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**7.8.6\* Transformers.** Oil-filled main, station service, and startup transformers not meeting the separation or fire barrier recommendations in 5.1.4 or as determined by the Fire Protection Design Basis Document should be protected with automatic water spray or foam-water spray systems.

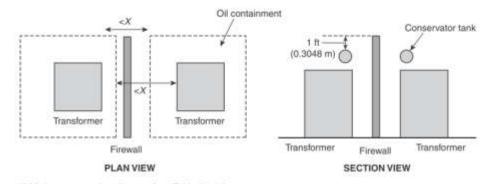
## 5.1.4 Outdoor Oil-Insulated Transformers.

- **5.1.4.1** Outdoor oil-insulated transformers should be separated from adjacent structures and from each other by firewalls, spatial separation, or other approved means for the purpose of limiting the damage and potential spread of fire from a transformer failure.
- **5.1.4.2** Determination of the type of physical separation to be used between transformers, control equipment, and building structures should be based on a detailed analysis of the following:
- (1) Type and quantity of oil in the transformer
- (2) Size of a postulated oil spill (surface area and depth)
- (3) Type of construction of adjacent structures
- (4) Type and amount of exposed equipment, including high line structures, motor control center (MCC) equipment, breakers, other transformers, and so forth.
- (5) Power rating of the transformer
- (6) Fire suppression systems provided
- (7) Type of electrical protective relaying provided
- (8) Availability of replacement transformers (long lead times)
- (9)\*The existence of fast depressurization systems

**5.1.4.3\*** Unless consideration of the factors in 5.1.4.2 indicates otherwise, it is recommended that any oil-insulated transformer containing 500 gal (1893 L) or more of oil be separated from adjacent structures by a 2-hour-rated firewall or by spatial separation in accordance with Table 5.1.4.3. Where a firewall is provided between structures and a transformer, it should extend vertically and horizontally as indicated in Figure 5.1.4.3.

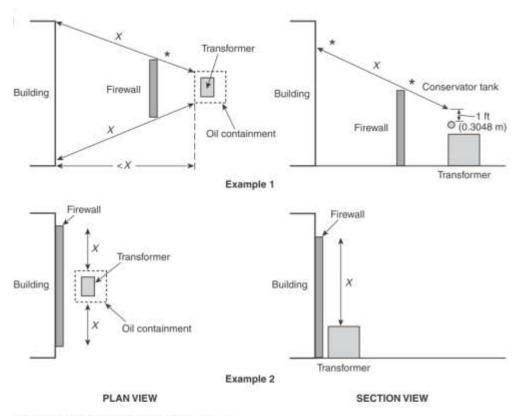
Table 5.1.4.3 Outdoor Oil-Insulated Transformer Separation Criteria

Transformer Oil Capacity		Minimum (Line-of-Sight) Separation Without Firewall	
gal	L	ft	m
< 500	<1893	See 5.1.4.2	
500-5000	1893-18,925	25	7.6
>5000	>18,925	50	15



X: Minimum separation distance from Table 5.1.4.3.

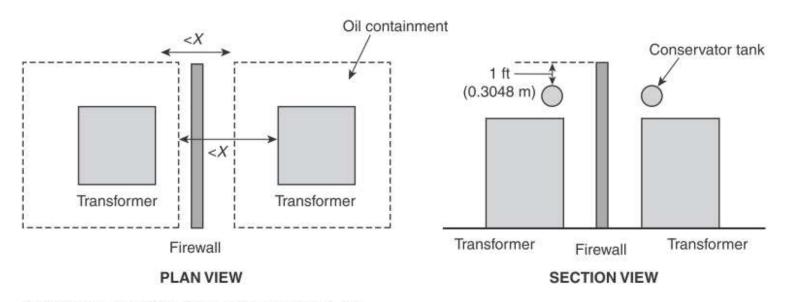
FIGURE 5.1.4.4 Outdoor Oil-Insulated Transformer Separation Criteria.



