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# **INSTALLATION & OPERATION MANUAL**

### HV6CS Vacuum Circuit Breakers – Drawout Type 7.2kV Voltage Class

APPLICABLE MODEL NUMBER:

(Motor Operation Type)

HV6CS-MLD

(Drawout Cell)

H6A-HLS

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This manual provides information on the various features and functions of this powerful device, including:

- Installation
- Operation
- Mechanical and electrical specifications.

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Inspected By:
Name of Application:

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# **General Safety Information**

**DO NOT** attempt to install, operate, maintain, or dispose of this equipment until you have read and understood all of the product safety information and directions that are contained in this manual.

### Safety Alert Symbol

The **Safety Alert Symbol** is comprised of an equilateral triangle enclosing an exclamation mark. This indicates that a potential personal injury hazard exists.



### **Signal Words**

Listed below are the signal words that are used throughout this manual followed by their descriptions and associated symbols. When the words **DANGER**, **WARNING**, and **CAUTION** are used in this manual, they will be followed by important safety information that must be carefully followed.

The word **DANGER** proceeded by the safety alert symbol indicates that an imminently hazardous situation exists that, if not avoided or if instructions are not followed precisely, will also occur.

#### **DANGER**

The word **WARNING** preceded by the safety alert symbol indicates that a potentially hazardous situation exists that, if not avoided or if instructions are not followed precisely, could result in serious injury to personnel or loss of life.

### WARNING

The word **CAUTION** proceeded by the safety alert symbol indicates that a potentially hazardous situation exists that, if not avoided or if instructions are not followed precisely, may result in minor or moderate injury.

#### **A** CAUTION

The word **NOTE** provides helpful information.

NOTE

### **Equipment Warning Labels**

**DO NOT** attempt to install, operate, perform maintenance, or dispose of this equipment until you have read and understood all of the product labels and user directions that are contained in this manual.

Warning labels that are attached to the equipment will include the exclamation mark within a triangle.

**DO NOT** remove or cover any of these labels. If the labels are damaged or if additional labels are required, contact the Toshiba Customer Support Center.

Labels attached to the equipment are there to provide useful information or to indicate an imminently hazardous situation that may result in serious injury, severe property and equipment damage, or loss of life if safe procedures or methods are not followed as outlined in this manual.

### **Qualified Personnel**

Installation, operation, and maintenance shall be performed by **Qualified Personnel ONLY**. A Qualified Person is one that has the skills and knowledge relating to the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the electrical equipment and has received safety training on the hazards involved (Refer to the latest edition of NFPA 70E for additional safety requirements).

#### Qualified Personnel shall:

- Have carefully read the entire manual.
- Be familiar with the construction and function of the ASD, the equipment being driven, and the hazards involved.
- Be able to recognize and properly address hazards associated with the application of motor-driven equipment.
- Be trained and authorized to safely energize, de-energize, ground, lock-out/tag-out circuits and equipment, and clear faults in accordance with established safety practices.

• Be trained in the proper care and use of protective equipment such as safety shoes, rubber gloves, hard hats, safety glasses, face shields, flash clothing, etc., in accordance with established safety practices.

For further information on workplace safety, visit www.osha.gov.

### **Equipment Inspection**

Upon receipt of the equipment, inspect the packaging and equipment for shipping damage.
Carefully unpack the equipment and check for parts that may have been damaged during shipping, missing parts, or concealed damage. If any discrepancies are discovered, it should be noted with the carrier prior to accepting the shipment, if possible. File a claim with the carrier if necessary and immediately notify your Toshiba Customer Support Center.

• DO NOT install the ASD if it is damaged or if it is missing any component(s).

• Ensure that the rated capacity and the model number specified on the nameplate conform to the order specifications.

 Modification of this equipment is dangerous and is to be performed by factory trained personnel ONLY. When modifications are required contact your Toshiba Customer Support Center.

• Inspections may be required after moving the equipment.

 Contact your Toshiba Customer Support Center to report discrepancies or for assistance if required.

