

IEEE C37.13, Low-Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used in Enclosures

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 01 April 2024

Meeting Time: Session #1: 8:00 AM – 9:45 AM;
Session #2: 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Westin Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 AM PST.

B. Approval of agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Lafond and seconded by Christo Thomas. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent

C. Attendance

Introductions were made of all attendees. Attendees are listed below. Quorum was confirmed with 17 of 20 members present and a total of 43 attendees.

| First Name | Last Name | Affiliation | Member Type |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Jesus | Avilo Escelente | ABB | Guest |
| Dan | Benedict | PPL | Guest |
| Randy | Blake | Schneider Electric | Member |
| Chris | Bohrer | Utility Relay Co. | Guest |
| Robert | Burns | Eaton Corporation | Member |
| Ted | Burse | Powell Industries, Inc | Member |
| Sudarshan | Byreddy | Burns & McDonnell | Guest |
| Clint | Carne | Schneider Electric | Secretary |
| Daniel | Delfino | ABB | Member |
| Doug | Edwards | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Guest |
| Keith | Flowers | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Chair |
| Marc | Foster | Schneider Electric | Guest |
| Lou | Grahor | Eaton Corporation | Member |
| Erin | Hardy | Eaton | Member |
| Tom | Hawkins | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Guest |
| Mark | Heiny | ABB | Guest |
| Dan | Hrncir | Eaton | Member |
| Umer | Kahn | ABB | Guest |
| John | Kaminski | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Guest |
| Michael | Lafond | Underwriters Laboratories | Member |
| William | Lee | Powell | Guest |
| Albert | Livshitz | CE Power Engineered Services | Guest |
| Adrian | Lopez | Powell Industries | Guest |
| Vincent | Marshall | Southern Company | Guest |
| Shaun | Miller | Meramel Instrument Transformer | Guest |
| Jeff | Mizener | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Member |
| Darryl | Moser | ABB | Member |
| Robato | Oleteres | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Guest |
| Owen | Parks | ABB | Member |
| Albert | Pruitt | Durham | Guest |

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| Paul | Rakus | Eaton | Member |
| Daneil | Rivera Moraks | Hydro-Quebec | Guest |
| Amy | Rowell | Schneider Electric | Guest |
| Kathryn | Sakarapanee | Schneider Electric | Guest |
| Wahaj | Saleem | Siemens Industry, Inc. | Guest |
| Todd | Sauve | Rockwell Automation | Guest |
| Kevin | Sippel | Eaton Electric | Member |
| Bryan | Tatum | Underwriters Laboratories | Guest |
| Christo | Thomas | Schneider Electric | Member |
| Timothy | Tillery | Howard Industries | Guest |
| John | Webb | ABB | Guest |
| Will | Weishuhn | ABB | Guest |
| Danish | Zia | Underwriters Laboratories | Member |

D. Approval of Fall 2023 Meeting Minutes

Fall 2023 IEEE C37.13 Working Group meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Lafond and seconded by Jeff Mizener. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

E. Rules and guidelines for conducting working group meetings

The attendees were reminded of IEEE's Code of Ethics and Conduct guidelines, as well as the IEEE Copyright Policy.

Also noted was that when following the "Individual Method" the attendees are to vote based on their own engineering judgement and not as a directed vote or representing their employer or client(s).

The IEEE Patent Policy and Business Conduct slides may be reviewed at the following website:

<https://mentor.ieee.org/myproject/Public/mytools/mob/slideset.pdf>

F. Working group P&Ps

The attendees were reminded of the Switchgear Committee Working Group Policies and Procedures – Individual Method. The approved template for the Switchgear Committee is:

https://www.ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/switchgear/O-and-P/PES_SWG_WG_PnP_Final_2019-03-19.pdf

G. Document status report

- PAR request date: 07 May 2019
- PAR approval date: 05 Sep 2019
- PAR expiration date: 31 Dec 2025 (Document also expires 31 Dec 2025)

H. New business

- The first ballot of PC37.13 Draft 12 had closed just prior to the meeting. The following topics from the ballots were reviewed during the WG meeting.
 - Annex E for Documentation of time-current curves was partially reviewed.
 - Mike Lafond presented slides around time-current curves, which outlined numerous standards requiring time-current curve documentation be published. Slides will be published with meeting minutes.

