

## **SECTION 26 24 16 – PANELBOARDS**

### **PART 1 – GENERAL**

#### **1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- A. Drawings and general provisions of Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

#### **1.2 SUMMARY**

- A. Section Includes:
  - 1. Distribution panelboards.
  - 2. Lighting and appliance branch-circuit panelboards.

#### **1.3 DEFINITIONS**

- A. ATS: Acceptance testing specification.
- B. GFCI: Ground-fault circuit interrupter.
- C. GFEP: Ground-fault equipment protection.
- D. MCCB: Molded-case circuit breaker.
- E. SPD: Surge protective device.

#### **1.4 ACTION SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data: For each type of panelboard.
  - 1. Include materials, switching and overcurrent protective devices, SPDs, accessories, and components indicated.
  - 2. Include dimensions and manufacturers' technical data on features, performance, electrical characteristics, ratings, and finishes.
- B. Shop Drawings: For each panelboard and related equipment.
  - 1. Include dimensioned plans, elevations, sections, and details.
  - 2. Show tabulations of installed devices with nameplates, conductor termination sizes, equipment features, and ratings.
  - 3. Detail enclosure types including mounting, environmental protection, knockouts, corner treatments, covers and doors, gaskets, hinges, and locks.
  - 4. Detail bus configuration, current, and voltage ratings.
  - 5. Short-circuit current rating of panelboards and overcurrent protective devices.

6. Include evidence of NRTL listing for SPD as installed in panelboard.
7. Detail features, characteristics, ratings, and factory settings of individual overcurrent protective devices and auxiliary components.
8. Include time-current coordination curves for each type and rating of overcurrent protective device included in panelboards. Submit on translucent log-log graph paper; include selectable ranges for each type of overcurrent protective device. Include Internet link for electronic access to downloadable PDF of coordination curves.

## **1.5 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS**

- A. Panelboard Schedules: For installation in panelboards.

## **1.6 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS**

- A. Operation and Maintenance Data: For panelboards and components to include in emergency, operation, and maintenance manuals. In addition to items specified in Section 017823 "Operation and Maintenance Data," include following:
  1. Manufacturer's written instructions for testing and adjusting overcurrent protective devices.
  2. Time-current curves, including selectable ranges for each type of overcurrent protective device that allows adjustments.

## **1.7 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL SUBMITTALS**

- A. Furnish extra materials that match products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
  1. Keys: Two spares for each type of panelboard cabinet lock.
  2. Circuit Breakers Including GFCI and GFEP Types: Two spares for each panelboard.

## **1.8 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications: ISO 9001 or ISO 9002 certified.

## **1.9 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**

- A. Remove loose packing and flammable materials from inside panelboards; install temporary electric heating (250 W per panelboard) to prevent condensation.
- B. Handle and prepare panelboards for installation per NECA 407.

## **1.10 FIELD CONDITIONS**

- A. Environmental Limitations:
  1. Do not deliver or install panelboards until spaces are enclosed and weathertight, wet work in spaces is complete and dry, work above panelboards is complete, and temporary

HVAC system is operating and maintaining ambient temperature and humidity conditions at occupancy levels during remainder of construction period.

2. Rate equipment for continuous operation under following conditions unless otherwise indicated:
  - a. Ambient Temperature: Not exceeding 23 degrees F to plus 104 degrees F.
- B. Service Conditions: NEMA PB 1, usual service conditions, as follows:
  1. Ambient temperatures within limits specified.
- C. Interruption of Existing Electric Service: Do not interrupt electric service to facilities occupied by Owner or others unless permitted under following conditions and then only after arranging to provide temporary electric service per requirements indicated:
  1. Notify Construction Manager and Owner no fewer than 14 days in advance of proposed interruption of electric service.
  2. Do not proceed with interruption of electric service without Construction Manager's and Owner's written permission.
  3. Comply with NFPA 70E.

