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Electric Arc Exposure Tests

For Milliken

Fabric

**Twill, Style 0586, Navy
Laundered wt. 7.7 oz/yd²**

October 2008

Tests Conducted at Kinectrics High Current Laboratory
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Electric Arc Exposure Tests

Materials for use in Electric Arc

Milliken

Certificate of Performance

This is to certify that the tests documented in this report were conducted at Kinectrics High Current Laboratory in accordance with ASTM International Standard Test Method F 1959/F 1959M-05a. The test samples were washed and dried by the Milliken in accordance with the above standard.

Fabric system specified in the table below received arc rating as **ATPV=9.2 cal/cm²**

Manufacturer	Milliken
	Layer 1
Fabric design	Twill
Style	Style 0586
Color	Navy
Laundered wt	7.7 oz/yd ²

Requested by: Mr. James Cliver

Approved by Hugh Hoagland
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Milliken

Evaluation of Textile Materials

ASTM F 1959/F 1959M-05a

Full Scale Arc Tests at Kinectrics High Current Laboratory

At the request of Mr. James Cliver, electric arc exposure tests were conducted on textile systems for Milliken . Mr. James Cliver arranged with Hugh Hoagland Consulting, Inc. to conduct tests at the High Current Laboratory of Kinectrics in Toronto and review test data.

The textiles were tested according to the ASTM F 1959/F 1959M-05a Standard Test Method for Determining the Arc Rating of Materials for Clothing

Introduction

The electrical industry has experienced severe injuries to workers when they have inadvertently been exposed to the energies of the electric arc. Burns resulting in death or requiring lengthy rehabilitation have occurred when workers have been exposed to the thermal effects of an electric arc.

Many of these burns have been further complicated by ignition, melting and continued burning of non-flame resistant materials or non-arc resistant materials.

The materials developed by Milliken are designed to be resistant to flame and are to be rated for electric arc exposure.

Test Samples

Sample preparation was completed in accordance with ASTM F 1959/F 1959M-05a. An adequate amount of material was washed three times and dried. Following the washing procedure, material was cut into panel test samples.

Sample preparation was completed by Milliken .

The samples as tested are described in the Table below:

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Test Method

Test apparatus

The ASTM F 1959/F 1959M-05a Standard Test Method for Determining the Arc Rating of Materials for Clothing requires testing conducted in a high current laboratory with a controlled arc source. Test apparatus is required to be equipped with instrumented sensor panels and instrumented monitor sensors as shown on Figure 1.

The Kinectrics High Current Laboratory uses a 100 MVA supply (100 million volt-amperes). This supply feeds the arc current to the arc electrodes through co-axial circuit.

Arc electrodes are enclosed within a modified Faraday “cage” to minimize the effects of magnetic fields on the directionality of the arc. The test apparatus is placed in a test cell to minimize or eliminate the effect of rain, wind and ambient temperature.

A series of trials completes one test. Each trial results in three data point.

Following parameters are set, checked and recorded for each trial:

- arc current
- arc duration
- arc electrodes spacing
- distance between test specimen(s) and arc electrode

The peak current is controlled by closing phase angle of the 60 Hz supply source with accuracy of 0.01 cycles.