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- **WG Consensus:** It was identified that adding some definitions for or something similar would be of benefit. Strawman wording for the definitions below will be added in the next recirculation.
 - time current curve (of a mechanical switching device)
 - time-overcurrent characteristic curve (of a direct-acting overcurrent trip system to trip device):
 - trip system response curve
- A hand vote on whether to hyphenate “time current” was performed. 8 affirmative, 0 negative, 8 abstentions.
- **LVSD Topic:** Question was raised if Indirect acting trip systems were in scope. If in scope, discussion was held around how to best identify which requirements are specific to direct, vs indirect, vs both.
 - **Action:** Request C37.17 to consider this topic in their WG meeting. Jeff Mizener.
- Thermal comments
 - Draft 12 contained an alternate thermal test method: A.6.3 Method B
 - Concern was raised that it was unclear if the new method more accurately represented the conditions of C37.20.1 equipment. The testing requirements in many ways were more severe, but at the same time the terminal rise allowance was raised from 55°C to 65°C.
 - A motion by Ted Burse to remove Method B from the draft. 2nd Darryl Moser. 9 affirmative, 6 negative, 0 abstentions, Motion carries.
- Insulation comments – a few comments reviewed.
- Grounding comments
 - 6.10 Circuit breaker ground connection
 - Topic 1: No grounding resistance test to verify performance is defined. Strawman text to be added to next draft.
 - Topic 2: Dielectric tests do not clearly state that they need to be performed in the test and connected positions of the adapter, however C37.20.1 does have this requirement. Strawman text to be added to next draft.

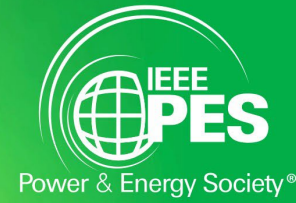
I. Next steps

- A doodle poll to setup a virtual meeting to address the remaining comments for Annex E will be scheduled.
- An updated draft with today’s comments will be created.
- Comment resolution and meeting minutes will be shared.
- After completion of all comment resolutions and dispositions are made, the responses will be loaded into myProject. With the intent to allow negative votes to be changed into affirmative.
- Target is to recirculate the next ballot no later than August 2024 to allow for comment discussion in Fall meeting in Oklahoma City.
- The next planned in-person meeting: Fall 2024, OMNI Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

J. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM PST

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Clint Carne



Time Current Curves & Clearing Time

Overview of Term Use

M. Lafond 3/19/2024

LVSD (Published Docs)

| | |
|----|---|
| 8 | (TOC) Requires or states mfg'r to supply published curve with breaker opening time |
| 8 | (TOC) S/C type testing based on trip unit curves |
| 1 | (TOC) Calibration/Conformance testing based on trip unit curves |
| 14 | (TCC) Type testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| 33 | (TCC) Requires mfg'r claim or mfg'r to supply published TCC with min/max LVPCB clearing times |

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(TOC) = time-overcurrent characteristic curve (trip system + breaker opening time)

(TCC) = time-current curve (circuit breaker clearing time + trip system + breaker opening time)

| Document # | Title | Specific Term | Term Count | Total Usage | Reference Type | Usage Type | Clause References | Topic Area |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|--|--|
| C37.17-2022 | IEEE Std for Trip Systems for Low-Voltage (1000 V and below) AC and General Purpose (1500 V and below) | time-current curve | 1 | 3 | Normative | 3 | 7.1 | Mfg shall publish TCC |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | 7.1 | Mfg state which frequency and TCC apply to 50 and 60 Hz applications |
| | | time-overcurrent characteristic | 4 | 7 | Informative | 4 | Annex A | TOC documentation including breaker opening time |
| | | clearing time | 3 | | | | Annex B | Methods to reduce LVPCB clearing time during maintenance/inspection (NFPA) |
| C37.13-2015 | IEEE Std for Low-Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used in Enclosures | time-current curve | 2 | 20 | Normative | 8 | 5.6.3 a) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 5.6.3 b) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.6.3 b) 1) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.6.3 b) 2) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.6.3 b) 3) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.6.3 b) 4) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | time characteristic | 1 | Informative | 12 | A.1.4.7 | Non-integral protection from LVPCB ; operating time of LVPCB | |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | A.1.4.7 | Non-integral protection to not exceed LVPCB clearing time or short-time rating | |
| | | time-current characteristic | 4 | | | A.3.2.3 | TCC clearly show min/max clearing time of the device and any modifiers | |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | A.3.2.3 | TCC clearly show min/max clearing time of the device and any modifiers | |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | A.3.4 | TCC should not overlap for selectivity | |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | A.3.5.3 | Coordination of fuse clearing time & LVPCB coordination | |
| | | time-current characteristic | 1 | | | A.3.5.4 | Coordination of fuse clearing time & LVPCB coordination | |
| C37.50-2012 | NEMA Std for Switchgear - Low Voltage AC Power Circuit Breakers Used in Enclosures - Test Procedures | time-current characteristic | 1 | 16 | Normative | 16 | 4.4.1 | TCC of particular device complies with C37.17 |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | Table 1 Note 5 | If LVPCB clearing time < 83ms then test 1 sequence II (c) omitted |
| | | time-current characteristic | 1 | | | | Table 4 Note 7 | Optional test omission if LVPCB clearing time less than total clearing time of fuse |
| | | clearing time | 4 | | | | Table 4 Note 7 | Optional test omission if LVPCB clearing time less than total clearing time of fuse |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 4.9.3.5.3 1) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 4.9.3.5.3 2) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 4.9.3.5.3 2) a) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 4.9.3.5.3 2) b) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 4.9.3.5.3 2) d) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 4.9.3.5.3 2) d) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | time-current characteristic curve | 1 | | | | 7.2.2 | Direct-acting trip production testing for conformance testing to published TCC |
| C37.27-2015 | IEEE Guide for Low-Voltage AC (635 V and below) Power Circuit Breakers Applied with Separately-Mounted Current-Limiting Fuses | time-current characteristic | 3 | 18 | Normative | 18 | 4 | LVPCB TCC limits to fuse selection |
| | | clearing time | 3 | | | | 5.1.3 | Fuse clearing time less then minimum total clearing time of LVPCB |
| | | instantaneous tripping characteristic | 1 | | | | 5.1.3 | Since max clearing time of LVPCB has only maximum subtract 1 cycle to estimate minimum |
| | | circuit breaker curve | 1 | | | | 5.2.1 | avg. fuse melting time does not overlap circuit breaker clearing time in LT curve |
| | | clearing time | 2 | | | | 5.2.1 | avg. fuse melting time does not overlap circuit breaker clearing time in LT curve |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | Figure 2 | Total clearing time of LVPCB w/ max fuse rating |
| | | clearing time | 3 | | | | Figure 2 | Min and Max Clearing time of LVPCB |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | Figure 3 | Total clearing time of LVPCB w/ min fuse rating |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | Figure 3 | Total clearing time of LVPCB |