## 1.11 WARRANTY

- A. Manufacturer's Warranty: Manufacturer agrees to repair or replace panelboards that fail in materials or workmanship within specified warranty period.
  1. Panelboard Warranty Period: Eighteen months from date of Substantial Completion.
- B. Special Warranty: Manufacturer's standard form in which manufacturer agrees to repair or replace SPD that fails in materials or workmanship within specified warranty period.
  1. SPD Warranty Period: Five years from date of Substantial Completion.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 PANELBOARDS COMMON REQUIREMENTS

- A. Electrical Components, Devices, and Accessories: Listed and labeled as defined in NFPA 70, by qualified testing agency, and marked for intended location and application.
- B. Comply with NEMA PB 1.
- C. Comply with NFPA 70.
- D. Enclosures: Surface-mounted, dead-front cabinets.
  1. Rated for environmental conditions at installed location.
    - a. Indoor Dry and Clean Locations: NEMA 250, **Type 1**.
    - b. Outdoor Locations: NEMA 250, Type 4X.
  2. Height: **84 inches** maximum.

3. Front: Secured to box with concealed trim clamps. For surface-mounted fronts, match box dimensions. Trims shall cover live parts and shall have no exposed hardware.
  4. Finishes:
    - a. Panels and Trim: Steel, factory finished immediately after cleaning and pretreating with manufacturer's standard 2-coat, baked-on finish consisting of prime coat and thermosetting topcoat.
    - b. Back Boxes: Galvanized steel.
- E. Incoming Mains:
1. Main Breaker: Main lug interiors up to 400A shall be field convertible to main breaker.
- F. Phase, Neutral, and Ground Buses:
1. Material: Tin-plated aluminum up to 400A and hard-drawn copper, 98 percent conductivity, for greater than 400A.
    - a. Plating shall run entire length of bus.
    - b. Bus shall be fully rated entire length.
  2. Interiors shall be factory assembled into unit. Replacing switching and protective devices shall not disturb adjacent units or require removing main bus connectors.
  3. Equipment Ground Bus: Adequate for feeder and branch-circuit equipment grounding conductors; bonded to box.
  4. Isolated Ground Bus: Adequate for branch-circuit isolated ground conductors; insulated from box.
  5. Full-Sized Neutral: Equipped with full-capacity bonding strap for service entrance applications. Mount electrically isolated from enclosure. Do not mount neutral bus in gutter.
  6. Extra-Capacity Neutral Bus: Neutral bus rated 200 percent of phase bus and listed and labeled by NRTL acceptable to authority having jurisdiction. Connectors shall be sized for double-sized or parallel conductors as indicated on Drawings. Do not mount neutral bus in gutter.
- G. Conductor Connectors: Suitable for use with conductor material and sizes.
1. Material: Tin-plated aluminum.
  2. Terminations shall allow use of 75 degrees C rated conductors without derating.
  3. Size: Lugs suitable for indicated conductor sizes, with additional gutter space, if required, for larger conductors.
  4. Main and Neutral Lugs: Compression type, with lug on neutral bar for each pole in panelboard.
  5. Ground Lugs and Bus-Configured Terminators: Compression type, with lug on bar for each pole in panelboard.
  6. Feed-Through Lugs: Compression type, suitable for use with conductor material. Locate at opposite end of bus from incoming lugs or main device.

- 7. Extra-Capacity Neutral Lugs: Rated 200 percent of phase lugs mounted on extra-capacity neutral bus.
- H. Future Devices: Panelboards shall have mounting brackets, bus connections, filler plates, and necessary appurtenances required for future installation of devices.
  - 1. Percentage of Future Space Capacity: 20 percent.
- I. Panelboard Short-Circuit Current Rating: Fully rated to interrupt symmetrical short-circuit current available at terminals. Assembly listed by NRTL for 100 percent interrupting capacity.
  - 1. Panelboards and overcurrent protective devices rated 240V or less shall have short-circuit ratings as shown on Drawings, but not less than 10,000A rms symmetrical.
  - 2. Panelboards and overcurrent protective devices rated above 240V and less than 600V shall have short-circuit ratings as shown on Drawings, but not less than 14,000A rms symmetrical.

## **2.2 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Surge Suppression: Factory installed as integral part of indicated panelboards, complying with UL 1449 SPD Type 2.

