



FIXED POWER FACTOR CORRECTION CAPACITOR BANK

1.1 General

The fixed power factor correction capacitor bank shall be a self-contained capacitor bank providing continuous power factor correction when energized.

1.2 Ratings

1. System Voltage: 3PH, 60Hz, 208V, 240V, 480V, or 600V
2. KVAR: As specified

1.3 Fixed Capacitor Bank

The fixed capacitor bank shall be three-phase and fuse protected when specified. Each capacitor element shall include discharge resistors.

1. Incoming Power Connections

- a. The incoming power connection options shall include main lug only or, when specified, a circuit breaker sized no less than 150% of assembly KVAR rating at rated voltage.
- b. The circuit breaker interrupt rating shall be no less than the available fault current available at point of connection.
- c. The circuit breaker shall be provided with mechanical lugs or lug pads to accommodate customer incoming cable connections.

2. Fuses

- a. The capacitor bank shall be individually fused, when specified, with Class J or Class T fuses having an interrupting capacity of 200,000 symmetrical amperes. Fuses shall be rated to protect the capacitor and interconnecting wiring.
- b. When specified, each capacitor bank fuse shall be provided with a blown fuse indicator consisting of an indicating lamp which shall be illuminated when a capacitor bank fuse has blown. The indicating lamp shall be visible from the front of the enclosure when the door is closed.
- c. A nameplate identifying the associated capacitor bank fuse shall also be included with each lamp.

3. Capacitors

- a. Capacitors shall be dry-type of the self-healing type utilizing a UL-recognized pressure sensitive interrupter that disconnects all three phases in each capacitor cell. The pressure interrupter must break all three phase when it engages.
- b. Capacitors shall be constructed with self-healing metalized polypropylene film and shall be designed with segmented film for maximum safety and protection against over voltage transients.
- c. Losses shall be a no more than 0.5 watts per KVAR including losses associated with the discharge resistor.
- d. Capacitors shall be able to carry continuous current of at least 1.5 times the nominal current corresponding to its KVAR rating, at full ambient temperature and altitude without the need to de-rate the capacitor cells voltage rating.
- e. Capacitance tolerance shall be +/-5%.



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- f. Capacitors shall have a rated life expectancy of 20 years continuous operation at its full rated specification.
- g. Capacitor cells shall be delta connected.
- h. Capacitors shall include an integral discharge resistor to reduce the residual voltage to 50V or less within sixty seconds after the capacitor is disconnected from the power source.
- i. Capacitors shall not have any PCB's.
- j. Capacitors shall be suitable for continuous operation in ambient temperature from -40°C (-40°F) to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ (140°F) without de-rating.
- k. Capacitors shall be suitable for use at altitudes up to 4000 meters (13,124 ft) without de-rating.
- l. Capacitors shall be suitable for use in non-condensing 95% relative humidity.
- m. The dielectric strength of the capacitor cells shall be tested at the factory as follows:
 - 1) Terminal-Terminal: $2.15 \times V_{\text{rated}}$ for 2 seconds followed by $1.85 \times V_{\text{rated}}$ for 18 seconds.
 - 2) Terminal-Case: 3.9kV for 2 seconds
- n. Capacitor cells shall be UL recognized per UL 810 and CSA approved per CSA C22.2, No 190-1985 and C22.2 No 14-10.
- o. Capacitors cells shall be UL listed

1.4 Busing

Provide sufficient cross sectional area to continuously carry full load current without abnormal temperature rise. Bus shall be rated a minimum of 1000A per square inch unless specific UL tests have been performed to ensure the heat rise at connections points are acceptable.

1.5 Enclosures

Enclosures shall be fabricated and listed to UL50 for UL types 1, 12, 3R, 4, or 4X.

- 1. The enclosing covers and door(s) shall be fabricated from not less than 14 gauge steel.
- 2. The enclosure shall be wall mounted and/or free-standing depending on KVAR rating.
- 3. Fans, ventilation, and/or thermostats shall be provided as required.
- 4. Enclosure shall be equipped with grounding lugs and removable lifting eyes (when necessary) to facilitate handling.



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1.6 Test Requirements

The power factor assembly shall be assembled, wired and functionally tested at the factory in accordance with applicable standards.

Factory production tests and/or verification shall include the following:

1. Visual inspection
2. Torque mark verification
3. Capacitance check
4. Hi-pot test

1.7 Manufacturer

Equipment shall be NUCO Controls, LLC or approved equal.