NCSX- Cable Property Testing

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Scope

Materials used in Specimens

- Conductor
- Insulation
- Epoxy system
- Tests Being Performed
- Test Equipment
- Description of specimens

Conductor Description



- Flexible spooled compacted copper cable [12x5/44/34]
- Nylon serve on outside surface
 [0.004 in. thick]
 - 2640 strands
 - 34 gauge [nom. 0.0063 in.]
 - Conductor A: Normal cable mfg. Process
- Conductor B: Clean cable mfg. process

Insulation

- Conductor is pre-insulated (turn to turn) with (1)
 half-lapped layer of glass tape
- Insulation description
 - S-2 glass (Four harness satin weave) with reactive amino silane finish
 - Nominal thickness 0.004 in. thick
 - Glass tape identifier: ECG150-2/2
 - Temperature class 180 degrees C

Epoxy System

Resin system selected: CTD-101K

- Product of Composite Technology Dev. Inc.
- 3- Part component epoxy system
- Excellent performance at cryogenic temperatures with a lng pot life and low viscosity
- Cure Cycle:
 - 5 hours @ 100 degrees C (Cure)
 - 16 hours @ 125 degrees C (Post cure)
- Pot Life:
 - 145 hours @ 25 degrees C1300 Cp
 - 60 hours @ 40 degrees C400 Cp
 - 20 hours @ 60 degrees C100 Cp

Performance Tests

Type of Tests

- Flexural tests.. [8 inch long single conductor specimens]
- Compression tests.. [0.75 inch long single conductor specimens]
- Tensile tests.. [Racetrack coils- 4-turn specimens]
- Cure shrinkage [Racetrack coils 2 lengths 4-turn specimens]
- Fatigue (cyclic) testing [TBD] [single conductor and/or 40 turn bundle

Test Parameters

- 2- different processed conductors (clean vs. standard)
- 3- different temperature ranges (77 deg.K, 194 deg.K and room temperature)

Mechanical Test Equipment



MTS Servo-Hydraulic Tester Capacity 100 KIPS



MTS Servo-Hydraulic Tester Capacity 10 KIPS

Flexural and Compression Specimens



Compression Tests



Flexural Tests

Cold Bath

Winding Pack Dimensions for 4-turn Racetrack Coils



4-turn racetrack coils will be wound without ground wrap and will be used for the tensile tests

 Coil leads will allow the coil to be electrically tested during or following the tensile tests

40-Turn Bundle





40-turn bundle with ground wrap will be fabricated and can be used for flexural and fatigue tests

40 turn Bundle Preparation

- Mold release tee surfaces
- Copper cladding [0.040 "] with Kapton insulation on inner surface
- Apply Groundwrap
 - 3 layers- 0.010 in. thick S-2 dry glass
 - 2 layers 0.003 in. thick Type H Kapton
- Lay insulated conductor turns in place [4 wide x 10 high]
- Apply Bag mold
- Vacuum-Pressure-Impregnate [VPI]

Bag Mold



- Install final ground wrap
- Install (2) Layers silicone rubber tape mold [secure edge in place with casting groove and copper tubing]
- Paint mold with 2-part RTV 11 (several layers)
- Install final coil clamps
- Install epoxy impregnated felt between the clamps
- Install strong backs between clamps

Summary

- Fabrication of test specimens and testing of mechanical properties is underway
- Both clean and regular processed conductor will be tested
- Specimens will be tested at 77deg.K, 194 deg.K and RT
- Further discussions are needed:
 - Type of tests being performed
 - Types of specimens being proposed
 - How the test should be performed