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# INTRO TO SELF CONTAINED METERING, TRANSFORMER RATED METERING, AND TESTING

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- What is a meter?
- Electro-mechanical versus Solid State
  - Forms and Services
  - Self Contained Metering
- Transformer Rated Metering

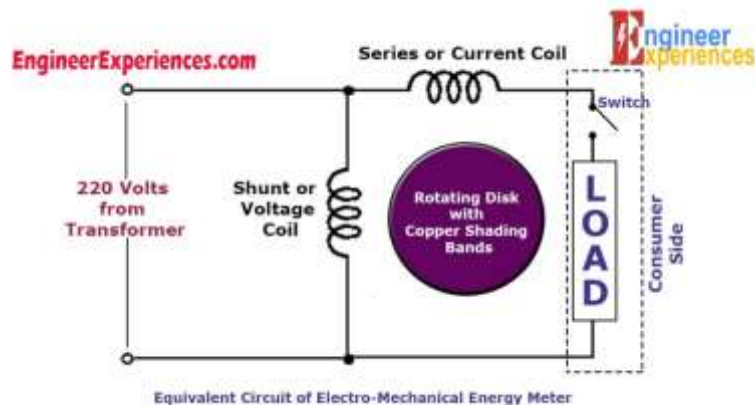
# METERS 101 – WHAT IS A METER?

## Energy Revenue Billing Meter

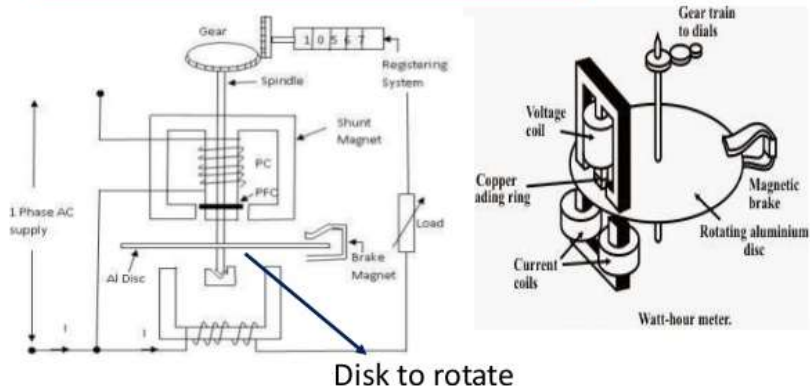
- Measures Watt-hours (Wh)
- Used to quantify the amount of energy that was provided to the customer for billing purposes
- NIST Traceability – Verification of Accuracy



## Overview of Functionality



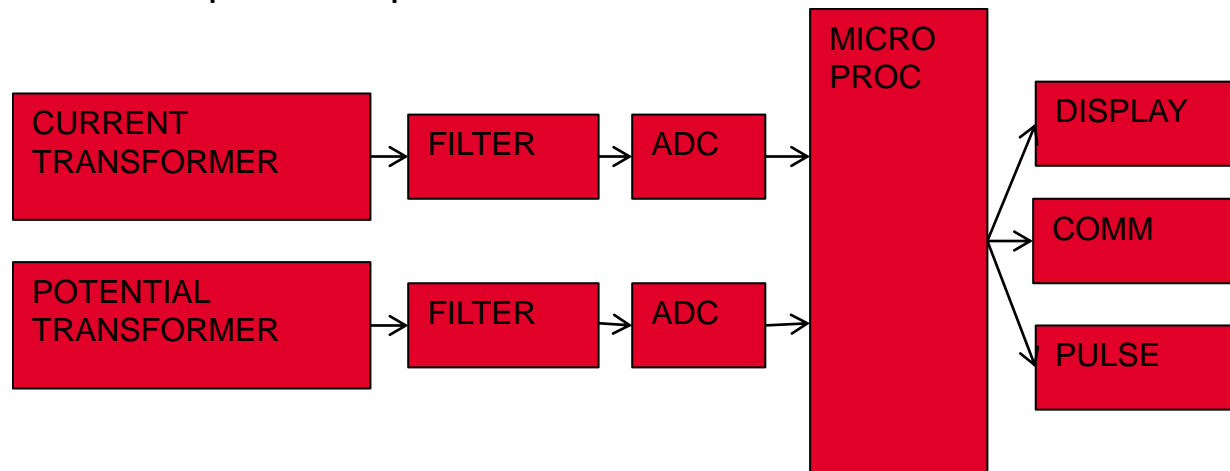
### Electromechanical energy meter continue...



