

What is the purpose of a capacitor rack fuse?

The main purpose of the fuse on a capacitor rack is to clear a fault if a capacitor unit or any of the accessories fail. The fuse must clear the fault quickly to prevent any of the equipment from failing violently and to assure continuous operation of the rest of the system (the unfaulted portion).

How do you choose a capacitor fuse?

The fuse protecting the capacitor is chosen such that its continuous current capability is equal to or greater than 135% of rated capacitor current for grounded-wye connected racks, and 125% for ungrounded-wye racks. This overrating includes the effects of overvoltage, capacitor tolerance, and harmonics.

How do I choose a shunt capacitor fuses?

For shunt capacitor applications, the energy is equal to 3.19 joules per kVar. The available energy is then compared to the rating of the fuse and capacitor unit. This is one criteria for selecting either expulsion or current-limiting fuses for a given application. If the parallel energy is above 20 kJ or 6000 kVar, we apply current-limiting fuses.

How does a capacitor fault affect a fuse?

Either of these two effects can impede the proper operation of the fuse. In the event of a capacitor fault, excess current will flow through the fuse of the faulted unit. This current causes the fuse element to melt and vaporize. An arc will form across the vaporized section within the fuse tube.

How do capacitor current limiting fuses work?

Capacitor current-limiting fuses can be designed to operate in two different ways. The COL fuse uses ribbons with a non-uniform cross section. This configuration allows the fuse to be used to interrupt inductively limited faults. The pressure is generated by the arc contained in the sealed housing.

How do capacitor fuses work?

Over the years, a set of terms has been developed to apply capacitor fuses. The concept of applying fuses should be a simple engineering task; however, fuse operation is a non-linear function. The resistance of fuse elements changes non-linearly as they melt and clear.

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Fusing per the Code provides reasonable protection if the capacitors are the metallized film self-healing type. If not, each capacitor should be individually fused as

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Stress specific to the protection of capacitor banks by fuses, which is addressed in IEC 60549, can be divided into two types: Stress during bank energization (the inrush current, which is very high, can cause the fuses to age or blow) and Stress during operation (the presence of harmonics may lead to excessive temperature rises).

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