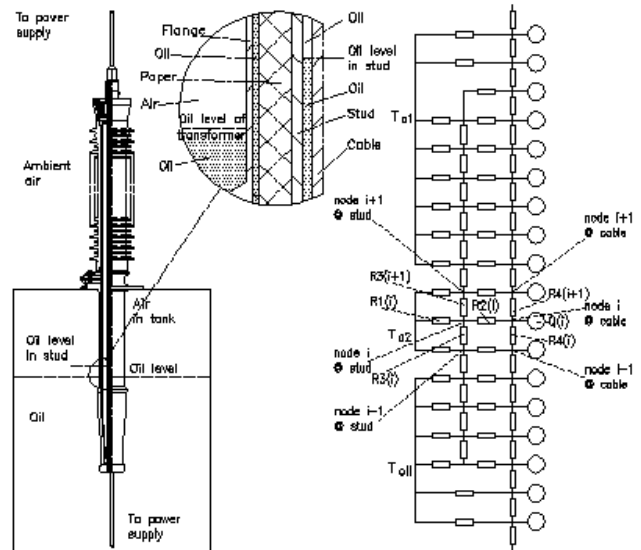


Fig. 1. Drawlead bushing and thermal model

Heat source $Q(i)$ at node “i” depends on current, stud material, geometry dimension and temperature. $R_1(i)$ is radial thermal resistance from the stud to the surrounding media. $R_2(i)$ is radial thermal resistance from cable to stud. $R_3(i)$ and $R_4(i)$ is thermal resistance along stud and cable.

Heat $Q(i)$ at node “i” dissipates through the radial thermal resistance $R_2(i)$ to the adjacent segment of the stud and through the axial thermal resistance $R_4(i)$ and $R_4(i+1)$ to the adjacent nodes “i-1” and “i+1” at the cable. The heat received by node “i” of the stud dissipates through the radial thermal resistance $R_1(i)$ to the surrounding media and through the axial thermal resistance $R_3(i)$ and $R_3(i+1)$ to adjacent nodes “i-1” and “i+1” at the stud.

Thermal resistance $R_2(i)$ varies with the location of the cable in the stud. When the cable is at the center of the stud, $R_2(i)$ reaches the maximum value. We use the maximum value to calculate the temperature rise of drawlead bushings.

Coefficients of thermal conduction and convection of materials are from available sources [4,5]. We consider all

thermal coefficients to be constants except the thermal conduction coefficient of the air between the cable and stud. The thermal conduction coefficient of the air gap is corrected based on the local temperature of the cable.

Boundary conditions for calculation are as follows:

1. Portion of the bushing above flange is in the ambient air with uniform temperature T_{a1} .
2. Portion of the bushing between the flange and transformer oil level is in hot air with temperature T_{a2} . T_{a2} may be lower than oil temperature because of the cooling effect of the transformer tank cover.
3. Lower portion of bushing is immersed in the oil bath with uniform temperature T_{oil} .
4. Cables between the bushing and power supply are long enough and there is no heat transfer along the cable at the middle of the connecting cables.

EVALUATION OF THERMAL MODEL

Temperature profiles of a bushing with a draw lead cable are obtained from the thermal model and thermal tests as shown in Fig. 2. The bushing is a 350kV BIL 400A drawlead bushing with 1 1/4" ID aluminum stud. The drawlead cable is a 300 Mcm ($\phi 0.629$ ") copper cable. The bushing is immersed to minimum oil level of bushing. The oil level in the stud is maintained at the same oil level as that in oil bath. Because our test data were not obtained at the exact same ambient temperature, in order to compare the thermal model and thermal test, the measured ambient temperature is used in the model to calculate temperature rise profiles of the cable.