- The electromechanical induction meter operates through electromagnetic induction
- A non-magnetic, but electrically conductive, metal disc which is made to rotate at a speed proportional to the power passing through the meter
- The disc is acted upon by two sets of induction coils, which form, in effect, a two phase linear induction motor.
- One coil is connected in such a way that it produces a magnetic flux in proportion to the voltage
- The other coil produces a magnetic flux in proportion to the current.
- The field of the voltage coil is delayed by 90 degrees, due to the coil's inductive nature, and calibrated using a lag coil
- This produces eddy currents in the disc and the effect is such that a force is exerted on the disc in proportion to the product of the instantaneous current and instantaneous voltage
- A permanent magnet acts as an eddy current brake, exerting an opposing force proportional to the speed of rotation of the disc
- The equilibrium between these two opposing forces results in the disc rotating at a speed proportional to the power or rate of energy usage
- The disc drives a register mechanism which counts revolutions, much like the odometer in a car, in order to render a measurement of the total energy used.
- The amount of energy represented by one revolution of the disc is denoted by the symbol Kh which is given in units of watt-hours per revolution.
- A Kh of 7.2 is typical. In this example, each full rotation of the disc is equivalent to 7.2Wh of energy.

## Overview of Functionality

- Potential and Current is scaled down and conditioned with transformers and filters
- ADC's (analog to digital converters) digitize the signals
- A micro-processor or DSP executes the calculations
- Resulting data is displayed, sent externally via the communication circuits, and used for the calibrated pulse output



# METERS 101 – A-BASE, K-BASE, S-BASE



K-base



A-base



S-base



# SELF-CONTAINED VS. TRANSFORMER-RATED

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1S 14S 39S 17S

2S

3S 12S 35S

4S 25S

10S

76S 46S 66S

45S

11S 32S

5S 26S 6S 16S

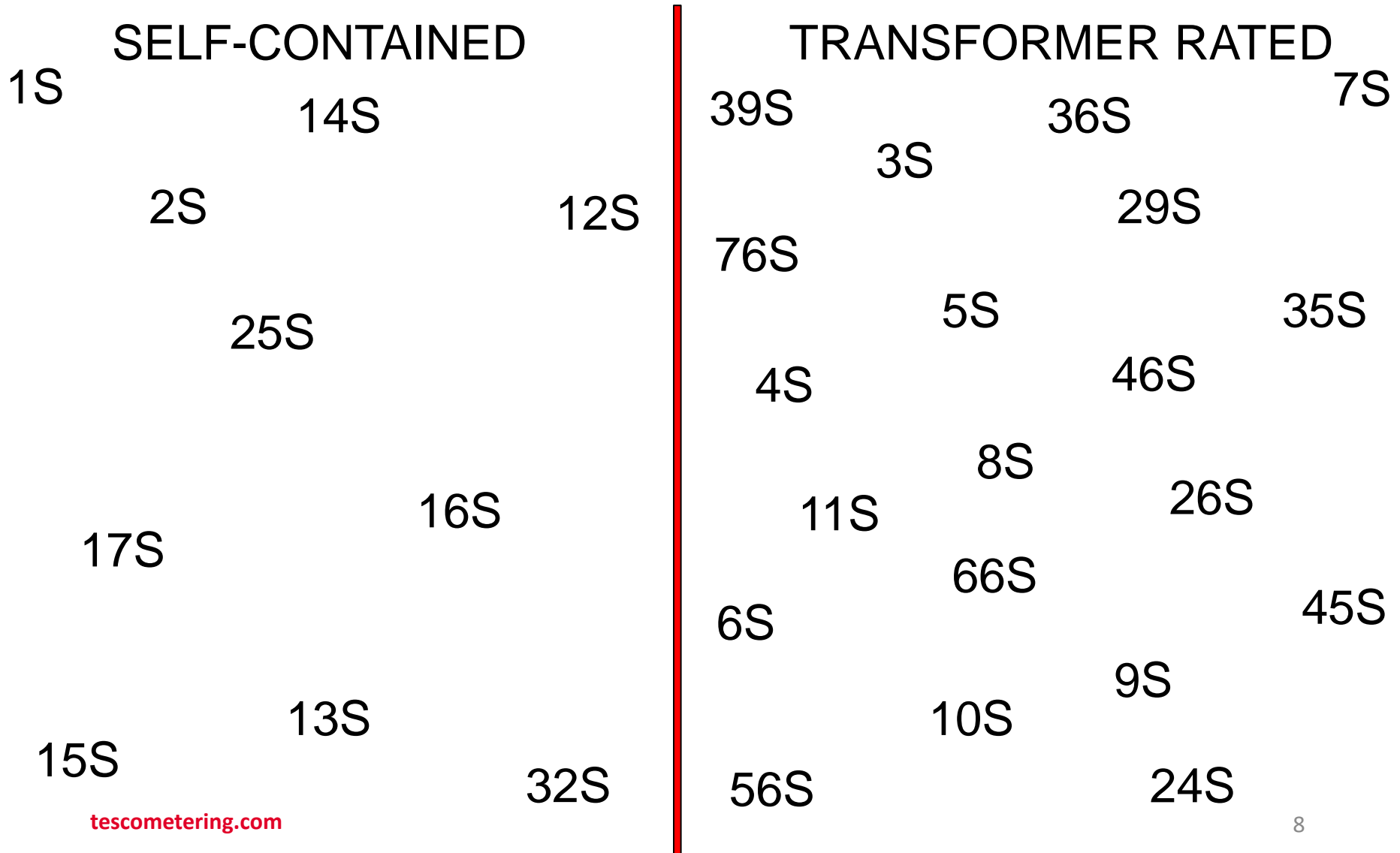
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15S 56S

