

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION OF VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVES****GENERAL**

The Design, manufacture, erection, testing and performance of items and services provided under this specification shall comply with the latest edition including all applicable official amendments and revisions as on date of award of the following standards. In case of conflict between this specification and code (IS Code, standards, etc.) referred herein, the former shall prevail. All work shall be carried out as per the following codes and standards.

**CODES AND STANDARDS**

HT breaker	IEC:60056
DC reactor	IEC 60289
Transformers	IS:2026, IEC: 60076 IEC 61378
Bushing	IS: 2099, IEC 60137
Adjustable Speed Electrical Power Drive Systems	IEC 61800
Semiconductor converters–General requirements	IEC 60146
IEEE Recommended practices and requirements for harmonic control in electrical power systems	IEEE 519
Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	IEC 60529
Electrostatic immunity test	IEC1000-4-2
Fast transient immunity test	IEC1000-4-4
Surge immunity test	IEC1000-4-5
High-voltage switchgear and control gear; Pt.102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches	IEC 62271-102
High-voltage switchgear and control gear; Pt.200: AC metal-enclosed switchgear and control gear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 KV	IS/IEC: 62271-200
AC electricity meters	IS: 722
Metal oxide surge arrester without gap for AC system	IEC: 60099-4
Terminal blocks for copper conductors	IEC: 60947-7-1
Dry transformer	IS: 11171
Motor	IEC 60034-18-41 &42, IEC60034 / NEMA 30 &31,
Contactor/Switches/Fuses etc.	IEC:60947, IS: 13947
Harmonics & EM compatibility	IEEE:519/IEC: 61000
VFD	IEC: 60034/ IEC: 61800

Equipment complying with other internationally accepted standards will also be considered if they ensure performance and constructional features equivalent or superior to standards listed above. In such a case, the Bidder shall clearly indicate the standard(s) adopted, furnish a copy in English of the latest revision amendments and revision in force as on date of opening of bid and shall clearly bring out the salient features for comparison.

## **OPERATING CONDITIONS**

For the purpose of design of equipment/systems, an ambient temperature of 50 deg. Centigrade and also relative humidity of 95% at 40 deg. Celsius shall be considered.

All equipment shall be suitable for rated frequency of 50 Hz with a variation of +3% & -5%, and 10% combined variation of voltage and frequency unless specifically brought out in the specification.

The auxiliary AC voltage supply arrangement shall have 11/6.6/3.3kV and 415V systems (as applicable). It shall be designed to limit voltage variations as given below under worst operating condition: 415V : +/- 10%

Note: The Voltage level mentioned above is the Nominal Voltage available at the input of the VFD System from the MCC/ Switchgear/transformer, based on the system requirement/Availability.

The voltage level for the VFD output to be fed to motor shall be as follows:- Upto 400 kW : 415V/690V, Low Voltage, Three Phase AC

From here onwards in the specifications all the VFD Systems consisting of either 415 V or 690 V may be termed as LV VFD while the higher rated VFD System shall be termed as MV VFD. If nothing is mentioned than the Clause is applicable for both the LV and the MV VFD until deliberated otherwise.

## **SYSTEM DESCRIPTION**

Type of drive	3-Phase Diode / Thyristor / Multi Stage IGBT / IGCT / SGCT/ IEGT.
Type of Cooling of VFD	Naturally air cooled/forced air cooled/Liquid cooled.
Converter Type	Full wave diode rectifier/active front end type.
Inverter Type	Thyristor/IGBT/IGCT/SGCT/IEGT.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**415 V/690 V LV VFD:** The Variable frequency drive (VFD) system shall be of a modern proven design for similar applications in power plants/industry. The system shall be either Current Source Inverter (CSI) or Voltage Source Inverter (VSI) type with minimum Twelve (12) pulse design. For drives less than 100 KW Six (6) pulse can be offered meeting all other requirements.

The system shall be fully digital, PLC/Microprocessor based, energy efficient, and shall provide very high reliability, high power factor, low harmonic distortion and low vibration and wear and noise. It shall be easy to install in minimum time and expense and no special tools shall be required for routine maintenance.

The offered equipment shall be with state of art technology and proven field track record. No prototype equipment shall be offered.

The VFD manufacturer shall ensure the proper coordination of their VFD with the Driven Motor and the supply system. All the Motors which are to be driven by VFDs will be of Inverter duty type. The VFD operation shall have no inherent detrimental impact on the Motors/ cables & supply system.

## **TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The system shall be designed to deliver the motor input current and torque for the complete speed torque characteristics of the driven equipment, with worst input supply voltage and frequency variation. The system shall be suitable for the load characteristics and the operational duty of the driven equipment.