Time Current Curve Use

LVSD Summary of Use (Current Published Docs)

All “curve” or “characteristic” references

| Sum of Term Count | Column Labels | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Row Labels | IEEE Std C37.13-2015 | IEEE Std C37.17-2022 | IEEE Std C37.27-2015 | IEEE Std C37.50-2012 | Grand Total |
| circuit breaker curve | | | 1 | | 1 |
| clearing time | 6 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 27 |
| instantaneous tripping characteristic | | | 1 | | 1 |
| time characteristic | 1 | | | | 1 |
| time-current characteristic | 9 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 20 |
| time-current characteristic curve | | | | 1 | 1 |
| time-current curve | 4 | 1 | | 4 | 9 |
| time-overcurrent characteristic | | 4 | | | 4 |
| Grand Total | 20 | 10 | 18 | 16 | 64 |

Normative “curve” or “characteristic” references

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| Row Labels | IEEE Std C37.13-2015 | IEEE Std C37.17-2022 | IEEE Std C37.27-2015 | IEEE Std C37.50-2012 | Grand Total |
| circuit breaker curve | | | 1 | | 1 |
| clearing time | 4 | | 9 | 9 | 22 |
| instantaneous tripping characteristic | | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current characteristic | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 11 |
| time-current characteristic curve | | | | 1 | 1 |
| time-current curve | 4 | 1 | | 4 | 9 |
| Grand Total | 8 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 45 |

LVSD (Pub./Draft Docs)

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| 7 | (TOC) Requires or states mfg'r to supply published curve with breaker opening time |
| 8 | (TOC) S/C type testing based on trip unit curves |
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| | | time-overcurrent characteristic | 4 | 7 | Informative | 4 | Annex A | TOC documentation including breaker opening time |
| | | clearing time | 3 | | | | Annex B | Methods to reduce LVPCB clearing time during maintenance/inspection (NFPA) |
| PC37.13D12 | IEEE Std for Low-Voltage AC (1058 V and Below) Power Circuit Breakers Used in Enclosures | time-current curve | 2 | 46 | Normative | 23 | 5.7.3 a) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 5.7.3 b) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.7.3 b) 1) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.7.3 b) 2) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.7.3 b) 3) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 5.7.3 b) 4) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | Table A.1 Note e | If LVPCB clearing time < 83ms then test 1 sequence II (c) omitted |
| | | time-current characteristic curve | 1 | | | | A.4.1 | Direct-acting trip device calibration testing for conformance testing to published TCC |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | A.9.3.5.3 a) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | A.9.3.5.3 b) | S/C testing of LVPCB based on TCC frequency response of Trip Unit |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | A.9.3.5.3 b) 1) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | A.9.3.5.3 b) 2) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | A.9.3.5.3 b) 3) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | A.9.3.5.3 b) 4) | S/C testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| | | time-current characteristic | 1 | | Table A.8 Note h | Optional test omission if LVPCB clearing time less than total clearing time of fuse | | |
| | | clearing time | 4 | | Table A.8 Note h | Optional test omission if LVPCB clearing time less than total clearing time of fuse | | |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | Informative | 23 | D.2.2.6 | Non-integral protection to not exceed LVPCB clearing time or short-time rating |
| | | time-current characteristic | 4 | | | | D.5.2.3 | TCC clearly show min/max clearing time of the device and any modifiers |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | D.5.2.3 | TCC clearly show min/max clearing time of the device and any modifiers |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | D.5.4 | TCC should not overlap for selectivity |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | D.5.5.3 | Coordination of fuse clearing time & LVPCB coordination |
| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | D.5.5.4 | Coordination of fuse clearing time & LVPCB coordination |
| | | time-current curve | 11 | | | | Annex E | Documentation of TCC |
| C37.27-D3 | IEEE Guide for Low-Voltage AC (635 V and below) Power Circuit Breakers Applied with Separately-Mounted Current-Limiting Fuses | time-current characteristic | 3 | 18 | Normative | 18 | 4 | LVPCB TCC limits to fuse selection |
| | | clearing time | 3 | | | | 5.1.3 | Fuse clearing time less than minimum total clearing time of LVPCB |
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| | | time-current characteristic | 2 | | | | Figure 3 | Total clearing time of LVPCB w/ min fuse rating |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | Figure 3 | Total clearing time of LVPCB |