24S 13S



# SELF-CONTAINED VS. TRANSFORMER-RATED





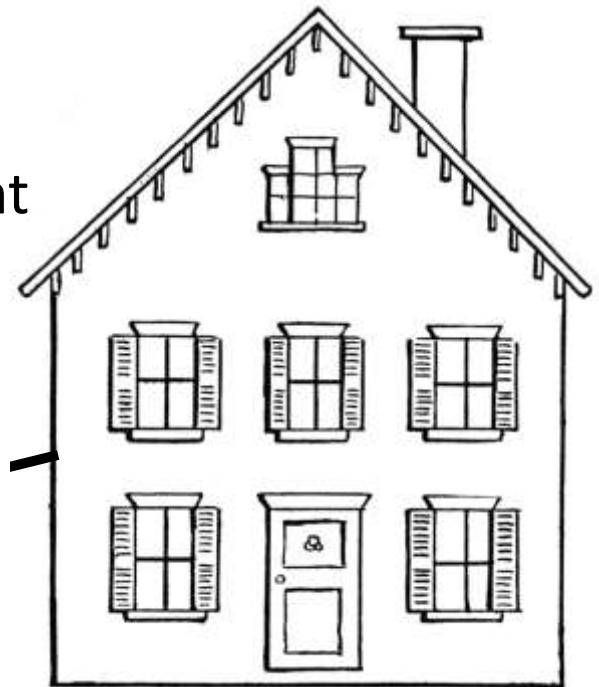
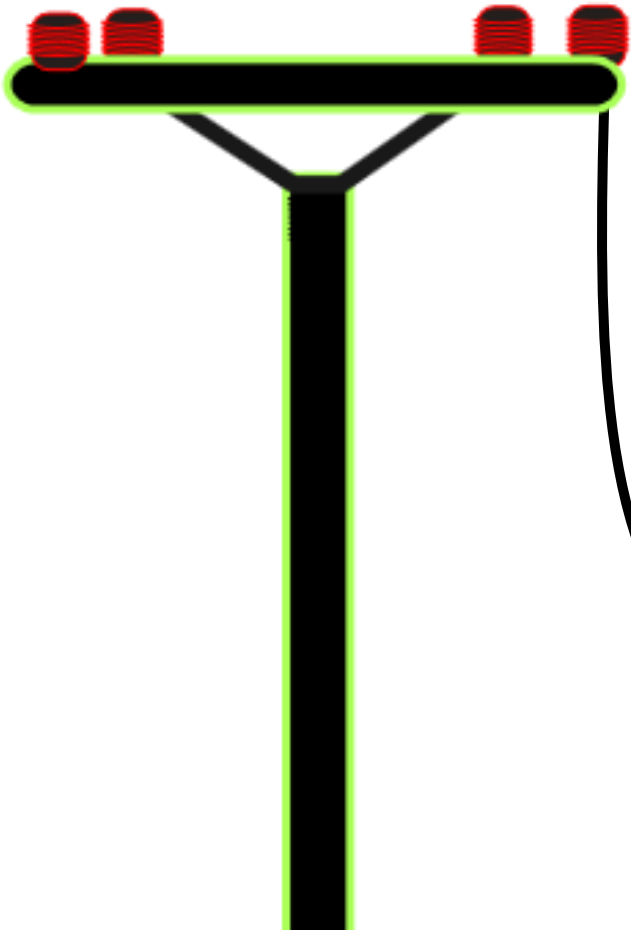


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# SELF-CONTAINED VS. TRANSFORMER-RATED