The overload capacity of the controller shall be 150% of the rated current of the motor for one minute for constant torque applications and 110% of rated current for one minute for variable torque applications at rated voltage. If the motor load exceeds the limit, the drive shall automatically reduce the frequency and voltage to the motor to guard against overload.

The drive system shall be designed to operate in one or more of the following operating modes as to suit characteristics of the driven equipment or specified by the load:

- a. Variable torque changing as a function of speed.
- b. Constant torque over a specific speed range.
- c. Constant power over a specific speed range.
- d. Any other as specified in data-sheet

VFDs shall comply with the latest edition of IEEE 519 & IEC 61000 for both individual as well as total harmonic voltage and current distortion limits. The Voltage and Current limits shall be applicable at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC), which shall be the MCC/ Switchgear/ from which the VFD system is fed.

The above compliance shall be verified by the field measurements of harmonics at the PCC with and without VFDs operation.

VFD shall be capable of withstanding the thermal and dynamic stresses and the transient mechanical torque, resulting from short circuit. Any damage resulting from such a short circuit or internal fault shall be limited to the component concerned.

The system shall be suitable to maintain speed variation within range 10-110% or as per the requirement of driven equipment with speed set accuracy of +1% of rated maximum speed and steady state regulation of +0.5% of rated speed as per system requirement.

The VFD System shall maintain a power factor of 0.95 (minimum) (for LV VFD system) and 0.9 (minimum) (for MV VFD system) in the entire operating range.

Maximum allowable audible noise from the VFD system will be 85 dB (A) at a distance of one meter under rated loaded with all cooling fan operating conditions.

All the circuit components shall be suitably protected against over voltages, surges, lightning etc.

The panels shall be designed to provide easy access to hardware, to facilitate replacement of cards in case of any failure.

All the VFDs for particular application shall be of same design so as to ensure 100 % inter-changeability of components.

For each programmed warning and fault protection function, the VFD shall display a message in complete English words or Standard English abbreviations. At least 30 time tagged fault messages shall be stored in the drive's fault history.

The VFD cubicles shall be placed in air conditioned environment. However if VFDs of less than 100 kW are designed to operate in non-air condition environment the same shall also be acceptable.

The 3-Phase Thyristor/IGCT/SGCT/ multistage IGBT/IEGT based VFD system shall have minimum number of components to ensure very high reliability. The input side converter shall have 3-Phase Diode/Thyristor bridge configuration modular type and inverter shall be of 3-Phase Thyristor/IGCT/SGCT/multi stage IGBT/IEGT type, using Pulse Width Modulation or better technique for generating near sine wave output to motor.

Fiber optic cable connection shall be provided preferably to ensure high network Reliability.

#### **VFD COMPATIBILITY WITH THE MOTOR**

MV VFD output current waveform, as measured at the motor, shall be inherently sinusoidal at nominal loads, with a total harmonic current and voltage distortion within acceptable/standard limits. VFD with transformers on output side are not acceptable.

The system design shall not have any inherent output harmonic resonance in the operating speed range.

VFD shall provide stable operation of motor from high-voltage dv/dt stress, regardless of cable length to motor. The vendor shall clearly state the limitations in the motor cable distance in his proposal. However, due to system requirements & constraints if the cable length becomes critical, filters/ chokes etc. shall be provided by the VFD manufacturers as an integral part of the VFD to mitigate the reflected wave effect of harmonics.

#### **BYPASS ARRANGEMENT (OPTIONAL, IF SPECIFIED)**

The VFD System shall have an optional feature to run the motor under bypass arrangement for operation of Motor with VFD bypassed. During starting (under rated conditions) the motor will be switched on in VFD Mode to limit the starting current and after gaining speed, the load would be switched over to bypass mode.

Comprehensive motor protection scheme for protection and control for operation VFD during bypass mode shall be finalized during detailed engineering.

### **STANDBY VFD ARRANGEMENT (OPTIONAL, IF SPECIFIED)**

A Common standby arrangement with auto/manual switchover shall be provided in case of failure of any VFD in a group of drives. Complete protection, interlocks & control required shall be provided in the changeover module.

### **EFFICIENCY**

Efficiency (Drive only) shall be minimum 98% for both MV VFD and LV VFD. Overall efficiency shall be minimum 96.5% for LV VFD and minimum 94 % for MV VFD at rated load and speed. Overall Efficiency evaluation shall include input transformer, harmonic filters and power factor correction (if applicable), VFD converters, cooling fans and output filter, as applicable in the system. Auxiliary controls, such as internal VFD control boards, cooling fans/pumps.