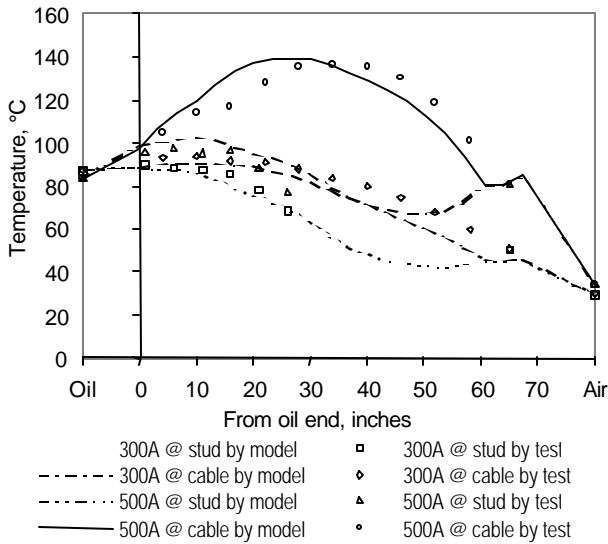


Fig. 2. Temperature rise profiles from the thermal model and the test (a 350kV BIL 400A PRC type drawlead bushing with 300Mcm copper cable)

Temperature rise profiles from the thermal model is consistent with those from thermal tests. The hottest spot is at the cable and it migrates to near the center of the bushing with an increase of current. When the current is high, the

temperature of the cable can be much higher than the temperature of the stud. It is noted that the cotton sheath of a 300Mcm cable was carbonized after tested at 600 amps in a 350kV BIL PRC type bushing. This means the temperature of the cable is a limiting factor.

Temperature rises of the hottest spot at the cable in various combinations of bushings, cable size and currents were measured and calculated. Table 1 shows a comparison of measured and calculated temperature rise of the hottest spot. Column 5 shows the tested current I_T . Column 8 is the temperature rises of the hottest spot measured and column 9 is the temperature rises calculated by thermal model with the current I_T from column 5 and ambient temperature from column 6 and 7. Column 10 shows the current I_0 , which generates the same temperature rise in the thermal model as in the test.

Table 1. Comparison of the data from thermal test and from the thermal model

| Column 1 | Column 2 | Column 3 | Column 4 | Column 5 | Column 6 | Column 7 | Column 8 | Column 9 | Column 10 |
|--------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bushing Type | BIL, kV | Stud, ID, inches | Cable or Rod Size | Test Current, I_T Amps | Top Air, °C | Oil Rise, °C | H.S. Rise from Test, °C | H.S. Rise from Model, °C | Calculated current, I_0 Amps |
| PRC | 200 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 400 | 29.6 | 56.2 | 61.6 | 64.4 | 381 |
| PRC | 200 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 500 | 32.9 | 56.6 | 76.3 | 84.8 | 461 |
| PRC | 200 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 600 | 32.2 | 57.3 | 89.4 | 113.7 | 516 |
| PRC | 250 | 1.25 | 3/0 | 250 | 25.2 | 53.6 | 62.1 | 65.3 | 238 |
| PRC | 250 | 1.25 | 3/0 | 300 | 22.2 | 61.4 | 82.0 | 86.9 | 286 |
| PRC | 250 | 1.25 | 3/0 | 400 | 23.7 | 57.8 | 133.5 | 136.7 | 394 |
| PRC | 250 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 400 | 22.9 | 55.0 | 66.1 | 68.3 | 387 |
| PRC | 250 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 600 | 22.6 | 56.4 | 108.4 | 127.6 | 487 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 300 | 29.7 | 57.6 | 64.0 | 61.2 | 321 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 400 | 32.8 | 52.5 | 75.5 | 76.1 | 396 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | 300Mcm | 500 | 34.6 | 48.4 | 101.7 | 104.7 | 499 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | $\phi 1$ " rod | 800 | 31.2 | 54.2 | 60.1 | 59.2 | 819 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | $\phi 1$ " rod | 1000 | 30.3 | 55.8 | 71.4 | 73.4 | 951 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | $\phi 1$ " rod | 1200 | 31.6 | 54.3 | 93.0 | 93.4 | 1196 |
| PRC | 350 | 1.25 | $\phi 1$ " rod | 1500 | 32.8 | 53.5 | 137.7 | 140.4 | 1485 |
| POC | 750 | 1.62 | 300Mcm | 560 | 33.5 | 54.6 | 189.3 | 159.9 | 615 |
| POC | 750 | 1.62 | $\phi 1.5$ " rod | 1350 | 31.4 | 56.1 | 60.0 | 65.1 | 1190 |
| POC | 750 | 1.62 | $\phi 1.5$ " rod | 1500 | 28.1 | 65.9 | 82.3 | 79.4 | 1560 |