Time Current Curve Use

LVSD Summary of Use (Draft/Published Docs)

All “curve” or “characteristic” references

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| Row Labels | IEEE Std C37.17-2022 | IEEE Std C37.27-D3 | IEEE Std PC37.13D12 | Grand Total |
| circuit breaker curve | | 1 | | 1 |
| clearing time | 3 | 9 | 15 | 27 |
| instantaneous tripping characteristics | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current characteristic | 2 | 7 | 11 | 20 |
| time-current characteristic curve | | | 1 | 1 |
| time-current curve | 1 | | 19 | 20 |
| time-overcurrent characteristic | 4 | | | 4 |
| Grand Total | 10 | 18 | 46 | 74 |

Normative “curve” or “characteristic” references

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| Row Labels | IEEE Std C37.17-2022 | IEEE Std C37.27-D3 | IEEE Std PC37.13D12 | Grand Total |
| circuit breaker curve | | 1 | | 1 |
| clearing time | | 9 | 13 | 22 |
| instantaneous tripping characteristics | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current characteristic | 2 | 7 | 1 | 10 |
| time-current characteristic curve | | | 1 | 1 |
| time-current curve | 1 | | 8 | 9 |
| Grand Total | 3 | 18 | 23 | 44 |

Industry (Pub. Docs)

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| 0 | (TCC) Type testing based on LVPCB clearing time |
| 44 | (TCC) Requires mfg'r claim or mfg'r to supply published TCC with min/max LVPCB clearing times |



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|---------------|--|--|---|-------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1584-2018 | IEEE Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculations | TCC = time current characteristic | 1 | 15 | Normative | 8 | 3.2 | Acronym and Abbreviation |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 6.2 | Collect published information on components (infers LVPCB) |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 6.2 | Poor maintenance may have increased fault clearing time. |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 6.8 | Arc passing through each overcurrent protection device's clearing time is required |
| | | clearing time | 3 | | | | 6.9.1 | Typically, the last protective device clearing time will clear the arcing event. |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 6.9.1 | Use up-date TCC and when mfg'r curves have tolerance use the longest time duration of curve |
| | | clearing time | 2 | | | | 6.9.3 | Mfgr TCC for LVPCB with integral trip device include both tripping time and clearing time |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | 6.9.3 | Mfgr TCC for LVPCB with integral trip device include both tripping time and clearing time |
| | | time-current curve | 1 | | 6.9.4 | Non-integral trip device need to add protective device time and LVPCB operating time | | |
| | | time-current curve | 1 | | Informative | 7 | I.1 | TCC not required for modeling arc flash. Data based on four mfg's |
| | | time-current characteristic curve | 1 | | | | I.1 | TCC not required for modeling arc flash. Data based on four mfg's |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | I.2 | If TCC curves are available, this data is the preferred method for arc flash calculations |
| | | time-current curve | 2 | | | | Table I.1 | Use of the TCC end point data and if curve available to use TCC data |
| | | time-current characteristic | 1 | | | | Figure I.3 | Typical TCC circuit breaker curve |
| | | clearing time | 2 | | | | G.7.8 | Model based on arc sustained until clearing time is complete from LVPCB |
| | | | | 8 | | | Arc duration is equal to clearing time of protective device (LVPCB) | |
| 1584.1 | IEEE Guide for the Specification of Scope and Deliverable Requirements for an Arc-Flash Hazard | clearing time | 1 | 6 | Normative | 2 | 10 | Identification of protective device (LVPCB) with its clearing time (AF Study Report) |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | Annex C | AF Study requires the clearing time of the protective device (LVPCB) |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | Informative | 4 | Annex C | Use TCC data from LVPCB or protective devices for arc flash incident energy |
| | | time-current curve | 3 | | | | | |
| 70 | NFPA 70 National Electric Code 2023 Edition | time and current curves | 1 | 13 | Normative | 13 | 708.52 (C) | Verify GF coordination by using TCC and properly setting of the equipment |
| | | time-current protection characteristic | 1 | | | | 240.92 (E) | Primary side of xfmr protection using TCC data with a multiplier |
| | | time-current characteristic | 1 | | | | 450.5 (3) | Tie circuit protection: automatic circuit breakers having comparable TCC characteristics |
| | | time-current characteristic | 1 | | | | 517.17 (C) | GF: separation of GF protection TCC characteristic shall conform to mfg recommendations |
| | | time-current coordination | 1 | | | | 245.26 (A) | Alternate location of overcurrent protection when fault studies and TCC analysis supports |
| | | documentation | 1 | | | | 240.67 (A) | Documentation shall be available to demonstrate a Arc Energy Reduction method |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 240.67 (A) | Documentation to reduce the clearing time along with value setting below arcing current |
| | | clearing time | 2 | | | | 240.67 (B) | Method to Reduce Clearing Time ; allows worker to set disconnect switch to reduce clearing time |
| | | documentation | 1 | | | | 240.87 (A) | Documentation shall be available to demonstrate a Arc Energy Reduction method |
| | | clearing time | 1 | | | | 240.87 (A) | Documentation to reduce the clearing time along with value setting below arcing current |
| | | clearing time | 2 | | | | 240.87 (B) | Method to Reduce Clearing Time ; allows worker to set disconnect switch to reduce clearing time |
| | | 70E | NFPA Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace 2024 | | | | characteristic of the overcurrent protective device | 1 |
| clearing time | 4 | | | 130.5 (G) | fault clearing time used in calculations ; clearing time cant exceed AR equipment duration | | | |