### Handling and Storage

• Use proper lifting techniques when moving the breaker; including properly sizing up the load, getting assistance, and using a forklift if required.

• Store in a well-ventilated location and preferably in the original packaging if the equipment will not be used upon receipt.

• Store in a cool, clean, and dry location. Avoid storage locations with extreme temperatures, rapid temperature changes, high humidity, moisture, dust, corrosive gases, or metal particles.

• The storage temperature range of the breaker is 23° to 104° F (-5° to 40° C).

• **DO NOT** store the unit in places that are exposed to outside weather conditions (e.g. wind, rain, snow, etc.).

Store in an upright position.

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#### **Operating the VCB**

Failure to take the opportunity to discover abnormalities can result in injuries and equipment damage. Always check to make sure that the ON and OFF indicators are correct before operating the equipment.

To avoid damaging the equipment, do not close the circuit when the unit switching indicator is ON.

#### Connecting and disconnecting the main circuit

To avoid injury and damage to the equipment, do not remove the holding pin unless you are moving the VCB outside the panel.

To prevent electric shock or other injury, follow the instructions given in the instruction manual when moving the equipment in or out of the panel.

### Disposal

Never dispose of electrical components via incineration. Contact your state environmental agency for details on disposal of electrical components and packaging in your area.

### **During Use**

#### Installation location

To prevent damage to the VCB or performance degradation, do not store or install it in the following locations:

- \* Places whose ambient temperature is outside the range of -5°C to 40°C (23°F to 104°F). This may result in damage or performance degradation.
- \* Places exceeding 1000 m (3300 ft) elevation. This may result in damage or performance degradation.
- \* Places where excessive dust is produced. This may result in damage or performance degradation.
- \* Places where corrosive gases are produced. This may result in fire, damage or performance degradation.
- \* Places with very high or very low humidity. This may result in damage or performance degradation.
- \* Places subject to extreme variations in temperature. This may cause condensation to form and result in damage or performance degradation.
- \* Places subject to vibrations. This may result in damage or performance degradation.
- \* Inclined locations. This may result in damage or performance degradation.

### Special environmental conditions

When using the VCB in special environments, check the points in Table 1 below.

Special environmental condition	Practical example	Check points
Contamination	* Large amounts of dust.	* Reduce the size of the ventilation duct
	* Salt corrosion (locations near the seashore or where winds containing salts blow)	* Make sure the wind does not blow directly at the location where the ventilation duct is installed
		* Install a filter
High humidity	* Places subject to frequent and/or strong rainstorms or snowstorms	* Use a cubicle construction that will prevent condensation from forming
	* When there is a cooling tower or other large water source nearby	* Use a cubicle construction that will prevent the wind from blowing directly into the cubicle
	* Where there is condensation (which forms when the humidity in the cubicle drops dramatically)	* Install a space heater
Corrosive gases	* When corrosive gases are produced at plants handling raw materials, at water treatment plants, in hot springs regions etc. (hydrogen chloride, sulfurous acid, nitrogen	* Use a cubicle construction that enables the cubicle to be blocked off from the outside air to the greatest extent possible
	etc. or other gases)	^ Install a filter

Table 1 Points to Check When	Using the Circuit Bre	aker in Special Environments
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#### Applicable standards pertaining to switching surges

Consult Table 2 for the standards applicable to VCB switching surges.

Circuit	Load type				
breaker	Rotating	Dry type	Oil-immersed	When there is	Phase advance
type	machine *1	transformer	transformer	electronic	capacitor *4, *5
		(insulation	(insulation	equipment on	
		resistance	resistance	transformer	
		below	class A)	low voltage	
		class A)		side	
Ordinary	Protected by CR	Protected by	No special	Protected by CR	6.6 kV circuit:
	suppressor *6	surge	restrictions	suppressor *6	No special
		suppressor			restrictions
					up to 300 kVA
Low surge	No special	No special	No special	Protected by CR	6.6 kV circuit:
type	restrictions *2	restrictions *3	restrictions	suppressor *6	No special
					restrictions
					up to 4000 kVA

#### Table 2 Applicable Standards Pertaining to Switching Surges

\*1. Mainly induction motors, but also includes synchronizing generators for private generator equipment.