Current deviation of the model is defined as

$$A = (I_0 - I_T) / I_0 * 100.$$

Distribution of the current deviation A of the data in Table 1 is shown in Fig. 3. The majority of the data show that the results from the model are conservative. The current accuracy of the model is about 10%.

INFLUENCE FACTORS

Many factors influence the current-carrying capacity of a drawlead cable, some from operation environment and some from bushing design. A load rate K, which is defined as the ratio of current-carrying capacities at a special factor

to that at the test conditions defined in IEEE bushing standard, is used to describe the influence of each individual factor quantitatively.

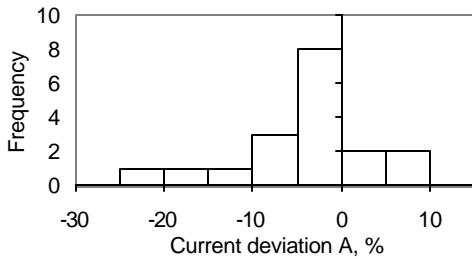


Fig. 3. Distribution of the current deviation of the model

I. TRANSFORMER OIL LEVEL

It is a common opinion that the hottest spot temperature rise of a bushing decreases when the transformer oil level is high because the thermal conduction/convection coefficients of oil are higher than that of air. However, the thermal tests do not support this opinion. The tests show that the hottest spot rise of a bushing increases slightly rather than decreases when the transformer oil level is high.

The hottest spot temperature rise of a drawlead cable at different oil level was calculated. The hottest spot rise of the cable decreases, but not significantly, when the oil level is high if the air space above the oil level is at the same temperature as the oil. For example, at the 450 Mcm cable in a 350kV BIL PRC bushing, the hottest spot rises of the cable at 416A (the rated current) show no significant change with the oil level. The hottest spot rise of the cable at 624A (1.5 rated current) is 98.4°C when the oil level is at flange mounting surface. However, it is 100°C when oil level is 16.5" down from flange mounting surface.

The reasons are:

1. Small portion of the heat dissipates in radial direction at the hottest spot, which is under the flange.
2. The radial thermal resistance from the bushing surface to the surrounding media is only a small portion of the thermal resistance from the cable to the surrounding media.
3. The hottest spot rise of the cable over the surrounding media below the mounting surface of the flange is less than 10°C at rated current.

The thermal tests show that the air space above the oil is always cooler than the oil, even if the oil tank is covered with a thick canvas. Typically the air space above the oil is 10°C to 20°C cooler than the oil. This is because the metal cover of the oil tank works like a radiator and it cools the air above the oil. The cooler air above the oil helps to cool the middle portion of the bushing where the hottest spot of the bushing usually occurs. When the oil level is high, the cooler air space becomes smaller. Therefore, the cooling effect from the air space decreases, and the bushing temperature rise increases slightly. The thermal model proves this explanation. Fig. 4 shows the rise profiles of a drawlead bushing with different air space temperatures.

