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Emergency electrical services

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1. Scope

General

- 1.1 Health care and social services premises are totally dependent upon electrical power supplies, not only to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for patients and staff, but also to give greater scope for treatment using sophisticated medical equipment at all levels of clinical and surgical care. Changes in application, design and statutory requirements have led to the introduction of a new generation of equipment and new standards of reliability.
- 1.2 Interruptions in electrical power supplies to equipment can seriously disrupt the delivery of health care with serious consequences for patient well-being. Health care and social services premises must therefore ensure that they can continue to provide electrical power to essential services in the event of prolonged or short disruption to supplies.

Emergency electrical services

- 1.3 Emergency electrical services form an integral part of the health care and social services premises supply network in meeting both safety and functional requirements. They can be in the form of batteries, uninterrupted power supply (UPS) systems, or stand-by generators.
- 1.4 The provision of emergency electrical services in health care and personal social services premises is a management responsibility at both new and existing sites. This guidance is equally applicable to premises which offer acute health care services under the Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act 1998.



2. Testing, handing over procedure and documentation

Works testing

- 2.1 Emergency generator sets should be tested as a complete unit, that is with their associated control equipment for output and performance in accordance with the relevant British Standards (BS 5514, BS 4999, BS 5000, Part 3 and BS EN 61000-4-1).
- 2.2 Type test certificates should be provided with the tender for engine and generator. Routine works test certificates should be provided for each engine and generator and be available before the site testing.

Site testing

- 2.3 Before any dynamic tests are carried out on a new engine or generator, the following procedures and static tests should be carried out:
 - a. descaling of connecting pipework carrying lubricating oil, starting air and jacket water, using a dilute solution of citric acid. After an approved dwell time the pipework should be flushed with clean water. Ex works descaled pipework should be end-sealed before dispatch to site;
 - temporary strainers should be inserted into the oil pipework before the lubricating oil strainers, for periodic examination. The strainers must remain free of debris before their removal for the final test performance of the engine;
 - c. crankshaft deflection checks should be carried out at the engine main bearings for maintenance records;
 - d. the insurance inspection certificate for the starting air cylinders and associated pipework should be checked, if provided;
 - the insulation resistance of the generator stator winding should be checked by a megger-type instrument, with a preferred DC voltage output twice the stator-rated voltage;
 - f. using an electronic or motorised megger-type instrument, the Polarisation Index (PI) of the HV generator stator winding should be determined over a period of one and 10 minutes, for maintenance records. PI is defined as the final insulation reading (10 minutes) divided by the initial insulation reading (one minute). A value above "2" should be expected for a sound winding;
 - g. measurement of the insulation resistance across the bed plate insulating liner at the non-driving end bearing of the generator;



- h. measurement of the insulation resistance of the main field winding. The rectifying diodes should first be disconnected to avoid damaging them;
- i. measurement of the insulation resistance of the 240V stator winding heaters:
- measurement of the insulation resistance of the stator winding and connected power cables immediately before energisation;
- k. measurement of the insulation resistance of the exciter stator winding and connected cables, with the AVR disconnected;
- measurement of the insulation resistance of the primary and secondary windings and vector configurations of the HV power and voltage transformers. Oil and Buchholz tests will be required for the conservatortype transformer;
- m. measurement of the insulation resistance of all control wiring. Solid state devices should be disconnected if possible. If not, the tests should be carried out at a voltage approved by the manufacturer, and in any case at not more than 25V DC:
- n. the 240V stator winding heaters should be connected to a temporary supply on all HV generators on arrival at site, and stator winding insulation monitored weekly.
- 2.4 Dynamic tests on the engine should only be carried out after calibration and testing of the instrument sensors and the electrical protection relay and phase sequence rotation tests.
- 2.5 Protection tests to sensors and relays should be carried out as follows:
 - a. make a record of the protection, indication and control current transformer serial number and type;
 - b. check current transformer ratio, resistance, polarity and magnetising curves;
 - check secondary injection of electrical protection relays;
 - d. test water jacket temperature alarm and trip;
 - test lubricating oil pressure alarm and trip by operation of sensor oil bypass valve;
 - test lubricating oil low pressure start interlock;
 - test overcrank (failure to start alarm);
 - h. check minimum drop out and close voltages of all control relays and contactor coils.



Dynamic tests

- 2.6 The dynamic tests on site should include the following witnessed observations:
 - a. lubricating oil pressure and pressure trip;
 - lubricating oil and jacket water bypass automatic valves opening during engine warm-up; and
 - a series of test starts and checks, as follows:
 - c. the ability to start up within the specified time;
 - d. overspeed trip;
 - e. speed variation within specified limits;
 - f. voltage regulation and open circuit characteristic;
 - g. electrical trips of generator by overcurrent, reverse power protection relays at minimum plug settings with generator below 25% FL (or primary injection);
 - h. a full load run of not less than four hours, followed by a one hour, 10% overload test and full load protection trip. The test full load should be obtained by either a ballast load bank, or synchronised to the normal supply;
 - i. fuel oil inlet pressure;
 - j. fuel oil injector settings;
 - k. temperature rise of jacket cooling water;
 - temperature rise of lubricating oil;
 - m. temperature rise of charge air across turbocharger, if fitted;
 - n. temperature of exhaust gases at each cylinder head;
 - o. 240V stator winding heater disconnects when circuit breaker closes;
 - p. ambient conditions;
 - q. noise acoustic levels, engine/background.