Primarily Residential  
(1S, 2S, 12S)

Relatively Low Current  
Example: 100A

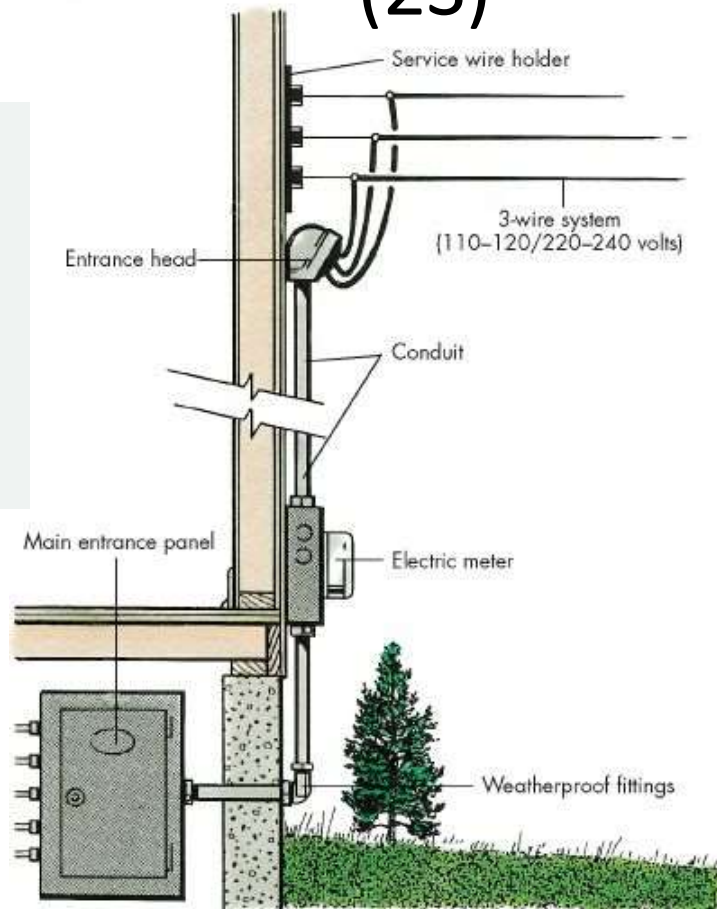




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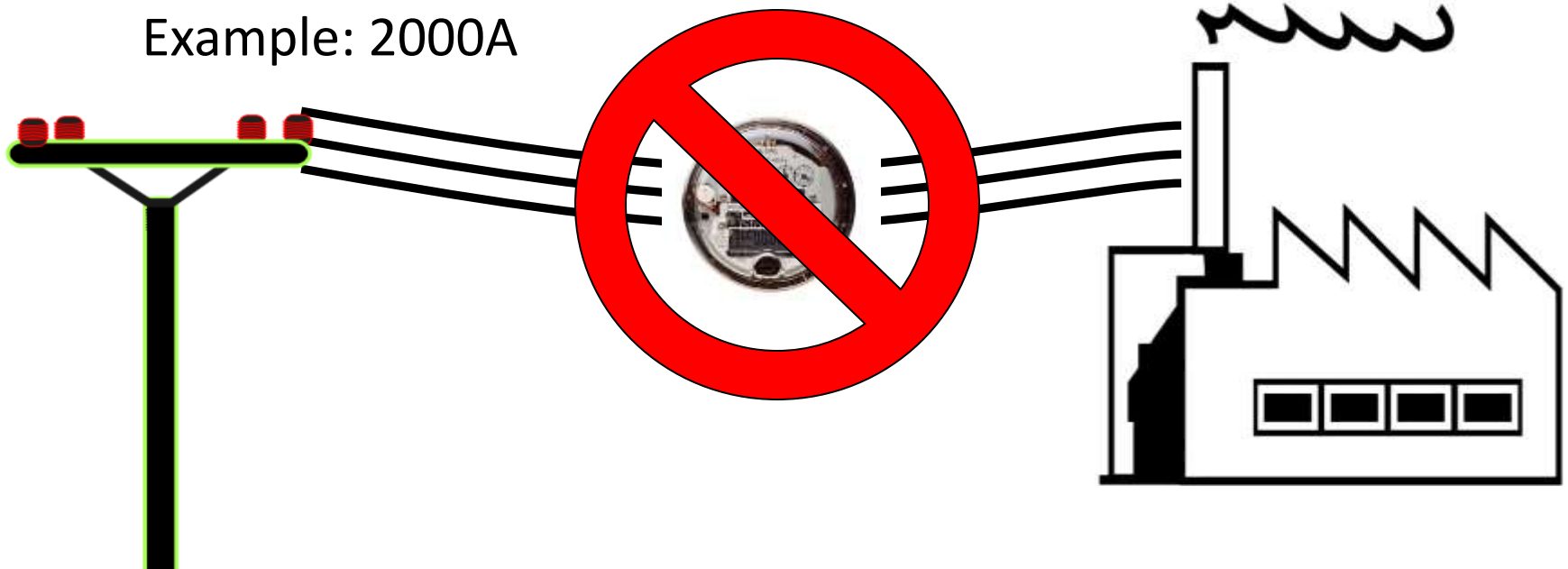
# SELF-CONTAINED METERING

