



IBC-2006 Seismic Rating

What's Shakin'?

What you need to know about seismic requirements and GE compliance



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What you need to know about GE compliance with IBC-2006

- GE has established consolidated IBC-2006 seismic capable product lines
- Products were 3D shake table tested in accordance with ICC-ES-AC156
- Products are rated to perform successfully during and after seismic activity
- Developed for areas with stringent seismic requirements
- Needed in essential facilities (data centers, hospitals, etc.)

Equipment Ratings

The GE product lines listed below were certified to ASCE 7.05, IEEE-693-2005 and IBC-2006 3D shake table testing as set forth in the "Acceptance Criteria for Seismic Qualification by Shake-Table Testing of Nonstructural Components and Systems" (ICC-ES-AC156). Samples of the most seismically vulnerable constructions were tested to qualify each product line.

Product Line	Std/ Opt	IBC-2006				Certification Report
		I _p = 1.5 z/h >0		I _p = 1.5 z/h =0		
		S _s	S _{ds}	S _s	S _{ds}	
Panelboards						
A-Series Lighting Panels						
AQ, AQP & AL	Std	200%	1.3g	300%	2.0g	10095950
AE & AEP		300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	
AD & ADP		150%	1.0g	240%	1.6g	
Spectra Series Power Panelboards	Std	240%	1.63g	300%	2.0g	10095805
Switchboards						
Spectra & Jiffy Series Switchboard	Opt	158%	1.05g	250%	1.67g	10095999
Integrated Switchboards						
Without Transformer	Opt	300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	10095999
With Transformer	Opt	150%	1.0g	240%	1.6g	
PowerBreak II/AV3 Switchboard	Opt	300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	10096054
Switchgear						
AKD-10 LV Switchgear	Opt	206%	1.4g	300%	2.0g	10095954
AKD-20 LV Switchgear	Opt	200%	1.33g	300%	2.0g	
Entellisys LV Switchgear	Opt	206%	1.4g	300%	2.0g	10095844
PowerVac MV Switchgear	Opt	165%	1.1g	265%	1.77g	10095952
PowerVac DB MV Distribution Breaker	Opt	200%	1.3g	300%	2.0g	10095951
Motor Control Center						
Evolution LV Motor Control Center	Std	200%	1.33g	300%	2.0g	10095801
LimitAmp MV Motor Control Center	Opt	300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	10095800
BreakMaster Load Interrupter Switch	Opt	300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	10095791
Enclosed Drives	Std	300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	10095809
Spectra Series Busway	Std	250%	1.7g	300%	2.0g	10095806
Transformers (LV)						
TransforMore & QL						
Floor Mounted	Std	200%	1.3g	300%	2.0g	10095845
Wall Mounted		150%	1.0g	240%	1.6g	
QMS, IP & QB		300%	2.0g	300%	2.0g	

Test Criteria

IBC-2006 Test Criteria

- I_p** Equipment importance factor (from 1.0 to 1.5). All GE equipment with IBC-2006 certification is qualified to an I_p level of 1.5, indicating the equipment will be fully functional during and after a seismic event.
- z/h** The ratio of equipment mounting height (z) to roof height (h) (From 0 to 1). Ground and roof mounted equipment, for example, would have z/h levels of 0 and 1, respectively
- S_s** Mapped maximum considered earthquake response at short periods [%g]. Values are assigned based upon geographic location, probability, and severity of seismic activity; provided on maps in IBC-2006. (From 0% to 300%).
- S_{ds}** Design spectral response acceleration at short periods [g]. Adjusted value based upon S_s and installation site characteristics. (From 0.0 to 2.0)
 $S_{ds} = 2/3 * F_a * S_s$ (where $0.8 < F_a < 1$)

IBC seismic testing qualified each product line to specific S_{ds} levels for ground- and roof-level installation. Equipment S_{ds} levels must equal or exceed the S_{ds} levels of the installation location.

Certification

Seismic certification and analytical work was performed by "W. E. Gundy & Associates, Inc., Registered Professional Engineers," William E. Gundy, Registered Professional Engineer, California license #CE-26539. As shown, a typical report includes verification of test results as well as qualification to IBC-2006 and IEEE-693-2005 standards.



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