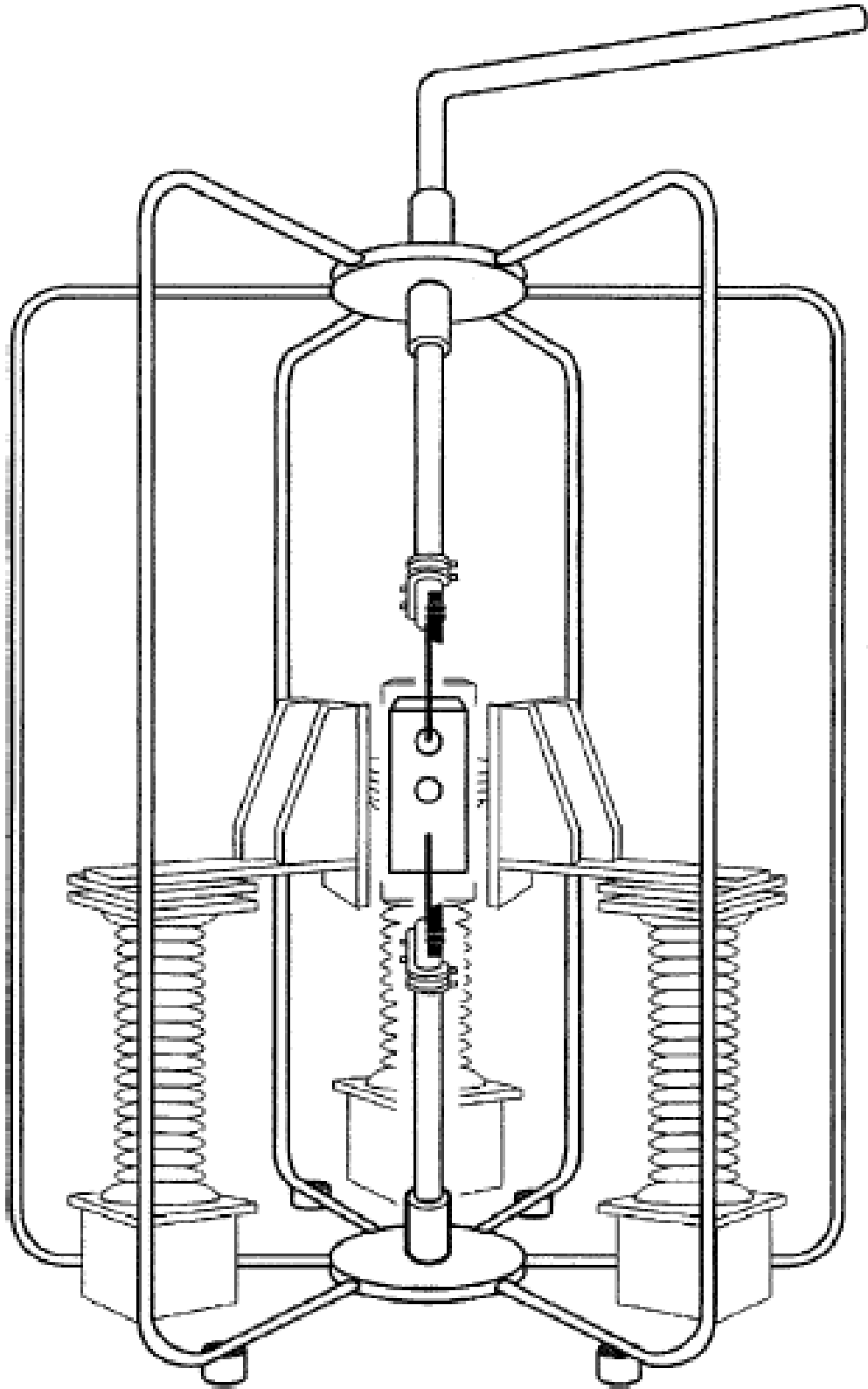


Figure 1. Test Set Up With Cage

Instrumented Panel and Monitor Sensors

Each panel equipped with two copper calorimeters mounted as shown in Figure 2. Two monitor sensors attached with mounting hardware on both sides of each panel. Each monitor sensor is equipped with one copper calorimeter.

Monitor sensors measure the incident energy (E_i) for the panel. Panel sensors measure the pass through energy that is compared with to the Stoll second-degree burn criteria.