## Primarily Residential (2S)



## Primarily Commercial/Industrial (9S)

Relatively High Current  
Example: 2000A

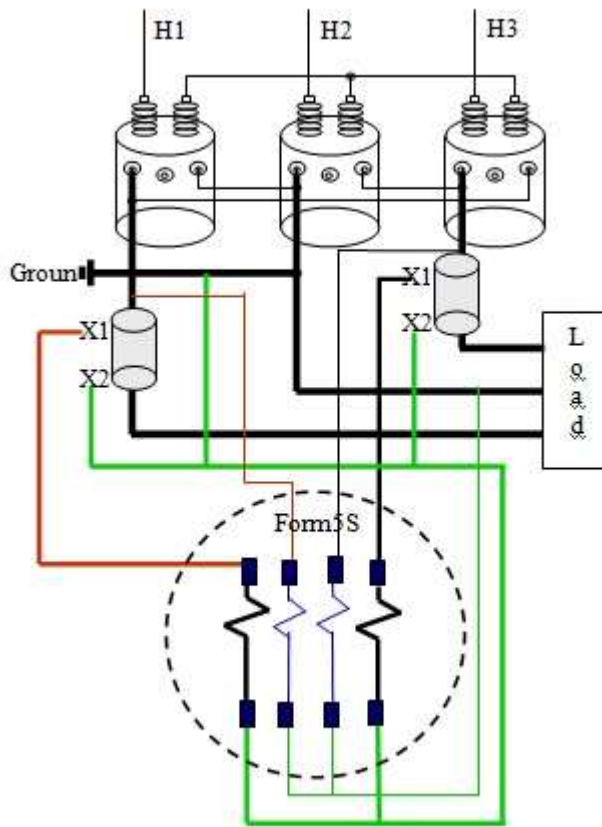




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# TRANSFORMER-RATED METERING

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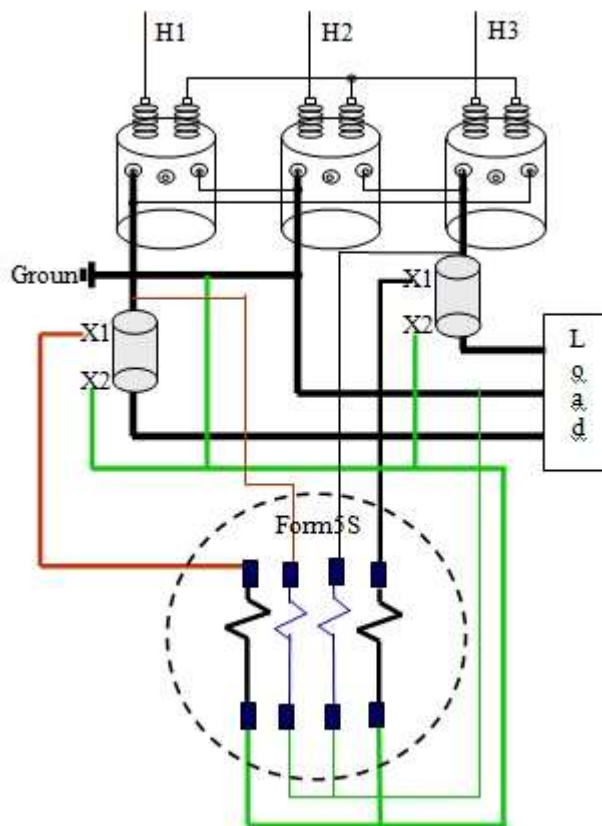




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# TRANSFORMER-RATED METERING

## Typical Components of an Installation





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# TRANSFORMER-RATED METERING