Time Current Curve Use

Industry Use (Outside LVSD)

All “curve” or “characteristic” references

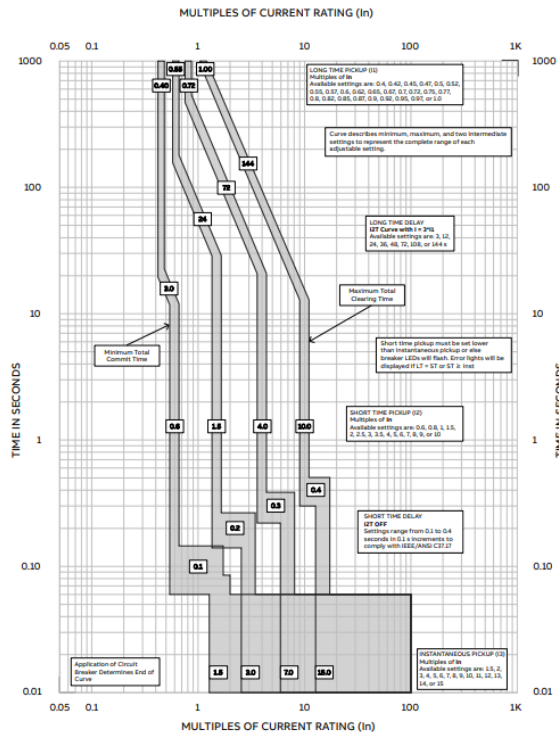
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|---|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Row Labels | IEEE Std 1584.1-2022 | IEEE Std 1584-2018 | NFPA Std 70-2023 | NFPA Std 70E-2023 | Grand Total |
| characteristic of the overcurrent protective device | | | | 1 | 1 |
| clearing time | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 22 |
| documentation | | | 2 | | 2 |
| TCC = time current characteristic | | 1 | | | 1 |
| time and current curves | | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current characteristic | | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| time-current characteristic curve | | 1 | | | 1 |
| time-current coordination | | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current curve | 3 | 12 | | | 15 |
| time-current protection characteristic | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 6 | 24 | 13 | 5 | 48 |

Normative “curve” or “characteristic” references

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|---|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Row Labels | IEEE Std 1584.1-2022 | IEEE Std 1584-2018 | NFPA Std 70-2023 | NFPA Std 70E-2023 | Grand Total |
| characteristic of the overcurrent protective device | | | | 1 | 1 |
| clearing time | 2 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 19 |
| documentation | | | 2 | | 2 |
| TCC = time current characteristic | | 1 | | | 1 |
| time and current curves | | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current characteristic | | | 2 | | 2 |
| time-current coordination | | | 1 | | 1 |
| time-current curve | | 7 | | | 7 |
| time-current protection characteristic | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 2 | 15 | 13 | 5 | 35 |

Time Current Curve Use

Power Circuit Breaker Industry Examples



| Time Current Curve | | Power Circuit Breaker | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------|
| Available Ratings (kV/ampere) | | | |
| Type | Frame | Current Rating (A) | Frame |
| Power E2.2 | 2000 | 200 2000 | 400 3000 |
| Model | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Unit | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Power | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Model | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Unit | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
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| Unit | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Power | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Model | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |
| Unit | 2000 | 400 3000 | 800 3000 |

