Reference Document For Fault Level Calculation

Conductors & Busways "C" Values

Table A. "C" Values for Conductors

Copper												
AWG or kcmil	Three Single Conductors Conduit						Three-Conductor Cable Conduit					
	Steel			Nonmagnetic			Steel			Nonmagnetic		
	600V	5kV	15kV	600V	5kV	15kV	600V	5kV	15kV	600V	5kV	15kV
14	389	-	-	389	-	-	389	-	-	389	-	-
12	617	-	-	617	-	-	617	-	-	617	-	-
10	981	-	-	982	-	-	982	-	-	982	-	-
8	1557	1551	-	1559	1555	-	1559	1557	-	1560	1558	-
6	2425	2406	2389	2430	2418	2407	2431	2425	2415	2433	2428	2421
4	3806	3751	3696	3826	3789	3753	3830	3812	3779	3838	3823	3798
3	4774	4674	4577	4811	4745	4679	4820	4785	4726	4833	4803	4762
2	5907	5736	5574	6044	5926	5809	5989	5930	5828	6087	6023	5958
1	7293	7029	6759	7493	7307	7109	7454	7365	7189	7579	7507	7364
1/0	8925	8544	7973	9317	9034	8590	9210	9086	8708	9473	9373	9053
2/0	10755	10062	9390	11424	10878	10319	11245	11045	10500	11703	11529	11053
3/0	12844	11804	11022	13923	13048	12360	13656	13333	12613	14410	14119	13462
4/0	15082	13606	12543	16673	15351	14347	16392	15890	14813	17483	17020	16013
250	16483	14925	13644	18594	17121	15866	18311	17851	16466	19779	19352	18001
300	18177	16293	14769	20868	18975	17409	20617	20052	18319	22525	21938	20163
350	19704	17385	15678	22737	20526	18672	22646	21914	19821	24904	24126	21982
400	20566	18235	16366	24297	21786	19731	24253	23372	21042	26916	26044	23518
500	22185	19172	17492	26706	23277	21330	26980	25449	23126	30096	28712	25916
600	22965	20567	17962	28033	25204	22097	28752	27975	24897	32154	31258	27766
750	24137	21387	18889	29735	26453	23408	31051	30024	26933	34605	33315	29735
1,000	25278	22539	19923	31491	28083	24887	33864	32689	29320	37197	35749	31959
Aluminum												
14	237	-	-	237	-	-	237	-	-	237	-	-
12	376	-	-	376	-	-	376	-	-	376	-	-
10	599	-	-	599	-	-	599	-	-	599	-	-
8	951	950	-	952	951	-	952	951	-	952	952	-
6	1481	1476	1472	1482	1479	1476	1482	1480	1478	1482	1481	1479
4	2346	2333	2319	2350	2342	2333	2351	2347	2339	2353	2350	2344
3	2952	2928	2904	2961	2945	2929	2963	2955	2941	2966	2959	2949
2	3713	3670	3626	3730	3702	3673	3734	3719	3693	3740	3725	3709
1	4645	4575	4498	4678	4632	4580	4686	4664	4618	4699	4682	4646
1/0	5777	5670	5493	5838	5766	5646	5852	5820	5717	5876	5852	5771
2/0	7187	6968	6733	7301	7153	6986	7327	7271	7109	7373	7329	7202
3/0	8826	8467	8163	9110	8851	8627	9077	8981	8751	9243	9164	8977
4/0	10741	10167	9700	11174	10749	10387	11185	11022	10642	11409	11277	10969
250	12122	11460	10849	12862	12343	11847	12797	12636	12115	13236	13106	12661
300	13910	13009	12193	14923	14183	13492	14917	14698	13973	15495	15300	14659
350	15484	14280	13288	16813	15858	14955	16795	16490	15541	17635	17352	16501
400	16671	15355	14188	18506	17321	16234	18462	18064	16921	19588	19244	18154
500	18756	16828	15657	21391	19503	18315	21395	20607	19314	23018	22381	20978
600	20093	18428	16484	23451	21718	19635	23633	23196	21349	25708	25244	23295
750	21766	19685	17686	25976	23702	21437	26432	25790	23750	29036	28262	25976
1,000	23478	21235	19006	28779	26109	23482	29865	29049	26608	32938	31920	29135

Note: These values are equal to one over the impedance per foot and based upon resistance and reactance values found in IEEE Std 241-1990 (Gray Book), IEEE Recommended Practice for Electric Power Systems in Commerical Buildings & IEEE Std 242-1986 (Buff Book), IEEE Recommended Practice for Protection and Coordination of Industrial and Commercial Power Systems. Where resistance and reactance values differ or are not available, the Buff Book values have been used. The values for reactance in determining the C Value at 5 KV & 15 KV are from the Gray Book only (Values for 14-10 AWG at 5 kV and 14-8 AWG at 15 kV are not available and values for 3 AWG have been approximated).

Table B. "C" Values for Busway

Ampacity	Busway				
	Plug-In	Feeder		High Impedance	
	Copper	Aluminum	Copper	Aluminum	Copper
225	28700	23000	18700	12000	—
400	38900	34700	23900	21300	—
600	41000	38300	36500	31300	—
800	46100	57500	49300	44100	—
1000	69400	89300	62900	56200	15600
1200	94300	97100	76900	69900	16100
1350	119000	104200	90100	84000	17500
1600	129900	120500	101000	90900	19200
2000	142900	135100	134200	125000	20400
2500	143800	156300	180500	166700	21700
3000	144900	175400	204100	188700	23800
4000	—	—	277800	256400	—

Note: These values are equal to one over the impedance per foot for impedance in a survey of industry.