## Meter



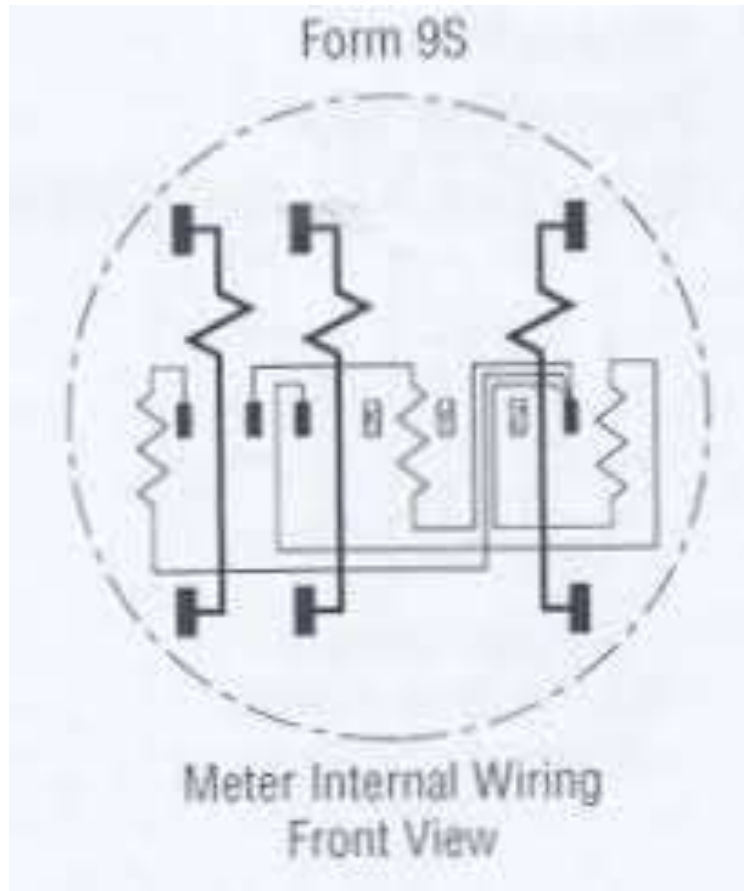




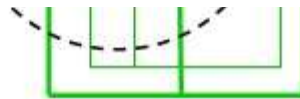
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# TRANSFORMER-RATED METERING

## Meter



## Enclosure, Socket, Test Switch





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### Enclosure

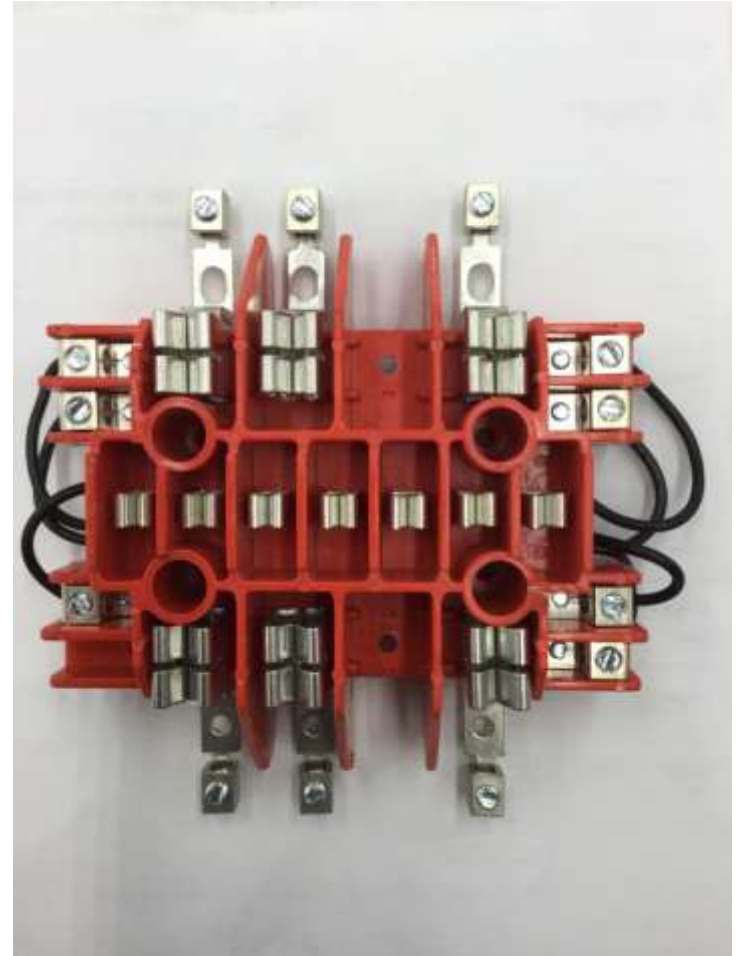
- Painted Steel or Aluminum
  - One or Two Piece Lid
- Many, Many Configurations