ABB: [e2.2 DIP: 250-2000A Time Current Curve \(abb.com\)](http://e2.2.dip:250-2000A Time Current Curve (abb.com))

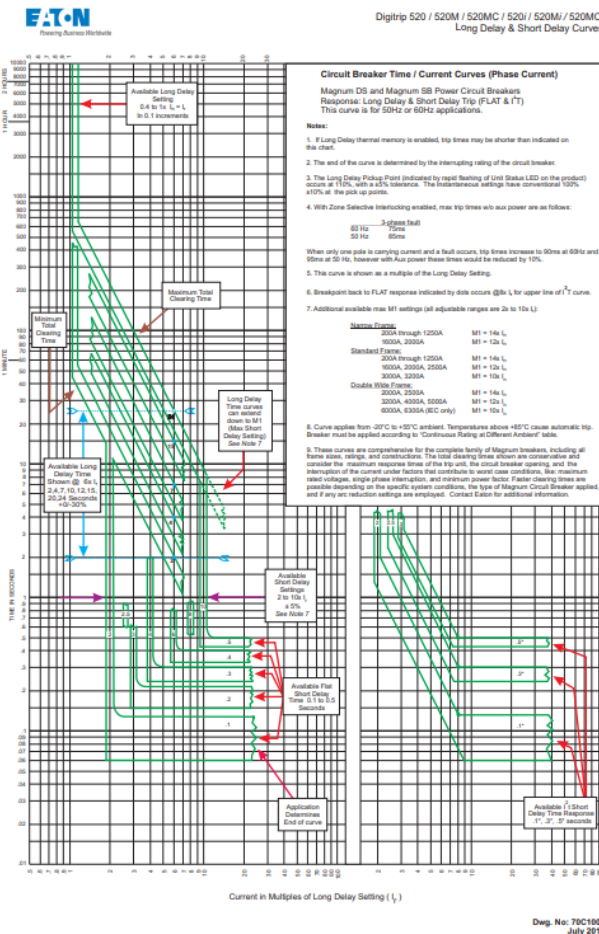
Term: Time Current Curve
Left Curve = Min. Total Commit Time
Right Curve = Max. Total Clearing Time

EasyPower & ABB Webinar:
[Molded Case Circuit Breaker Trip Units, Types and Applications \(youtube.com\)*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

*Discussion includes LVPCB products

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“...Some of you may not be familiar with the time current curve. Essentially all it is a graph that shows you what amperage and what time a circuit breaker is expected to trip...”



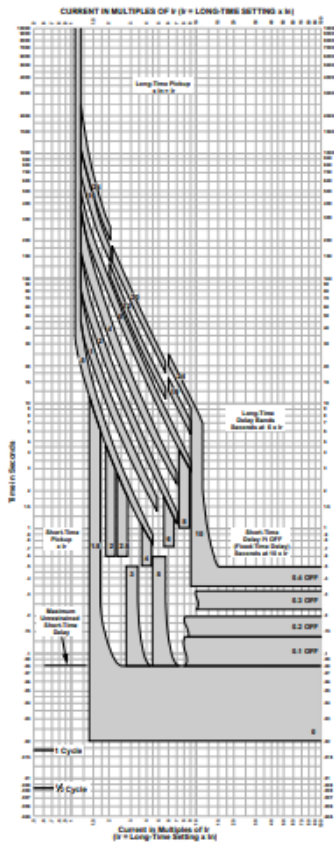
Eaton: [5720B80.cdr \(eaton.com\)](http://5720B80.cdr (eaton.com))

Term: Circuit Breaker Time/Current Curve
Left Curve = Min. Total Clearing Time
Right Curve = Max. Total Clearing Time

Time Current Curve Use

Power Circuit Breaker Industry Examples

Circuit Breakers and Switches MicroLogic X Control Unit Tripping Curves



**MicroLogic X Control Unit
Long-time Pickup and Delay
Short-time Pickup and PI OFF Delay**

The time-current curve information is to be used for application and coordination purposes only. Curves apply from -25°C to +70°C (-13°F to +158°F) ambient temperature.

Notes:

1. There is a thermal-imaging effect that can act to shorten the long-time delay. The thermal-imaging effect comes into play if a current above the long-time delay pickup value exists for a time and then is cleared by the tripping of a downstream device or the circuit breaker itself. A subsequent overload will cause the circuit breaker to trip in a shorter time than normal. The amount of time delay reduction is inverse to the amount of time that has elapsed since the previous overload. Approximately 20 minutes is required between overloads to completely reset thermal-imaging.
2. The end of the curve is determined by the interrupting rating of the circuit breaker.
3. With zone-selective interlocking on, short-time delay utilized and no restraining signal, the maximum unrestrained short-time delay time band applies regardless of the setting.
4. Total clearing times shown include the response times of the trip unit, the circuit breaker opening, and the extinction of the current.
5. For a withstand circuit breaker, instantaneous can be turned OFF.