\*2. Use a CR suppressor for surge protection when inching at 55 kW (75HP) or below and on inductance regulators.

- \*3. Use an arrester for surge protection on circuits that require cutting off of excitation rush current.
- \*4. When the capacity of the group of capacitors exceeds 300 kVA, insert a series reactor (6%).
- \*5. For high-frequencies included in the applicable circuit, use 135% or below of the fifth harmonic as established in the standards for phase advance capacitors (JIS C 4801).
- \*6. Table 3 shows the models of applicable CR suppressor.

#### Table 3 CR Suppressors

Circuit voltage	CR suppressor model
6.6 kV	NV60K304T1
	(three-phase)

# 1. Part Names



Figure 1 Drawout Type Circuit Breaker

# 2. From Receipt to Storage

#### 2.1 Receipt and Unpacking

Each VCB unit is carefully tested and inspected prior to shipment, so it can be used as soon as it has been unpacked. However, just in case something should be amiss, you should check the following:

(1) When the box is delivered, check to make sure it is not damaged or warped.

(2) Remove the unit from the box carefully to avoid damaging it.



(3) Make sure the accessories (see Tables 4 & 5) are present and no parts are missing or damaged.

A WARNING	To prevent electric shock or other injury, do not use the unit if it has
A WARNING	been damaged.

(4) Contact your dealer in the event of missing parts, damage, etc.

#### Table 4 List of Accessories (VCB)

Part	Appearance	Quantity
B9 grease	B9	1
Handle (with mounting screw) shipped together with the VCB unit.		1

#### Table 5 List of Accessories (Drawout Cell)

Part	Appearance	Quantity
Control cable (2m)		1*

### 2.2 Transport

<b>A</b> CAUTION	Use the proper procedures when moving or transporting the unit. Failure to use the proper (authorized) methods may damage the
	unit or cause it to fall, resulting in injury.

#### 2.2.1 Transporting U Type VCBs (main circuit terminals on top left and right)



Figure 2 Hoisting the Circuit Breaker

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#### 2.2.2 Drawout Cell

When hoisting the drawout unit, attach cable (wire rope) to the holes on the left and right of the rear of the unit, as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3 Lifting the Drawout Cell

#### 2.3 Storage

Use the following procedures if the VCB will not be operated for a long period of time after it has been installed, or if it must be stored for a long period of time prior to installation. Be sure to observe the precautions for storage and installation locations (see page 5).

- (1) When storing the unit, cover it with a dust cover.
- (2) Avoid locations subject to high humidity or exposed to direct sunlight.
- (3) Inspect the unit periodically and make sure there are no problems such as condensation, moisture absorption, rust, corrosion or insects inside the equipment. If such problems are discovered, inspect the equipment carefully and repair it before it is operated.

<b>WARNING</b>	To prevent electric shock or other injury, do not use the unit when a problem has been discovered during an inspection of that unit.
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	To prevent injury or damage to the equipment, make sure the unit is
A CAUTION	standing straight up. NEVER lay it on its side or place it upside-down.

(4) When the equipment has been stored or has been idle for a long period of time, do not install or begin operating the unit immediately. Perform the procedures listed in sections
7.3 and 7.4 and the withstand voltage test\* for the control circuit to make sure there are no problems before installing or operating the unit.

\*The withstand voltage on control circuits

The withstand voltage test for motor spring operation type circuit breaker shall be performed in charged condition.

The power frequency withstand voltage on control circuits except charging motor is 2000V AC, since the withstand voltage for charging motor is 1500V AC.

The motor circuit shall be disconnected before withstand voltage test on control circuits. (Example: The connector plug (white) on upper-center of control board should be disconnected (pull out) after removing the front cover of circuit breaker. This will make the motor circuit disconnect

Note: The connector plug and front cover must be returned to proper position after withstand voltage test.