Final test inspection

.7 Upon completion of the tests, a thorough mechanical inspection of the diesel generator set and examination of recorded test results must be made to ensure that it conforms to contract.

Generator phase rotation

2.8 Standard phase sequence rotation is defined as electrical phase voltage rotation ABC when the generator shaft rotation is **clockwise** as viewed from the drive coupling end of the generator. BS 4999: Part 108, 1987 refers.



- 2.9 Before any electrical load is connected the rotation of every generator must be checked and the voltage standard phase sequence rotation set at the generator and confirmed at the circuit breaker. Synchronising equipment must be "phased in" before a generator is connected in parallel with another generator or to the supply.
- 2.10 Before emergency generator sets can be operated in parallel with other generators connected to the normal supply, electrical protection tests and operational procedures must be agreed with, and subsequently demonstrated to, the public electricity supply company's nominated engineer.



3. Emergency lighting

3.1 It is desirable that all batteries intended for the provision of energy for emergency luminaires are checked for operation.

Self-contained luminaires

- 3.2 The operation of self-contained luminaires should be verified after the normal supply has been connected to the sub-circuit for at least 24 hours.
- 3.3 Luminaires should be disconnected from the normal supply, initially during daylight hours, to discover any malfunctions. When dark, the level of illumination should be measured and recorded under simulated escape conditions.

Battery load test

- An emergency battery's source capacity should be verified after an adequate first charge, based on the battery's ampere-hour capacity rating. Discharge tests should be carried out into a load bank at the maximum rated current for the endurance period stated in the battery guarantee. If a load bank is not obtainable, discharge should be carried out into all emergency luminaires connected, for the required period of one to three hours.
- 3.5 DC auto-changeover switches should be checked for freedom of operation by removing/reinserting the control coil fuse link.

Standby lighting

3.6 All standby lighting should be checked for "stand alone" suitability and the illumination of the working area measured and recorded.



4. Uninterruptible power supplies

4.1 The uninterruptible power supply (UPS) must provide a no-break rated supply to the load equipment for the required endurance period. The equipment must continue to function normally when the normal supply is disconnected. The battery endurance capacity in ampere-hours should be verified under load conditions.

Inverter bypass operation

- 4.2 The operation of the inverter bypass switch should be checked for failure of the inverter, battery charger or battery supply.
- 4.3 Auto-synchronisation of the inverter output frequency with the normal supply frequency at the inverter by-pass switch should be demonstrated and recorded, using a load bank, before connection of electronic/electrical equipment.

Waveform

4.4 The UPS input and output harmonic on-load waveform voltage should be recorded and analysed.

Noise

4.5 The acoustic noise levels emitted by the inverter under maximum load should be measured for comparison with guaranteed levels. Noise levels should also be measured in adjacent areas.

Indications and alarms

4.6 All local and remote indications and associated alarm combinations relevant to normal use or failure in operation must be demonstrated and recorded.



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NOTE:

Where there is a requirement to address a listed reference, care should be taken to ensure that all amendments following the date of issue are included.

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	Control of Pollution Act	HMSO	1974		
	Electricity Act	HMSO	1989		
	Energy Act	HMSO	1983		
	Environment Protection Act	HMSO	1990		
	Registered Establishments (Scotland) Act	HMSO	1998		
	Water (Scotland) Act	HMSO	1980		
	Health and Safety at Work etc Act	HMSO	1974		
SI 3146	The Active Implantable Medical Devices Regulations	HMSO	1992		
SI 2179 & 187	The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations (as amended)	HMSO	1990		
	The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations: Technical Standards Guidance	HMSO	1998		
SI 1460	Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations (CHIP2)	HMSO	1997		
SI 3140	Construction (Design and Management) Regulations	HMSO	1994		
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SI 635	Electricity at Work Regulations	HMSO	1989		
SI 1057	Electricity Supply Regulations (as amended)	HMSO	1988 (amd 1994)		
SI 2372	Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations (as amended)	HMSO	1992		
SI 2451	Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations	HMSO	1998		



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SI 1790	Noise at Work Regulations	HMSO	1989	
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SI 3163	Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR)	HMSO	1995	
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BS 799	Oil storage tanks Part 5	BSI Standards	1987	
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BS 6132	Code of practice for safe operation of alkaline cells	BSI Standards	1983	
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