Schneider: [MasterPacT™ MTZ \(schneider-electric.com\)](http://MasterPacT™ MTZ (schneider-electric.com))

Term: Tripping Curves
Left Curve = Min. Total Clearing Time
Right Curve = Max. Total Clearing Time

Square D by Schneider Electric:
[Time Current Curve Basics: Determining Circuit Breaker Trip Times \(youtube.com\)](http://Time Current Curve Basics: Determining Circuit Breaker Trip Times (youtube.com))

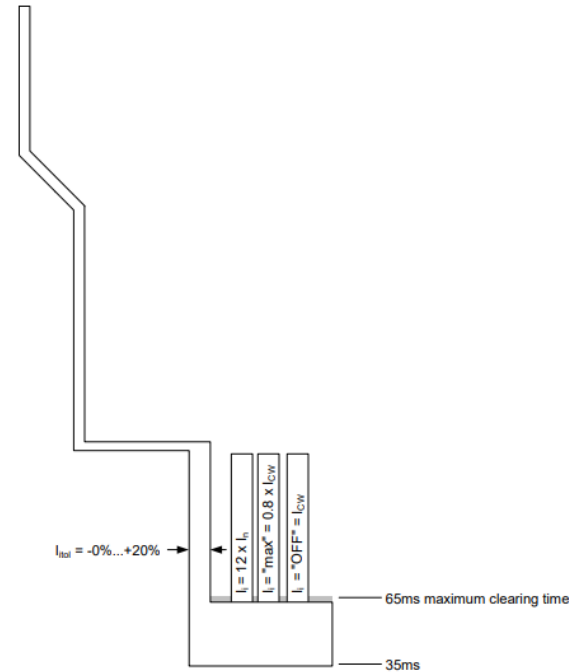
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“...Using the logarithmic scale on time, we see a trip will happen sometime between 3 and 8 seconds...”

Instantaneous Tripping Characteristic

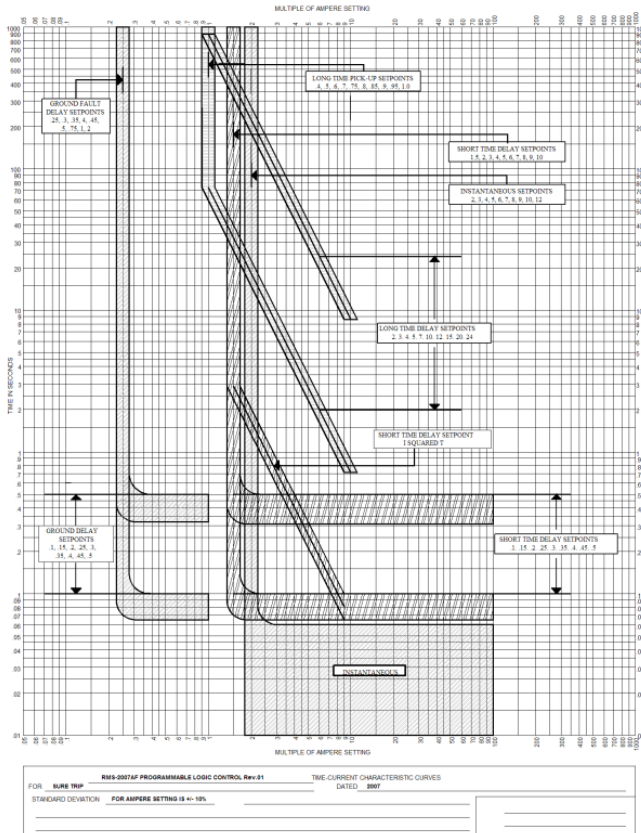
Siemens: Microsoft Word - Instantaneous 2012-08-10c.doc

Term: Tripping Characteristic
Left Curve = Infers Min. Clearing Time
Right Curve = Max. Clearing Time



Time Current Curve Use

Trip System Industry Examples



SureTrip:

[Microsoft Word - RMS-2007AF Trip Curves.doc \(suretrip.com\)](#)

Term: Time-Current Characteristic Curve

Left Curve = Min. Trip Unit Response?

Right Curve = Max. Trip Unit Response?