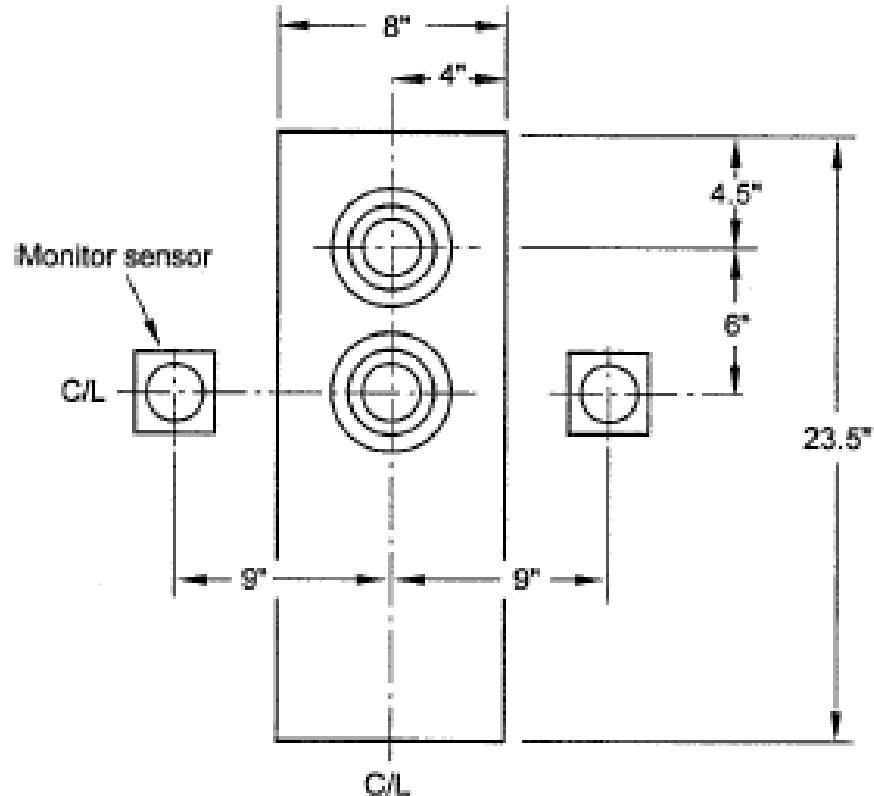


Figure 2. Instrumented Panel and Monitor Sensors

Arc Thermal Energy Measurement

The arc is not a straight vertical column. It may move horizontally or vertically or both. The co-axial supply and the arc “cage” (Fig. 1) reduce this arc movement caused by the magnetic field by the high currents in the test circuit.

The monitor sensors on each side of the panels measure the heat across materials. The temperature rises of the sensors are evaluated to determine the results of each test.

However, in addition to recorded data each trial must be evaluated using visual observations.

Test Results

The test program includes minimum of seven three-panel arc trials. The test data set is evaluated using logistic regression method. A comparison of logistic regression to linear regression is also available on request.

Detailed test data, test observations, statistical analysis, and graphs are shown on attached three pages and photograph.



The arc voltage record, arc current record, arc duration, arc energy and the temperature rise record for each sensor are included on CD.

Each test was video taped. Video is included on CD.

CD is a part of this report.

Conclusions

The material under test received the arc rating below:

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Fabric design	Twill
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Color	Navy
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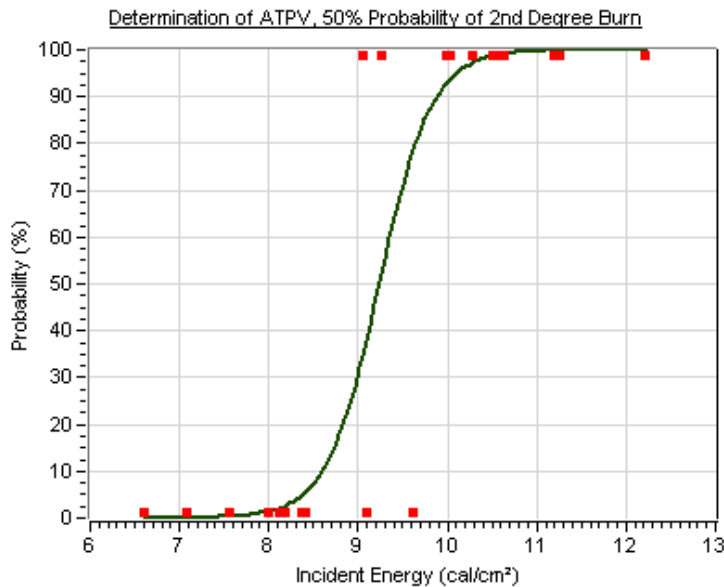
Arc Rating: ATPV=9.2 cal/cm²