In absence of valid test report, a factory test shall be performed at the VFD manufacturer's facility verifying the efficiencies. Manufactures who are supplying Drive and transformer from different locations, efficiency test will be conducted separately for Drive and transformer.

### **COOLING SYSTEM**

The VFD shall be designed to operate indoor under temperature range of 0 deg C to 50 deg C and relative humidity of 95 % ( at 40 deg C).

VFD manufacturer to primarily offer Air cooled Design. However in case of large ratings, liquid cooled drives may be accepted subject to employer's approval. In case of liquid cooled system, there shall be no necessity of continuous water supply system (Closed Loop System).

In case of Air cooled design, the VFD Cooling system shall be such that it puts minimum heat load inside the room and preferably throw the hot air outside the room with ventilation ducts. The Cooling system shall be designed in such a way that the Air Conditioning & Ventilation Air requirements are kept to minimum. The VFD Manufacturer shall furnish the data regarding heat load, air flow requirements during the detailed engineering.

Air cooled VFDs shall be provided with cooling fans mounted integral to the VFD/ enclosure. The VFD shall include air-flow pressure switches and temperature detectors to monitor proper operation of the air cooling system. If the fan fails, the system must generate the alarm/trip for the fan failure.

### **TRANSFORMER:**

Type: Outdoor Mineral oil filled ONAN type or Indoor natural air-cooled Dry type, Three phase unit, rectifier/converter duty type transformer.

All other components, technical parameters shall be as per applicable IEC/IS.

Enclosure for Dry Type Transformer (as applicable)

Enclosure shall be of a tested quality sheet steel of minimum thickness 2 mm & shall also accommodate cable terminations. The housing door shall be interlocked such that it should be possible to open the door only when transformer is off. The enclosure shall be provided with lifting lugs and other hardware for floor mounting.

Core shall be High grade non-ageing cold rolled grain oriented silicon steel Laminations.

Winding conductor shall be electrolytic grade copper.

Windings shall be of class F insulation.

Winding temperature shall be Platinum resistance type temperature Indicator (WTI) detector in each limb.

Thermistors shall be embedded in each limb with alarm and trip contacts for remote annunciation.

Temperature rise: Winding temperature rise shall be as per applicable IEC.

#### **POWER CONVERTER:**

The static power converter shall consist of a line side converter for operation as a rectifier and a load side power converter for operation as a fully controller inverter. Power converter shall be fast switching, most efficient and low loss type.

The converter shall be coordinated with the transformers. The converter shall be able to withstand a three phase short circuit current until interrupted by normal breaker operation.

Adequate short circuit and over voltage protection shall be provided for the converter and inverter system.

All power converter devices shall include protective devices, snubber networks and dv/dt networks as required.

The current rating of the converter's semi-conductor components shall not be less than 120% of the nominal current flowing through the elements at full load of the VFD through the whole speed range. If the parallel connection of semiconductor is applied, the above current rating shall not be less than 140% of the above values.

All power diodes shall be of silicon type with minimum VBO rating at 2.5 times the rated operating voltage.

The power converter circuit shall be designed so that motor can be powered at its full nameplate rating continuously without exceeding its rated temperature rise nor reducing its service factor due to harmonic currents generated by the inverter operation. The conversion devices and associated heat sinks shall be assembled such that individual devices can be replaced without requiring the use of any special precautions / tools.

The cooling system of the electronic components, if provided, shall be monitored and necessary alarms shall be provided to prevent any consequential damage to the power control devices.

**OUTPUT FILTER (AS APPLICABLE):**

Output/ dv/dt filter shall be provided, if required. It shall be an integral part of the VFD system and included within the VFD enclosure. It shall inherently protect motor from high voltage dv/dt stress.

**DC LINK CAPACITOR (AS APPLICABLE):**

Capacitor shall be of self-healing film or electrolytic type having high life time. The capacitor shall be an integral part of VFD system. DC link Capacitors shall have discharge resistors which shall be capable of reducing the residual charges to zero just after the capacitor is disconnected from the supply source. The capacitor shall be suitable for high ripple currents.

**DC Reactor (As applicable)**

- 1) Type: Dry type, air cored, self-cooled, indoor type. Suitable for withstanding earth fault continuously.
- 2) Insulation: Thermal Class 155(F), temperature rise is limited to thermal class 130 (B).
- 3) Noise level shall not exceed value specified in NEMA TR-1.