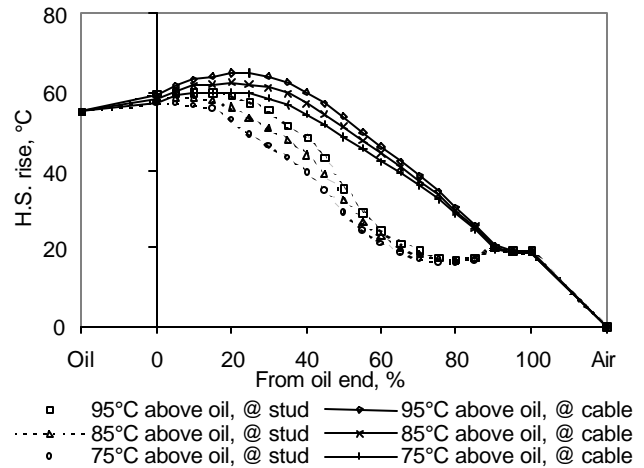


Fig. 4. Temperature rise profiles at different air space temperature (a 450Mcm cable in a 350kV BIL PRC bushing with 416A and 16.5" oil level)

At the same hottest temperature rise, the current-carrying capacity of the cable increases when the transformer oil level is low because of the cooler air space above the oil. The load rate K from the cooler air space above the oil is a linear function of the air space temperature and varies with the cable size and the bushing type as shown in Fig 5.

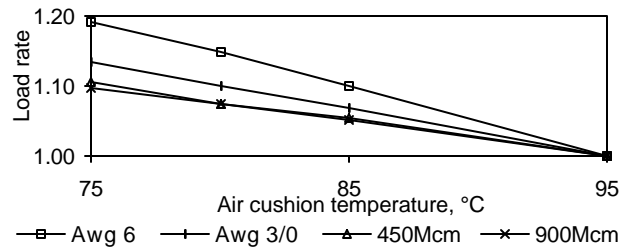


Fig. 5. Load rate due to cooler air space (from 150~350kV BIL PRC bushings)

II. CABLE OIL LEVEL

There are oil and air gaps between the cable and the bushing stud. Because the thermal conduction coefficient of air is worse than that of oil, we can expect that the hottest spot rise at the cable decreases when the cable oil level is pushed higher than the transformer oil level as shown in Fig. 6.

The current-carrying capacity of a cable increases when the oil level in the stud is high. But this is significant only when the cable size is small as shown in Fig. 7.

III. THE AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE

A bushing may operate in an environment with ambient air temperature differing from 40°C. For example, if the bushing works in an isolated phase bus duct, the rated current of the cable must be reduced, or the cable may become too hot.

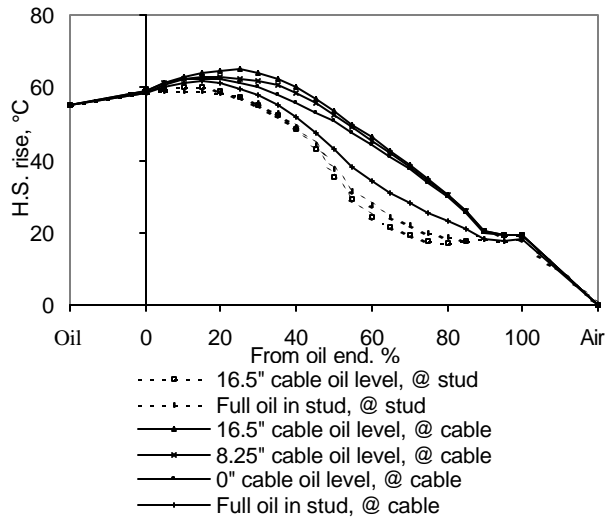


Fig. 6. Temperature rise profiles at different cable oil levels (450Mcm cable in a 350kV BIL PRC bushing with 416A and 16.5 inch oil level)

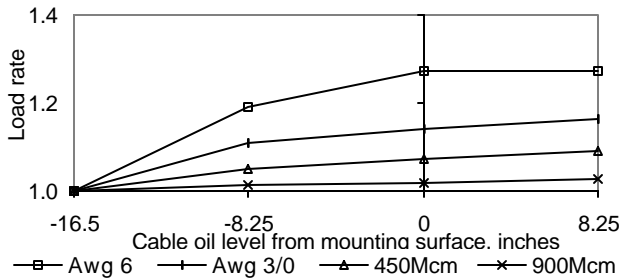


Fig. 7. Load rate due to cable oil level (from a 350kV BIL PRC bushing)