## Enclosure, Socket, Test Switch

### Socket

- Configured for Specific Form



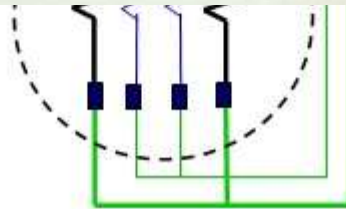
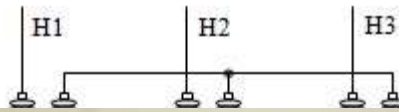
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### Test Switch

- Upmost Safety
  - Shuts the CT
- Isolates the Meter from the Service During Testing



## PT/VT –Voltage Transformer



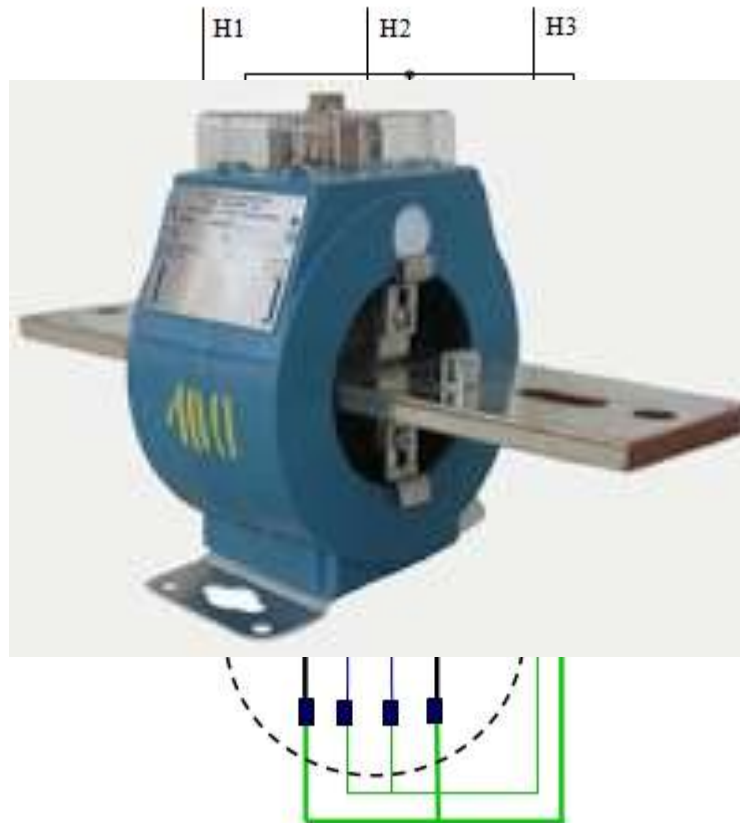
## PT/VT –Voltage Transformer

PT/VT

- Scales Down the Voltage
  - 4:1
  - 480V:120V



## CT – Current Transformer



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CT

- Scales Down the Current
  - 400:5
  - 800A:10A



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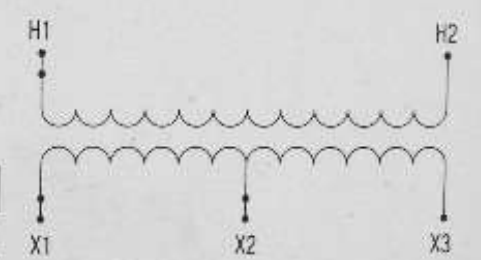
# FACEPLATE SPECIFICATIONS

**ALSTOM**

OUTDOOR CURRENT TRANSFORMER **15** kV

| TYPE: OIL FILLED                                  | SECONDARY CONNECTION | RATIO               |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| HZ = 60   | X1 - X3              | <b>300</b> : 5A     |
| BIL: <b>550</b> kV                                | X2 - X3              | <b>150</b> : 5A     |
| PRIMARY: <b>150/300</b> AMPS                      |                      |                     |
| SECONDARY: <b>5</b> AMPS                          |                      |                     |
| RATIO: <b>30/60</b> :1                            |                      |                     |
| RATING FACTOR: <b>1.5</b>                         |                      |                     |
| ACCURACY: <b>0.3% B0.1 TO B1.8</b>                |                      |                     |
| SERIAL NO. <b>1FD-0256</b> MFG. DATE: <b>4/00</b> |                      |                     |
| CATALOG NO.: <b>CTH3-115-0300</b>                 |                      |                     |
| CUSTOMER P.O. # <b>P000579-00</b>                 |                      | F.O. # <b>F3657</b> |