**VFD PANEL REQUIREMENTS**

Enclosure frames and load bearing members shall be fabricated using suitable mild steel structural sections or pressed and shaped cold-rolled sheet steel of thickness 2.0 mm. Frames shall be enclosed in cold-rolled sheet steel of thickness 1.6 mm. Doors and covers shall also be of cold rolled sheet steel of thickness 1.6 mm. Stiffeners shall be provided wherever necessary. The gland plate thickness shall be 3.0 mm for hot / cold-rolled sheet steel and 4.0 mm for non-magnetic material. In case dry type transformer is provided inside VFD panels, the enclosure and in its frame thickness shall be same as indicated in this para.

The cable entry shall be from the bottom of the panel and a removable bolted undrilled gland plate.

All Panels shall be of dust-proof and vermin-proof construction and shall be provided with a degree of protection of IP: 4X as per IS/IEC 60947.

Enclosures must be designed to avoid harmonic and inductive heating effects and to shield any outside equipment from interference, enclosing and shielding the complete to eliminate any radio frequency interference. The construction of the panel shall provide effective protection against electromagnetic emissions.

Each panel shall be provided with illuminating lamp, space heater with switch fuse and variable setting thermostat.

Proper ventilation using air filters and fans/pumps shall be provided in the panels to ensure that maximum temperature inside the cubicle is within permissible limits for reliable and continuous operation of the system.

## **PAINTING**

Paint shade shall be as follows

- a) VFD transformer reactor enclosure : RAL 5012 (Blue), legend in black letter
- b) Motors : RAL 5012 (Blue)
- c) VFD Panels : Front and rear panels in Grey (RAL9002). End panel sides in blue (RAL 5012)

## **MOTORS**

VFD shall be used to drive three (3) phase squirrel cage inverter duty Induction motor with VPI insulation (Resin poor) suitable for VFD application. These motors shall be provided with insulated bearing on at least one side.

Motors shall also meet the requirements mentioned in subsection for motors and relevant IS/IEC.

Motor shall be suitable for operation with a solid state power supply consisting of an adjustable frequency inverter for speed control & shall be suitable for the current waveforms produced by the power supply including the harmonics generated by the drive.

Motor insulation shall be designed to accept the applied voltage waveform, within the  $V_{peak}$  and  $dv/dt$  limits as per IEC-61800.

Drive manufacturer shall coordinate with the motor manufacturer for proper selection of the motor for the given load application and the output characteristics of the drive.

Other requirements of motor shall be as stipulated in technical chapter of Motors in technical specifications.

## **CONTROL AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The VFD to provide an automatic current limiting feature to control motor currents during startup and provide a “soft start” torque profile for the motor load combination. Current and torque limit adjustments shall be provided to limit the maximum VFD output current and the maximum torque produced by the motor.

It shall be possible to vary the speed of the drive and control it in either Local or Remote mode. Local / Remote selection shall be done from VFD panel unless otherwise specified.

Provision shall be kept for exchange of information between different VFD control system parameters thru PLC/DDCMIS.

Man machine interface for (MV) VFD shall have one flat TFT monitor with keyboard (password protected) in the VFD room and a color laser printer for system alarm and monitoring located in control room.



**Parameter Monitoring:**

- Input and output voltage of Drive
- Input and output current of Drive
- Motor speed
- Input and output power frequency of Drive
- Torque
- Input and Output power of Drive system (covering transformer if applicable)
- Output kWhr of Drive
- Transformer (if applicable) temperature for alarm & trip.
- Ambient temperature
- Run/stop and local/remote status displayed

Drive shall be equipped with a front mounted operator console panel consisting of a backlit alphanumeric display and a keypad with keys for parameterization and adjusting parameter. Control panel shall be operable with password for changing the protection setting, safety interlock etc.

Operator console/Main Control Card shall have facility / port to connect external hardware such as Lap-Top etc. Console shall have facility for upload and download of all parameter settings from one drive to another drive for start-up and operation.

User-friendly licensed software for operation and fault diagnostic shall be loaded in the drive system panel before commissioning.

**PROTECTION FEATURES**

The system offered shall incorporate adequate protection features as per IEC 61800- 4: 2002 Table-8, properly coordinated for the drive control and for motor including following:

- i) Converter transformer: short circuit, over current, earth fault & winding temperature high protection.
- ii) Incoming and outgoing line surge protection.
- iii) Under / over voltage protection
- iv) Phase loss, phase reversal, overload, negative phase sequence, locked rotor protection.
- v) Instantaneous Over current & Earth fault protection
- vi) Converter/Inverter module failure indication.
- vii) Over frequency/speed protection.
- viii) Ventilation failure indication & alarm.
- ix) Over temperature of VFD
- x) Bearing temperature protection.
- xi) System earth fault protection.
- xii) Speed reference loss protection.