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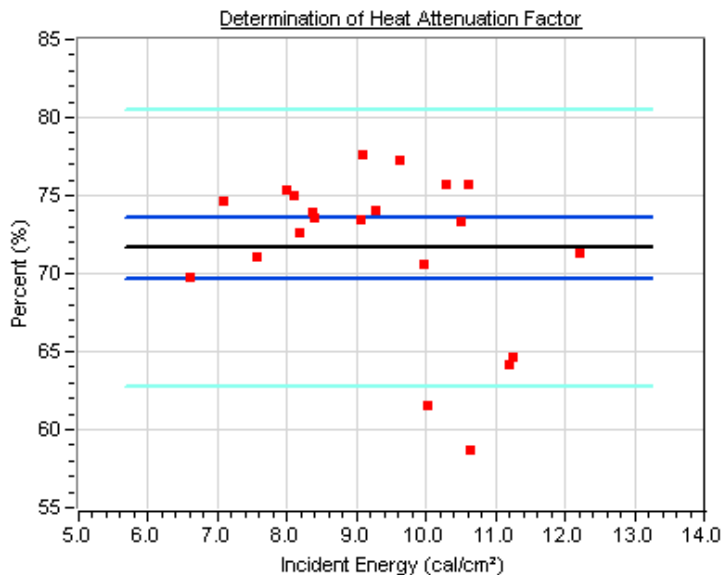
Client: Milliken

Fabric Description: Milliken Style 0586, Navy, Measured weight 7.7 oz/yd²



ATPV = 9.2 cal/cm²

Probability of Burn	Ei
5%	8.4
10%	8.6
20%	8.8
30%	9.0
40%	9.1
50%	9.2
60%	9.4
70%	9.5
80%	9.6
90%	9.9



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Client: Milliken

Fabric Description: Milliken Style 0586, Navy, Measured weight 7.7 oz/yd²

Test #	Panel	Cycles # (60Hz)	Ei cal/cm ²	SCD cal/cm ²	HAF %	Burn yes/no	Break Open Y/N	After Flame sec.	Omit Y/N	Comment	Ignition T-shirt
1	08-4025	A	12.1	9.06	0.09	73.4	Yes	-	-	No	
2	08-4025	B	12.1	10.50	0.63	73.3	Yes	-	-	No	
3	08-4025	C	12.1	8.40	-0.09	73.6	No	-	-	No	
4	08-4026	A	14.1	10.03	1.84	61.6	Yes	-	-	No	
5	08-4026	B	14.1	12.22	1.51	71.3	Yes	-	-	No	
6	08-4026	C	14.1	10.64	2.32	58.7	Yes	-	-	No	
7	08-4027	A	10.1	8.18	-0.16	72.6	No	-	-	No	
8	08-4027	B	10.1	7.08	-0.57	74.7	No	-	-	No	
9	08-4027	C	10.1	8.36	-0.16	73.9	No	-	-	No	
10	08-4028	A	11.1	9.26	0.03	74.0	Yes	-	-	No	
11	08-4028	B	11.1	9.61	-0.20	77.3	No	-	-	No	
12	08-4028	C	11.1	8.00	-0.38	75.4	No	-	-	No	
13	08-4029	A	13.1	11.20	1.88	64.2	Yes	-	-	No	
14	08-4029	B	13.1	10.28	0.16	75.7	Yes	-	-	No	
15	08-4029	C	13.1	11.25	1.89	64.7	Yes	-	-	No	
16	08-4030	A	13.1	6.60	-0.42	69.8	No	-	-	No	
17	08-4030	B	13.1	8.11	-0.35	75.0	No	-	-	No	
18	08-4030	C	13.1	7.56	-0.16	71.1	No	-	-	No	
19	08-4031	A	12.1	9.98	0.60	70.6	Yes	-	-	No	
20	08-4031	B	12.1	9.09	-0.27	77.6	No	-	-	No	
21	08-4031	C	12.1	10.60	0.20	75.7	Yes	-	-	No	
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