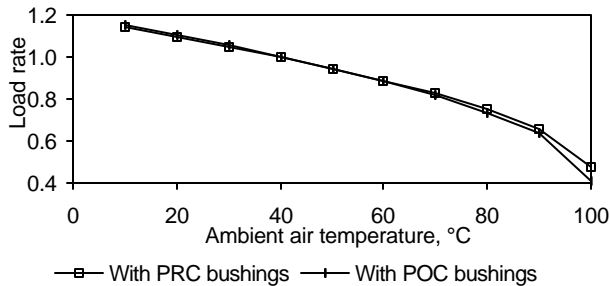


Fig. 8. Load rate due to the ambient air temperature

The load rate due to the ambient air temperature is shown in Fig. 8. The load rate is mainly a function of ambient air temperature and does not change significantly with cable size, bushing BIL or bushing type. This load rate can be used to estimate the current-carrying capacity of a drawlead cable at different air temperatures. For example, if the air end of a bushing is in 90°C ambient air and the oil end in 95°C oil, the working current of its drawlead cable must be de-rated to 65% of the current-carrying capacity at 40°C air.

IV. BUSHING DESIGN

Bushings with a larger minimum oil level have a lower current-carrying capacity as shown in Table 2. If the current-carrying capacity of the cable in a bushing with 16.5 inch minimum oil level is used as the base, roughly the working current of the same cable in a bushing with 21 inch minimum oil level should de-rate about 10%.

Bushings with a large stud ID are easier to install a drawing cable but current-carrying capacity of the cable will be reduced. Therefore, a bushing with proper stud ID is recommended.

Copper studs can increase current-carrying capacity of the cable by a few percent depending on the cable size, bushing BIL, oil level and stud ID. The rule of thumb is to use one-step down cable size if the stud is switched from aluminum to copper. For example if 400Mcm cable is used in a bushing with aluminum stud, 350Mcm cable can be used in a similar bushing but with copper stud.

Table 2. Current-carrying capacity of different minimum oil levels

| Minimum oil level | 10" | 16.5" | 21" |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Bushing | B-89182 | B-89181 | B-89183 |
| BIL | 110 kV | 110 kV | 110 kV |
| Stud ID | 1.5" | 1.5" | 1.5" |
| Cable | Current-carrying capacity of cable | | |
| 6 Awg | 66 | 55 | 50 |
| 3/0 Awg | 290 | 241 | 214 |
| 450Mcm | 628 | 540 | 486 |
| 900Mcm | 1072 | 947 | 865 |

V. CABLE INSULATION

There is a thin layer of paper tape or cotton sheath to isolate the drawlead cable from the bushing stud.

Calculation shows that the thin insulation around the cable, for example 1/16 inch thick paper insulation, does not have a significant influence on current-carrying capacity of the drawlead cable.

CURRENT-CARRYING CAPACITY OF DRAWLEAD CABLES

The current-carrying capacity of different cables in different bushings is calculated based on thermal basis of rating. The conditions for calculation are as follows:

1. Ambient air temperature is 40°C.
2. Oil levels are at the bushing minimum oil level.
3. Temperature rise of ambient below flange mounting surface is 55°C, including air space above oil.
4. There is no extra insulation around the cable and the cable locates at center of stud.
5. The cable connecting the bushing top terminal to the power supply is the same size as the drawlead cable in the bushing stud.
6. The temperature rise of the hottest spot at the bushing and the drawlead cable is limited to 65°C rise.

Current-carrying capacity of drawlead cables or rods in typical bushings is given in Tables 3 and 4. The current carrying capacity of a drawlead cable varies 15% with the

bushing BIL class. That is because the length of the bushing and the thickness of the insulation increase with BIL. The two factors impede the cooling.