Under VFD Bypass Mode (if applicable) all the electrical protections related to the Motor shall remain applicable.

## **CONTROL FEATURES**

Following controls shall be provided as a part of the Operator Control Panel or through separate switches on the front panel door.

- i) Start / stop (in local/remote mode)
- ii) Speed control (Raise / lower)
- iii) Acknowledge/Accept/ Test Push Button for annunciation
- iv) Auto / Manual / Test Mode select
- v) Emergency stop
- vi) Trip-Remote Breaker

## **DIAGNOSTIC FEATURES**

The VFD shall include a microprocessor/PLC based digital diagnostic system which monitors its own control functions and displays faults and operating conditions.

Fault diagnostic shall be built into the system to supervise the operation and failure of the system. The information regarding failure of any of the system including shut down of the system shall be available. It shall be possible to retrieve the record of events prior to tripping of the system or de-energization. Auxiliary supply to the system components or to the electronics (firmware) for the diagnostics / display shall be taken care of by the manufacturer for this purpose.

## **SERVICEABILITY / MAINTAINABILITY**

Front Access: VFD system should be designed for front access only. Manufacturer shall state in his proposal if rear access is provided.

Power Component Accessibility: All power components in the converter sections shall be designed for rack-out accessibility for ease of maintenance and to minimize repair downtime.

Marking / Labeling: Sleeve type wire marker tags or other acceptable means of permanent identification shall be applied to power and control wiring. Individual labels shall be provided for all major components of the VFD system.

## **STORAGE AND PRESERVATION**

The Contractor shall be responsible for the storage and preservation of all the equipments to be supplied under the VFD System, till the time of successful installation and commissioning. The equipment should be suitable for storage for long periods before installation. Contractor should take adequate measures to ensure that no damage happens to the VFD System due to storage and preservation.

## **TESTS**

### **ROUTINE TESTS**

All acceptance and routine tests as envisaged in QA section shall be carried out. Charges for these shall be deemed to be included in the equipment price.

## **TYPE TESTS**

The Contractor shall carry out the type tests as listed in this specification on the equipment to be supplied under this contract. The bidder shall indicate the charges for each of these type tests separately in the relevant schedule and the same shall be considered for the evaluation of the bids. The type tests charges shall be paid only for the test(s) actually conducted successfully under this contract and upon certification by the employer's engineer.

The type tests shall be carried out in presence of the employer's representative, for which minimum 15 days' notice shall be given by the Contractor. The Contractor shall obtain the employer's approval for the type test procedure before conducting the type test. The type test procedure shall clearly specify the test set-up, instruments to be used, procedure, acceptance norms, recording of different parameters, interval of recording, precautions to be taken etc. for the type test(s) to be carried out.

In case the Contractor has conducted such specified type test(s) within last ten years as on the date of bid opening, he may submit during detailed engineering the type test reports to the Employer for waiver of conductance of such test(s). These reports should be for the tests conducted on the equipment similar to those proposed to be supplied under this contract and test(s) should have been either conducted at an independent laboratory or should have been witnessed by a client. The Employer reserves the right to waive conducting of any or all the specified type test(s) under this contract. In case type tests are waived, the type test charges shall not be payable to the Contractor.

Further the Contractor shall only submit the reports of the type tests as listed in "LIST OF TESTS FOR WHICH REPORTS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED" and carried out within last ten years from the date of bid opening. These reports should be for the test conducted on the equipment similar to those proposed to be supplied under this contract and the test(s) should have been either conducted at an independent laboratory or should have been witnessed by a client. However if the Contractor is not able to submit report of the type test(s) conducted within last ten years from the date of bid opening, or in the case of type test report(s) are not found to be meeting the specification requirements, the Contractor shall conduct all such tests under this contract at no additional cost to the Employer either at third party lab or in presence of client/Employers representative and submit the reports for approval.

## **LIST OF TESTS FOR WHICH REPORTS HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED**

The following type test reports shall be submitted for VFD Panels'

### **1) VFD panels (For LV VFD)**

- i. Rated Current/ Output
- ii. Temperature rise test
- iii. Noise level test
- iv. Power Loss Determination Test
- v. Power factor measurement.
- vi. Degree of Protection Test
- vii. EMC Test
- viii. The Fast transient SWC tests as per ANSI / IEEE C37.901-2002 / IEC 60255-22-04-2008 / IEC 61800

## **2) AC/DC Reactor**

- i. Lightning impulse test(If applicable)
- ii. Heat run test
- iii. Short time current test(If applicable)
- iv. Noise level tests