# 3. Installation

Make sure the location satisfied the requirements listed under Storage and Installation Location (page 3) and check the dimensions using the diagrams in other catalogs or external view diagrams and panel cut diagram. Prior to installation, the maximum fault current capacity of the power system at the point of installation should be verified. This value must not exceed the symmetrical interrupting capability of the circuit breaker. See typical circuit breaker nameplate below.



Do not exceed the ratings specified on the breaker nameplate or system accessories. Underrated equipment can fail during operation causing fire, explosion, severe injury, death, and property damage.



Typical Circuit Breaker Nameplate

#### 3.1 Mounting the Drawout Cell

#### 3.1.1 Mounting in the panel

To install the draw-out unit, perform the steps shown in Figures 4 and 5 in that order.



Figure 4 Fasten the drawout cell to the panel with the 4 hexagonal bolts (M8). Tightening torque should be 11.8 to 14.7 N-m (120 to 150 kgf-cm). - 13 -



Figure 5 Crimp the crimp-on terminal provided with the unit to the grounding wire and use the hexagonal bolt (M8) to fasten it in place. The tightening torque should be 11.8 to 14.7 N-m (120 to 150 kgf -cm).

Screw	Tightening	Screw	Tightening torque	
nominal dia.	torque	Nominal dia.		
M4	1.47 to 1.96 N-m	M8	11.8 to 14.7 N-m	
	(15 to 20 kgf-cm)		(120 to 150 kgf-cm)	
M5	2.94 to 3.92 N-m	M10	M10 24.5 to 30.9 N-m	
	(30 to 40 kgf-cm)		(250 to 315 kgf-cm)	
M6	4.90 to 6.37 N-m	M12	44.1 to 55.4 N-m	
	(50 to 65 kgf-cm)		(450 to 565 kgf-cm)	

#### Table 5 Tightening Torque

#### 3.2 Inserting the VCB into the Cell

#### (Outside the cell $\rightarrow$ disconnected position)

Perform the steps shown in Figures 6 through 10 in that order.



Figure 6 Open the B9 grease provided with the unit and apply it to the ends of the six contacts.



Figure 7 Place the VCB on the lifter.



Figure 8 Align the hole on the lifter with the lifter pin on the cubicle and remove the VCB holding pin on the draw-out unit side.



Figure 9 Hold the handle with both hands and, with the interlock lever in the raised position, insert the VCB into the panel.



Location of VCB holding pin (with chain)

Figure 10 Align the positioning arrow on the VCB with the disconnect position and release the interlock lever. Check to make sure the interlock lever has returned to its former position. Insert the VCB holding pin.

# 4. Operation

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#### 4.1 Manual Operation

	To avoid damaging the equipment, do not close the circuit when
A CAUTION	the unit switching indicator is ON.

#### 4.1.1 Closing the Circuit

Check to make sure that the switching status is set to OFF.

#### 4.1.1.1 For Motorized Spring-operated VCBs

Attach the handle using the steps shown in Figures 11 and 12, in that order. The manual charging handle shall be applied for emergency case and maintenance purpose only, remove (not install) the handle at normal service condition.



Figure 11 Attach the handle provided with the unit to the handle shaft. Check to make sure that the handle has been securely connected to the shaft (small screw M5).



Figure 12 Using the small screw (M5) provided, fasten the handle in position. The tightening torque should be 2.94 to 3.92 N-m (30 to 40 kgf-cm).

(1) When the spring is released -

Perform the steps shown in Figures 13 and 14 in that order.



Figure 13 Turn the handle clockwise 3 to 5 times and make sure that the spring status is taut.

Figure 14 Press the closed lever (green) in the direction of the arrow to close the circuit. When the switching status will change to ON, the VCB is set in close state.

(2) When the spring is taut -

Perform the step shown in Figure 15.



Figure 15 Press the closed lever (green) in the direction of the arrow to close the circuit. When the switching status will change to ON, the VCB is set in close state.

#### 4.1.2 Opening the Circuit

This operation is the same for both motorized and manual spring-operated VCBs.