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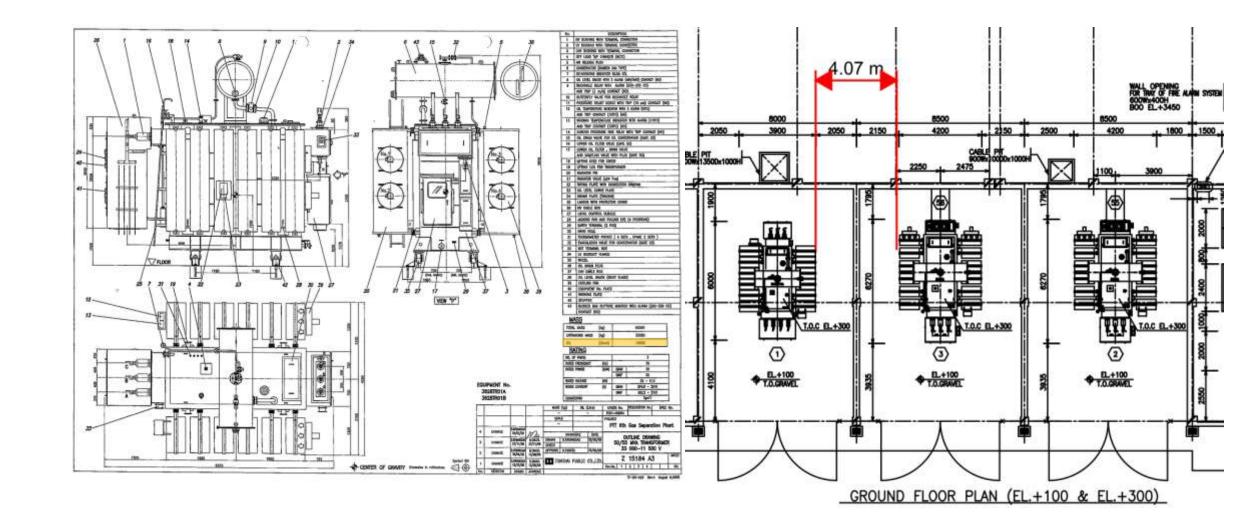
FIGURE 5.1.4.3 Illustration of Oil-Insulated Transformer Separation Recommendations.

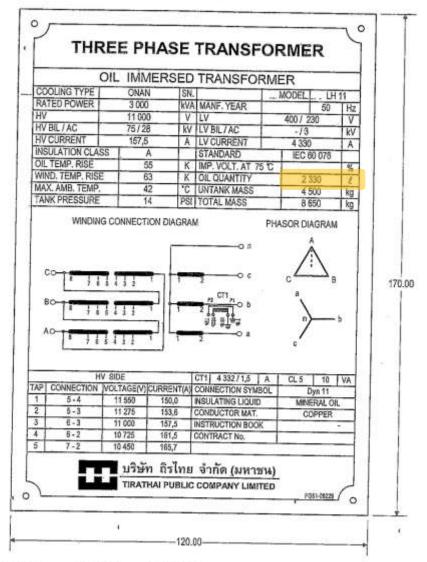
<sup>\*:</sup> See A.5.1.4.3.

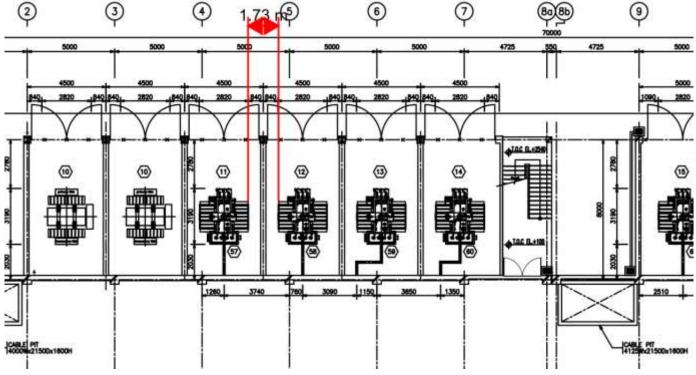


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FIGURE 5.1.4.4 Outdoor Oil-Insulated Transformer Separation Criteria.







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