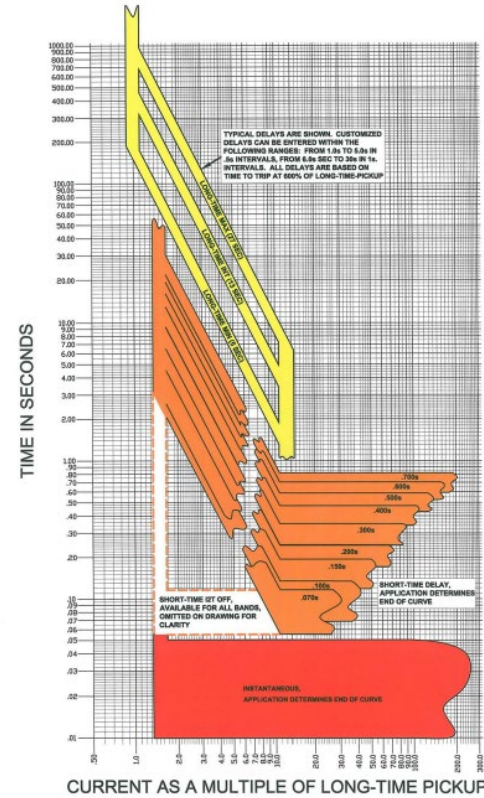
Breaker Clearing Time?

Breaker Opening Time?

Trip Unit Response Only?

Requires 20% current flowing thru LVPCB.

Does this mean clearing time included?



ETC Technologies:

[lsi-tcc.pdf \(etctech.com\)](#)

Term: Time-Current Curve

Left Curve = Min. Trip Unit Response?

Right Curve = Max. trip Unit Response?

Breaker Clearing Time?

Breaker Opening Time?

Trip Unit Response Only?

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LONG-TIME-DELAY, SHORT-TIME-DELAY AND INSTANTANEOUS (LSI) TIME-CURRENT CURVE

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DATE APPLIES AT 60 HERTZ AND AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURES BETWEEN -40 TO 100°C

AVAILABLE BREAKER TYPES: 10kA, 15kA, 20kA, 25kA, 30kA, 35kA, 40kA, 45kA, 50kA, 60kA, 70kA, 80kA, 100kA, 125kA, 150kA, 175kA, 200kA, 250kA, 300kA, 350kA, 400kA, 450kA, 500kA

LONG-TIME PICKUP RANGE: From 20% to 100% of the sensor rating in increments of 5%

SHORT-TIME PICKUP RANGE: From 100% to 1000% of the sensor rating in increments of 50%

INSTANTANEOUS PICKUP RANGE: From 100% to 1000% of the sensor rating in increments of 50%

NOTES: 1. When the short-time or instantaneous pickup range is selected, 2.5 to 10 times application breaker pickup current are needed 100% of the sensor rating.

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Time Current Curve Definition

IEEE Dictionary (searching for “curve”)

45 terms using “curve”
None apply to LVSD TCC

strength-duration curve



strength-frequency curve



temperature de-rating curve



temperature derating curve



thermal limit curve (cold)



thermal limit curve (hot)



time-current curve



- A graphical plot (in log-log format) of curve that indicates the opening time of the fuse for various values of current. The curve can be either average melt, minimum melt, or total clearing.

FOUND IN

[IEEE Std 3004.3-2020](#) | [View Definitions](#)

track crest curve



transfer curve



transition curve



Time Current Curve Definition

IEEE Dictionary (searching for “characteristic”)

| | |
|--|---|
| receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves | ▼ |
| receiver operating characteristics curve (ROC) | ▼ |
| reset characteristics | ▼ |
| single-event characteristic | ▼ |
| system characteristic | ▼ |
| time-current-characteristic (TCC) | ▲ |

34 terms using “characteristic”
None apply to LVSD TCC

- The correlated values of time and current that designate the performance of all or a stated portion of the functions of the fuse. The time-current-characteristics for fuses are generally presented as a curve. The most useful curves plot the minimum melting time and maximum (total) clearing time versus current. For some applications, average melting and maximum melting data may also be useful.

FOUND IN

[IEEE Std C37.41-2016 \(Revision of IEEE Std C37.41-2008\)](#) | [View Definitions](#)

Proposed Definitions for PC37.13

Time-current curve (of a mechanical switching device): The correlated values of time and current that designate the performance of all or a stated portion of the functions of a mechanical switching device. The time current curve for a mechanical switching device are generally presented as a curve and include the minimum and maximum clearing time of the switching device.

time-overcurrent characteristic curve (of a direct-acting overcurrent trip system to trip device): The correlated values of time and current that designate the performance of all or a stated portion of the functions of a direct-acting over-current trip device, or trip system, of a mechanical switching device. The time-overcurrent characteristic curve for a trip device or trip system are generally presented as a curve and include the minimum and maximum opening time of the mechanical switching device. *See: time current curve.*

trip system response curve: The correlated values of time and current that designate the performance of all or a stated portion of the functions of a direct-acting overcurrent trip device or trip device. The trip system response curve for a trip device or trip system are generally presented as a curve and does not include the opening or clearing times of the mechanical switching device. *See: time-overcurrent characteristic curve.*