Figure 16 Press the trip lever (red) in the direction of the arrow to open the circuit.

#### **4.2 Electrical Operation**

Electrical operations are performed as shown in the flow diagram below.



#### **4.3 Control Circuit**

#### 4.3.1 Motorized Operation



**Figure 17 Control Circuit** 

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#### 4.3.2 Undervoltage Trip

All HV6CS breakers are furnished with an undervoltage trip device. The Undervoltage trip device operates to trip the circuit breaker OFF unless 120VAC control power is present at the terminals of the UV (TC4) trip coil.

When the circuit breakers are shipped, the Undervoltage trip device is defeated by a factory installed plug (Figure 18). If this plug is left in place, the circuit breaker will operate normally without power applied to the UV coil. Removing this plug (Figure 19) activates the undervoltage trip function.



Figure 18 Plug Installed in UV Trip Device



Figure 19 Remove Plug From UV Trip Device

# 5. Main Circuit Connections and Disconnecting/Removing the Circuit Breaker from the Cell

#### 5.1 Connecting the Main Circuit (disconnected position to connected

#### position)

Perform the steps shown in Figures 20 through 21 in that order.

<b>WARNING</b> To avoid damaging the equipment, do not connect or dimain circuit when the unit switching status is ON. To prevent electric shock or other injury, do not bend or in/out interlock attached the unit.	isconnect the r modify the
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<b>A</b> CAUTION	To avoid injury and damage to the equipment, do not remove the holding pin unless you are moving the VCB outside the panel. To prevent electric shock or other injury, follow the instructions given in the instruction manual when moving the equipment in or out of the
	panel.



Figure 20 Insert the control circuit connector into the port on the VCB.



Figure 21 Grasp the handle with both hands and, with the interlock lever in the raised position, insert the VCB up to the connected position.

\* The interlock lever cannot be raised when the switching status of the VCB is set to ON. Perform the open circuit operation and set the switching status to OFF.

# 6. Maintenance/Inspections



The VCB should be maintained and inspected periodically to maintain performance and ensure a long service life. Operating and environmental conditions will usually dictate the frequency of inspection required. NFPA Publication 70B "Electrical Equipment Maintenance" may be used as a guide for setting up the maintenance program.

# **DANGER** Contact with energized components can cause severe injury, death and property damage. Turn off and lock-out primary and control circuit power before servicing.

MARNING MARNING Only qualified and authorized persons are to install, operate or service this equipment.

Grease is conductive. Do not allow grease or any other substances to contaminate insulating materials. Contaminated insulators can allow a short circuit or ground fault to occur.

#### MAINTENANCE RECORD

Keep a permanent record of all maintenance work. At a minimum, this record should include:

- 1) Items inspected
- 2) Reports of any testing
- 3) Equipment condition

- 4) Corrective actions or adjustments
- 5) Date of work

#### 6.1 During Maintenance/Inspections

Before inspecting the electrical circuits, take the following measures to prevent electric shock:

- 1) After opening circuit for the VCB, open the disconnect switch on the power source side to place the main circuit and control circuits of the VCB in no-voltage status.
- Lock the disconnect switch to prevent operation and label it with an "INSPECTION IN PROGRESS" tag.
- Using a voltage detector, check to make sure that the circuits are in no-voltage status and ground the necessary circuits.

Discharge the residual charge from capacitors and cables before grounding. Space heaters, resistors and other units will remain hot even after they have been turned off. Install a protective cover temporarily, or wait until after the units have cooled to perform the inspection. To ensure safety, remove the ground line after the inspection is complete and return the equipment to its previous status.

#### 6.2 Types of Maintenance and Inspection Work

#### **Receiving inspection**

A visual inspection for damage, deformation, missing parts and switching status (manual) to make sure that the product is in the same status as when it was shipped.

#### **Patrol inspection**

An inspection performed during patrols to check for abnormal noise or odor and see if there is anything wrong with the equipment during operation.