When the temperature index of the cable insulation is higher than 105, the current-carrying capacity of the cable should be determined by the temperature rises at the bushing and at the cable, whichever exceeds the limit first. Our calculation shows that current-carrying capacity of drawlead cable can increase about from 17% if the cable has temperature index 115 insulation instead of index 105 insulation, as shown in Appendix.

Table 3. Current-carrying capacity of drawlead cables or rods in 110~350kV BIL paper-resin bushings (based on 65°C drawlead cable rise)

| BIL | 110kV | 150kV | 200kV | 250kV | 350kV |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Stud ID | 1 ½" | 1 ¼" | 1 ¼" | 1 ¼" | 1 ¼" |
| Air | 40°C | | | | |
| Oil Rise | 55°C | | | | |
| Oil Level | 16.5" | 16.5" | 16.5" | 16.5" | 16.5" |
| Stud | Aluminum | | | | |
| Bushina | B89181 | B89201 | B89301 | B89401 | B89501 |
| Cable | Current @ 65°C cable temperature rise | | | | |
| 6 Awa | 55 | 54 | 53 | 52 | 51 |
| 5 Awa | 66 | 64 | 63 | 61 | 60 |
| 4 Awa | 79 | 76 | 74 | 72 | 71 |
| 3 Awa | 93 | 89 | 87 | 83 | 82 |
| 2 Awa | 111 | 106 | 103 | 98 | 97 |
| 1 Awa | 135 | 127 | 123 | 117 | 114 |
| 1/0 Awa | 163 | 152 | 147 | 139 | 135 |
| 2/0 Awa | 196 | 183 | 176 | 166 | 160 |
| 3/0 Awa | 241 | 223 | 215 | 201 | 194 |
| 4/0 Awa | 293 | 270 | 259 | 242 | 232 |
| 250 Mcm | 332 | 305 | 293 | 272 | 261 |
| 300 Mcm | 387 | 356 | 341 | 315 | 301 |
| 350 Mcm | 440 | 402 | 387 | 357 | 340 |
| 400 Mcm | 490 | 449 | 432 | 398 | 379 |
| 450 Mcm | 540 | 496 | 475 | 439 | 416 |
| 500 Mcm | 588 | 540 | 519 | 477 | 454 |
| 600 Mcm | 683 | 628 | 606 | 556 | 529 |
| 700 Mcm | 773 | 713 | 689 | 632 | 603 |
| 750 Mcm | 811 | 747 | 725 | 664 | 632 |
| 800 Mcm | 862 | 798 | 771 | 709 | 675 |
| 900 Mcm | 947 | 879 | 858 | 786 | 751 |
| 1000Mcm | 1032 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 1100Mcm | 1111 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 1200Mcm | 1191 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 1.000" rod | 956 | 891 | 868 | 800 | 766 |
| 1.125" rod | 1143 | 1078 | 1059 | 980 | 942 |
| 1.250" rod | 1342 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 1.375" rod | 1547 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

PERMISSIBLE OVERLOAD RATE

According to IEEE guide [1], general temperature limitations for bushings loaded beyond nameplate rating are:

1. Ambient air temperature: 40°C maximum
2. Immersion oil temperature: 110°C maximum
3. Maximum emergency current: Two times rated current of the bushing
4. The temperature rise of hottest spot at the bushing and the cable: The hottest spot of the conductor in contact with temperature index 105 insulation should be limited to 150°C.

When a bushing is under overload condition, the temperature rise of the hottest spot at the cable can be estimated accurately if the temperature profiles of the bushing and the cable with rated current and without current are known [2]. Because the main concern is whether a cable or bushing will be too hot under overload conditions, there is a simple way to estimate overload capacity of drawlead cable. The thermal model shows that the steady temperature of the hottest spot of any cable at two times rated current will be much higher than 150°C if the cable just passes a thermal test at rated current. Calculation shows a drawlead cable can handle an overload of 1.43~1.64 times rated current if the hottest spot temperature is limited to 150°C. Permissible overload rate of drawlead cable changes with cable size and bushing type slightly as shown in Table 5 and 6. For the sake of simplicity, a constant 1.5 can be used as a permissible overload rate for all the drawlead cables.