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Ratio



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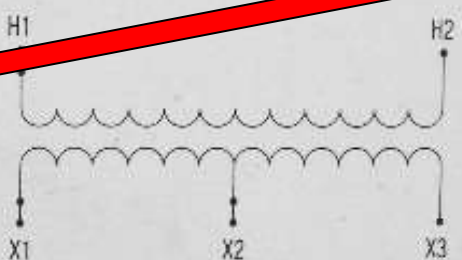
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Thermal  
factor

## Thermal Rating factor

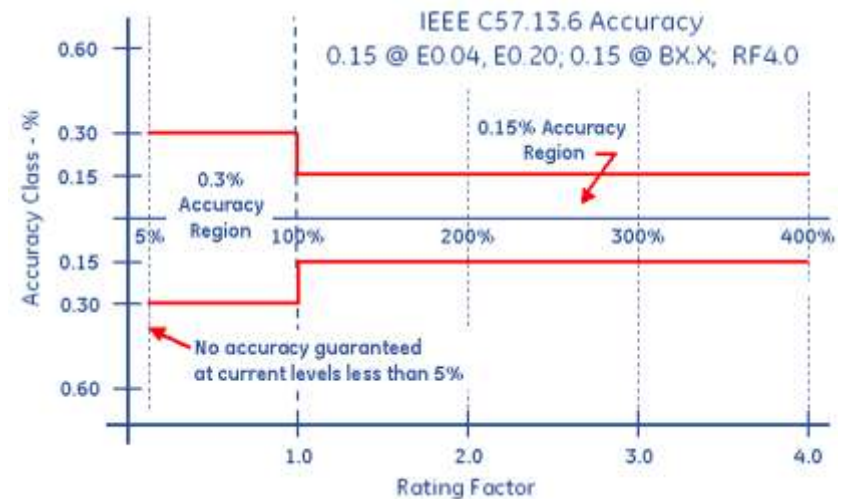
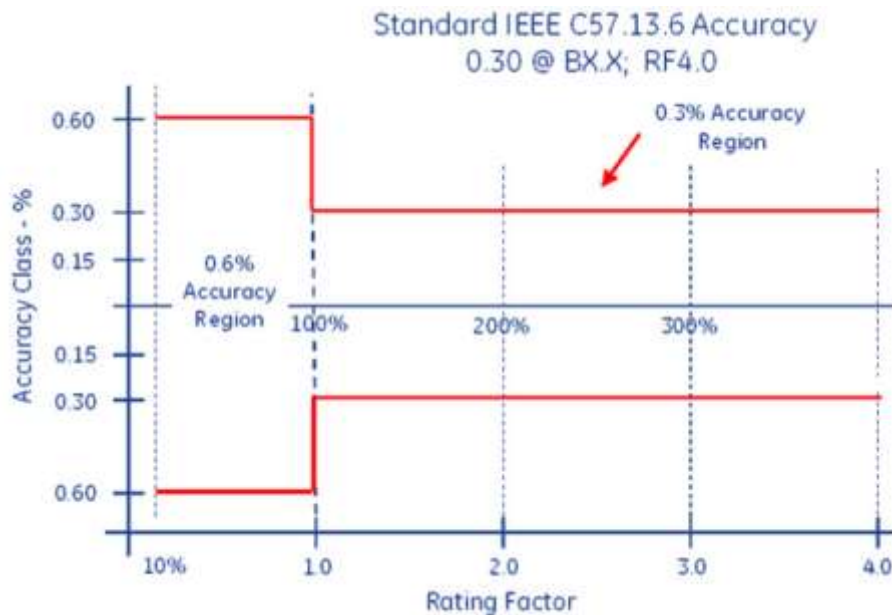
A value representing the amount by which the primary current can be increased without exceeding the allowable temperature rise.

For instance, a RF of 4.0 at 30° ambient on a 400:5 ratio CT would allow for a primary current up to 1600A.

## Accuracy Classifications

All CT's fall within an accuracy class.

IEEE Standards have defined accuracy classes.





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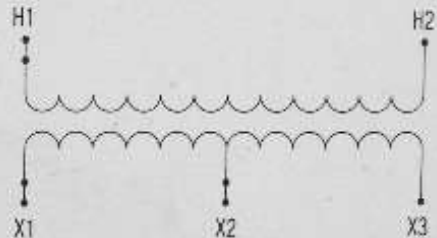
Burden  
Rating

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.3@B0.1,B0.2

The burden range, present in the secondary circuit, that the manufacturer will guarantee their CT's will still accurately function, in regards to the ratio specification.



# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



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