#### **Periodic inspection**

The equipment is shut off and a check made of the operation of the mechanism to make sure there is nothing wrong. The lubrication status of sliding and rotating parts is also checked and the mechanism is lubricated if needed.

#### **Unscheduled inspection**

Inspections that are implemented as required.

#### 6.3 Inspection Frequency

The inspection frequency and points to be inspected will differ depending on the status of use, frequency of switching, the size of the breaking current and other factors. In general, inspections should be implemented at the intervals shown in the table below.

Table 7 Inspection Frequency				
Type of inspection		Inspection frequency		
Patrol Inspection		Once every 6 months		
Periodic Inspection Normal		Once every 1 to 3 years or every 3,000 operations		
Detailed		Once every 6 years		
Unscheduled Inspection		As needed		

#### Table 7 Inspection Frequency

### 6.4 Periodic Inspection Checkpoints

No.	Location	ltem	Inspection	Criteria	Disposition	Remarks
			method			
1	Operating	Loose bolts,	Tighten using	Make sure all	Tighten if	See Table
	mechanism	nuts or screws	screwdriver or	bolts, nuts and	loose.	6 for
			wrench.	screws are tight.		tightening
						torque.
		Dust or foreign	Visual	Make sure there is	Wipe with a dry	
	matter inside		inspection.	no dust or foreign	cloth.	
				matter.		
	Indicator		Visual	Visual Make sure		
		operation	inspection.	switching status is	cause and	
				properly displayed.	repair.	
		Part warping	Visual	Make sure no	Check the	
			inspection.	parts are warped	cause and	
				or missing.	repair.	
		Smooth action	Manual	Make sure action	If action is not	
			operation.	is smooth and	smooth, apply	
			Visual	shafts turn	a small amount	
			inspection	smoothly.	of lubricant.	
			or touch.			
			See			
			Lubrication			
			Manual			
2	Main circuit Discoloration Visual		Visual	Make sure there is	Check the	
		due to heat from	inspection.	no discoloration.	cause and	
		conducting parts			repair.	
	Loose bolts,		Tighten using	Make sure all	Tighten if	See Table
	nuts or screws		a wrench.	bolts, nuts and	loose.	6 for
				screws are tight.		tightening
						torque.
		Dust on surface	Visual	Make sure there is Wipe with a		
		of interrupter	inspection.	no surface dust.	clean dry cloth.	

Table 8	Periodic	Inspection	Checknoints
I able o	Fenouic	mapection	Checkpoints

No.	Location	ltem	Inspection		Criteria		Disposition	Remarks
			metnod					
3	Insulator	Dust, foreign	Visua		Ma	ke sure there	Wipe with a	If damaged,
		matter or	inspe	ction.	is no dust,		clean dry cloth.	contact
		damage			fore	eign matter or		Toshiba.
					brea	akage.		
4	Auxiliary	Terminals	Visua	l	Ma	ke sure	Repair if	See Table 6
	switch	loose or	inspection.		tern	ninals are not	disconnected.	for
		disconnected	Tighte	en using a	loos	se or	Tighten if	tightening
			screw	/driver.	disc	connected.	loose.	torque.
		Case/contacts	Visua		Ma	ke sure there	Replace if	
			inspe	ction	is n	o damage or	damaged or	
					Wa	rping.	warped.	
5	Control	Smooth	Supp	ly	Ma	ke sure circuit	If circuit fails to	
	circuits	movement	electr	icity	оре	erates	operate, check	
		when	to ope	to operate the		oothly.	the cause and	
		electricity is	circuit.				repair.	
		supplied						
		Terminals	Visua	l	Ma	ke sure	Repair if	See Table 6
		loose or	inspe	inspection		ninals are not	disconnected.	for
		disconnected	Tighten using a		loos	se or	Tighten if	tightening
			screwdriver.		disconnected.		loose.	torques.
6	Insulation						If the insulation	
	resistance	Measurement Insulation			,	Tester	resistance	
	measurement	point Main conductor to		resistanc	P	100101	between the	
				500MO	-	1000 V	main circuit	
		around		or greater		1000 1	terminals is	
		Group of cont	rol	2MO		500 V	low, wipe the	
		circuits to ground		or greater		000 1	vacuum valve	
		Between main	Between main			1000 V	and insulator	
			•	or greater			surface with a	
		terminals					clean dry cloth	
							and repeat the	
						L]	test.	