Table 4. Current-carrying capacity of drawlead cables or rods in 550~900kV BIL paper-oil bushings (based on 65°C drawlead cable rise)

| BIL | 550 kV | 650 kV | 750 kV | 900 kV |
|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Stud ID | 1 5/8" | 1 5/8" | 1 5/8" | 2" |
| Air | 40°C | | | |
| Oil Rise | 55°C | | | |
| Oil Level | 23.5" | 23.5" | 23.5" | 26.75" |
| Stud | Aluminum | | | |
| Bushina | POC550/0800 | POC650/800 | POC750/800 | POC900/800 |
| Cable | Current @ 65°C cable temperature rise | | | |
| 6 Awa | 50 | 50 | 51 | 49 |
| 5 Awa | 58 | 59 | 59 | 57 |
| 4 Awa | 68 | 68 | 69 | 66 |
| 3 Awa | 78 | 78 | 78 | 75 |
| 2 Awa | 91 | 91 | 91 | 88 |
| 1 Awa | 107 | 107 | 107 | 102 |
| 1/0 Awa | 125 | 125 | 125 | 119 |
| 2/0 Awa | 148 | 147 | 147 | 139 |
| 3/0 Awa | 177 | 176 | 175 | 165 |
| 4/0 Awa | 210 | 207 | 205 | 194 |
| 250 Mcm | 233 | 231 | 229 | 215 |
| 300 Mcm | 268 | 264 | 261 | 245 |
| 350 Mcm | 300 | 296 | 291 | 273 |
| 400 Mcm | 334 | 327 | 322 | 300 |
| 450 Mcm | 364 | 358 | 352 | 327 |
| 500 Mcm | 396 | 388 | 380 | 353 |
| 600 Mcm | 459 | 448 | 438 | 405 |
| 700 Mcm | 519 | 506 | 494 | 454 |
| 750 Mcm | 544 | 530 | 517 | 476 |
| 800 Mcm | 579 | 563 | 550 | 503 |
| 900 Mcm | 640 | 620 | 604 | 550 |
| 1000 Mcm | 701 | 678 | 657 | 598 |
| 1100 Mcm | 759 | 734 | 710 | 646 |
| 1200 Mcm | 822 | 791 | 765 | 692 |
| 1300 Mcm | 881 | 848 | 818 | 738 |
| 1.000" rod | 657 | 638 | 621 | 569 |
| 1.125" rod | 802 | 773 | 750 | 684 |
| 1.250" rod | 960 | 923 | 891 | 809 |
| 1.375" rod | 1137 | 1090 | 1049 | 943 |
| 1.500" rod | 1334 | 1276 | 1225 | 1092 |
| 1.625" rod | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1252 |
| 1.750" rod | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1424 |

The cable size in a drawlead bushing should be determined by combining normal operating conditions with emergency operating condition. If emergency current is less than 1.5 times rated current, cable size can be selected

based on rated current; otherwise based on emergency current.

CONCLUSION

The study shows the temperature rises of the drawlead bushing can be calculated from a thermal model within a 10% deviation. This paper presents the method of calculating current carrying capacity of a drawlead cable and guidelines to choose the size of the drawlead cable. In general a drawlead cable can handle an emergency overload of 1.5 times rated current.

Table 5. Allowable overload rate of drawlead cables in 110~350kV BIL paper-resin bushing

| BIL | 110kV | 150kV | 200kV | 250kV | 350kV |
|-----------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Stud ID | 1 1/2" | 1 1/4" | 1 1/4" | 1 1/4" | 1 1/4" |
| Air | 40°C | | | | |
| Oil Rise | 55°C | | | | |
| Oil Level | 16.5" | 16.5" | 16.5" | 16.5" | 16.5" |
| Stud | Aluminum | | | | |
| Bushing | B89181 | B89201 | B89301 | B89401 | B89501 |
| Cable | Allowable overload rate @ 150°C cable temperature | | | | |
| 6 Awa | 160% | 163% | 164% | 164% | 164% |
| 1/0 Awa | 151% | 155% | 156% | 157% | 158% |
| 250 Mcm | 148% | 152% | 153% | 154% | 155% |
| 500 Mcm | 145% | 149% | 150% | 151% | 153% |
| 900 Mcm | 143% | 149% | 150% | 151% | 153% |