## **2.3 POWER PANELBOARDS**

- A. Panelboards: NEMA PB 1, distribution type.
- B. Doors: Secured with vault-type latch with tumbler lock; keyed alike.
  - 1. For doors more than 36 inches high, provide 2 latches, keyed alike.
- C. Branch Overcurrent Protective Devices for Circuit-Breaker Frame Sizes 125A and Smaller: Bolt-on circuit breakers or plug-in circuit breakers where individual positive-locking device requires mechanical release for removal.
- D. Branch Overcurrent Protective Devices for Circuit-Breaker Frame Sizes Larger Than 125A: Bolt-on circuit breakers.

## **2.4 LIGHTING AND APPLIANCE BRANCH-CIRCUIT PANELBOARDS**

- A. Panelboards: NEMA PB 1, lighting and appliance branch-circuit type.
- B. Branch Overcurrent Protective Devices: Bolt-on circuit breakers, replaceable without disturbing adjacent units.
- C. Doors: Concealed hinges; secured with flush latch with tumbler lock; keyed alike.

## **2.5 DISCONNECTING AND OVERCURRENT PROTECTIVE DEVICES**

- A. MCCB: Comply with UL 489, with interrupting capacity to meet available fault currents.
  - 1. Thermal-Magnetic Circuit Breakers:

- a. Inverse time-current element for low-level overloads.
  - b. Instantaneous magnetic trip element for short circuits.
  - c. Adjustable magnetic trip setting for circuit-breaker frame sizes 250A and larger.
2. Adjustable Instantaneous-Trip Circuit Breakers: Magnetic trip element with front-mounted, field-adjustable trip setting.
3. GFCI Circuit Breakers: Single- and double-pole configurations with Class A ground-fault protection (6 mA trip).
4. GFEP Circuit Breakers: Class B ground-fault protection (30 mA trip).
5. Sub-Feed Circuit Breakers: Vertically mounted.
6. MCCB Features and Accessories:
  - a. Standard frame sizes, trip ratings, and number of poles.
  - b. Breaker handle indicates tripped status.
  - c. UL listed for reverse connection without restrictive line or load ratings.
  - d. Lugs: Compression style, suitable for number, size, trip ratings, and conductor materials.
  - e. Application Listing: Appropriate for application.
  - f. Ground-Fault Protection: Remote-mounted relay and trip unit with adjustable pickup and time-delay settings, push-to-test feature, and ground-fault indicator.
  - g. Shunt Trip: 120V trip coil energized from separate circuit, set to trip at 55 percent of rated voltage.
  - h. Rating Plugs: Three-pole breakers with ampere ratings greater than 150A shall have interchangeable rating plugs or electronic adjustable trip units.
  - i. Multipole units enclosed in single housing with single handle.
  - j. Handle Padlocking Device: Fixed attachment, for locking circuit-breaker handle in off position.

## **2.6 IDENTIFICATION**

- A. Panelboard Label: Manufacturer's name and trademark, voltage, amperage, number of phases, and number of poles shall be located on interior of panelboard door.
- B. Breaker Labels: Faceplate shall list current rating, UL and IEC certification standards, and AIC rating.
- C. Circuit Directory: Computer-generated circuit directory mounted inside panelboard door with transparent plastic protective cover.
  1. Circuit directory shall identify specific purpose with detail sufficient to distinguish it from other circuits.

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## **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

### **3.1 EXAMINATION**

- A. Verify actual conditions with field measurements before ordering panelboards to verify that equipment fits in allocated space in, and comply with, minimum required clearances specified in NFPA 70.
- B. Receive, inspect, handle, and store panelboards per NECA 407 .
- C. Examine panelboards before installation. Reject panelboards that are damaged, rusted, or have been subjected to water saturation.
- D. Examine elements and surfaces to receive panelboards for compliance with installation tolerances and other conditions affecting performance of Work.
- E. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### **3.2 INSTALLATION**