#### 6.5 Vacuum Check

A sufficient level of vacuum is necessary for proper performance of the vacuum interrupters. Although vacuum leaks are rare, the vacuum integrity should be checked periodically. The relationship between dielectric breakdown voltage of the contact gap and internal vacuum interrupter pressure has been found to be generally predictable. Therefore, vacuum interrupter integrity is checked by performing a high potential test across the open gap of the interrupter.

#### TEST EQUIPMENT:

Toshiba offers a compact vacuum checker (Type Cl35-1D, see Figure 22) which enables a quick and easy check on vacuum interrupter internal pressure. Alternatively, any commercially available AC high potential tester may be used which is capable of delivering at least 25 milliamperes at 22 kV for a period of one minute.



Figure 22 Toshiba Portable Vacuum Checker

#### PRECAUTIONS:

Applying abnormally high voltage across a pair of contacts in vacuum may produce X-rays. The radiation may increase with the increase in voltage and/or decrease in contact spacing. X-radiation produced during this test with recommended voltage and normal contact spacing is extremely low and well below the maximum permitted by standards. As an additional safety measure, it is recommended that all personnel keep at least 1 meter (3.3 ft) away from the vacuum circuit breaker while this test is performed.



Radiation exposure hazard. X-rays may cause illness or injury. Stay at least 1 meter (3.3 ft) away from the circuit breaker during the vacuum check test.



Hazardous voltages are present during dielectric testing which can result in severe injury or death. Only qualified personnel should conduct this testing.

See Figure 23 for sample withstand voltage test circuit.



Figure 23 Sample Withstand Voltage Test Circuit

#### **TEST PROCEDURE:**

- 1. The circuit breaker should be disconnected from the main circuit and be in the OFF position.
- 2. Connect all the line side primary terminals together and to the output of the vacuum checker or AC hi-pot machine. Connect all the load side primary terminals together and to the ground terminal of the vacuum checker or AC hi-pot machine.
- 3. Increase the voltage from zero to 22kV AC at a rate of approximately 2kV per second. Hold the voltage at this value for 1 minute and observe the current drawn by the interrupter. Note: If the ammeter fluctuates violently as the voltage increases to AC22 kV, repeat the voltage increase procedure two or three times. If the current still rises when the voltage is increased, the vacuum level may be insufficient; replace the vacuum interrupter.
- 4. Decrease the voltage back to zero.

#### **CRITERIA:**

1. If a current flow above 5 milliamperes is observed or if breakdown occurs, one or more of the interrupters has insufficient vacuum and must be replaced.

*Exception:* If the current exceeds 5 milliamperes the first time the voltage is brought up, reduce the voltage to zero and increase it again. It may be necessary to repeat this procedure a few times.

2. If the breaker fails to meet criteria 1, then repeat the test on each pole separately to identify the damaged interrupter or interrupters.



3. If the voltage can be held for 1 minute and the current flow does not exceed 5 milliamperes, the interrupter has a sufficient vacuum level.

After the test is complete, discharge any residual static charge from the primary terminals of the circuit breaker.

If a vacuum checker or AC hi-pot tester is not available, a DC hi potential test may be conducted. If a DC test is conducted, the test voltage must be increased to 31kV DC. The test duration for DC tests and the criteria for acceptance remain the same as for AC tests.



Do not use DC hi-pot testers which employ unfiltered half-wave rectifiers. The peak voltages produced by these testers may exceed the recommended value of 31kV. This can result in the production of harmful X-rays and may invalidate the test results. Figure 25 shows the relationship between the dielectric breakdown characteristics and the withstand voltage between electrodes (for each vacuum interrupter) in the withstand voltage test.



Figure 25 Dielectric Breakdown Characteristics



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