Table 6. Allowable overload rate of drawlead cables or rods in 550~900kV BIL paper-oil bushing

| BIL | 550 kV | 650 kV | 750 kV | 900 kV |
|-----------|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Stud ID | 1 5/8" | 1 5/8" | 1 5/8" | 2" |
| Air | 40°C | | | |
| Oil Rise | 55°C | | | |
| Oil Level | 23.5" | 23.5" | 23.5" | 26.75" |
| Stud | Aluminum | | | |
| Bushing | POC550/800 | POC650/800 | POC750/800 | POC900/800 |
| Cable | Allowable overload rate @ 150°C cable temperature | | | |
| 6 Awa | 153% | 153% | 152% | 152% |
| 1/0 Awa | 150% | 149% | 150% | 149% |
| 250 Mcm | 149% | 148% | 148% | 148% |
| 500 Mcm | 147% | 147% | 147% | 147% |
| 1100 Mcm | 147% | 147% | 147% | 147% |

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APPENDIX

Following Table shows the current-carrying capacity of drawlead cables in 550~900kV BIL paper-oil bushing when the drawlead cable rise is to 75°C and the bushing stud rise is limited to 65°C. Comparing the data in this table with those in the table 4, We can draw the conclusion that current-carrying capacity of drawlead cable can increase about 17% if the cable has temperature index 115 insulation instead of index 105 insulation.

| BIL | 550 kV | 650 kV | 750 kV | 900 kV |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Stud ID | 1 5/8" | 1 5/8" | 1 5/8" | 2" |
| Air | 40°C | | | |
| Oil Rise | 55°C | | | |
| Oil Level | 23.5" | 23.5" | 23.5" | 26.75" |
| Stud | Aluminum | | | |
| Bushing | POC550/800 | POC650/800 | POC750/800 | POC900/800 |
| Cable | Current @ 75°C cable temperature rise | | | |
| 6 Awa | 60 | 60 | 60 | 58 |
| 5 Awa | 69 | 70 | 70 | 67 |
| 4 Awa | 81 | 81 | 81 | 78 |
| 3 Awa | 93 | 93 | 93 | 89 |
| 2 Awa | 108 | 108 | 108 | 103 |
| 1 Awa | 127 | 126 | 126 | 120 |
| 1/0 Awa | 148 | 148 | 147 | 140 |
| 2/0 Awa | 174 | 173 | 172 | 163 |
| 3/0 Awa | 209 | 207 | 205 | 194 |
| 4/0 Awa | 247 | 244 | 241 | 227 |
| 250 Mcm | 274 | 271 | 268 | 252 |
| 300 Mcm | 315 | 310 | 306 | 287 |
| 350 Mcm | 353 | 347 | 343 | 320 |
| 400 Mcm | 391 | 384 | 377 | 352 |
| 450 Mcm | 428 | 419 | 412 | 383 |
| 500 Mcm | 465 | 454 | 445 | 413 |
| 600 Mcm | 537 | 525 | 514 | 474 |
| 700 Mcm | 609 | 593 | 579 | 532 |
| 750 Mcm | 639 | 621 | 605 | 556 |
| 800 Mcm | 679 | 660 | 642 | 589 |
| 900 Mcm | 751 | 727 | 708 | 645 |
| 1000 Mcm | 821 | 794 | 771 | 701 |
| 1100 Mcm | 890 | 861 | 835 | 757 |
| 1200 Mcm | 962 | 927 | 899 | 811 |
| 1300 Mcm | 1034 | 994 | 961 | 865 |