- A. Coordinate layout and installation of panelboards and components with other construction that penetrates walls or is supported by them, including electrical and other types of equipment, raceways, piping, encumbrances to workspace clearance requirements, and adjacent surfaces. Maintain required workspace clearances and required clearances for equipment access doors and panels.
- B. Comply with NECA 1.
- C. Install panelboards and accessories per NECA 407.
- D. Equipment Mounting:
  - 1. Attach panelboard to vertical finished or structural surface behind panelboard.
- E. Mount top of trim 90 inches above finished floor unless otherwise indicated.
- F. Mount panelboard cabinet plumb and rigid without distortion of box.
- G. Mount surface-mounted panelboards to steel slotted supports 5/8 inch in depth. Orient steel slotted supports vertically.
- H. Install overcurrent protective devices and controllers not already factory installed.
  - 1. Set field-adjustable, circuit-breaker trip ranges.
  - 2. Tighten bolted connections and circuit breaker connections using calibrated torque wrench or torque screwdriver per manufacturer's written instructions.
- I. Make grounding connections and bond neutral for services and separately derived systems to ground. Make connections to grounding electrodes, separate grounds for isolated ground bars, and connections to separate ground bars.

- J. Install filler plates in unused spaces.
- K. Arrange conductors in gutters into groups and bundle and wrap with wire ties.

### **3.3 IDENTIFICATION**

- A. Identify field-installed conductors, interconnecting wiring, and components; install warning signs complying with requirements in Section 260553 "Identification."
- B. Create directory to indicate installed circuit loads; incorporate Owner's final room designations. Obtain approval before installing. Handwritten directories are not acceptable. Install directory inside panelboard door.
- C. Panelboard Nameplates: Label each panelboard with nameplate complying with requirements for identification specified in Section 260553 "Identification."
- D. Device Nameplates: Label each branch circuit device in power panelboards with nameplate complying with requirements for identification specified in Section 260553 "Identification."
- E. Install warning signs complying with requirements in Section 260553 "Identification" identifying source of remote circuit.

### **3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL**

- A. Perform tests and inspections.
  - 1. Manufacturer's Field Service: Engage factory-authorized service representative to inspect components, assemblies, and equipment installations, including connections, and to assist in testing.
- B. Acceptance Testing Preparation:
  - 1. Test insulation resistance for each panelboard bus, component, connecting supply, feeder, and control circuit.
  - 2. Test continuity of each circuit.
- C. Tests and Inspections:
  - 1. Perform each visual and mechanical inspection and electrical test for low-voltage air circuit breakers and low-voltage surge arrestors stated in NETA ATS, Paragraph 7.6 Circuit Breakers and Paragraph 7.19.1 Surge Arrestors, Low-Voltage. Perform optional tests. Certify compliance with test parameters.
  - 2. Correct malfunctioning units on-site, where possible, and retest to demonstrate compliance; otherwise, replace with new units and retest.
  - 3. Perform following infrared scan tests and inspections and prepare reports:
    - a. Initial Infrared Scanning: After Substantial Completion, but not more than 60 days after Final Acceptance, perform infrared scan of each panelboard. Remove front panels so joints and connections are accessible to portable scanner.
    - b. Follow-up Infrared Scanning: Perform additional follow-up infrared scan of each panelboard 11 months after date of Substantial Completion.



c. Instruments and Equipment:

- 1) Use infrared scanning device designed to measure temperature or to detect significant deviations from normal values. Provide calibration record for device.

- D. Panelboards will be considered defective if they do not pass tests and inspections.
- E. Prepare test and inspection reports, including certified report that identifies panelboards included and that describes scanning results, with comparisons of 2 scans. Include notation of deficiencies detected, remedial action taken, and observations after remedial action.

### **3.5 ADJUSTING**

- A. Adjust moving parts and operable components to function smoothly, and lubricate as recommended by manufacturer.
- B. Set field-adjustable circuit-breaker trip ranges as specified in Section 260573.16 "Coordination Studies."

### **3.6 PROTECTION**

- A. Temporary Heating: Before energizing panelboards, apply temporary heat to maintain temperature per manufacturer's written instructions.

### **END OF SECTION**