CT Testing:
Theory and Practice

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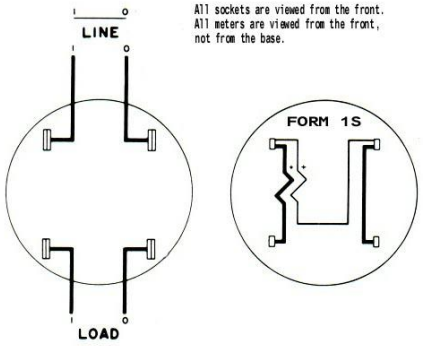
Self Contained vs. Transformer Rated

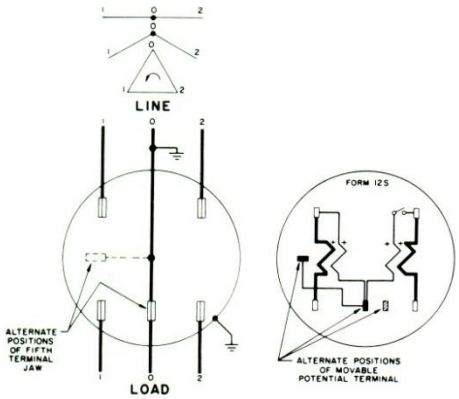
1S, 2S, 3S, 4S, 9S, 12S, 16S, 45S, etc., etc.

What's the Difference?

Different Forms for Different Services and Applications



FORM 1S
1ø, 2 W CIRCUIT
1 Stator, 2 W Meter, Self-Contained



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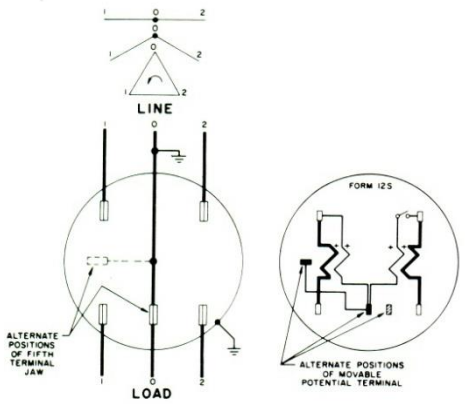

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Self Contained vs. Transformer Rated

Self Contained

(direct)

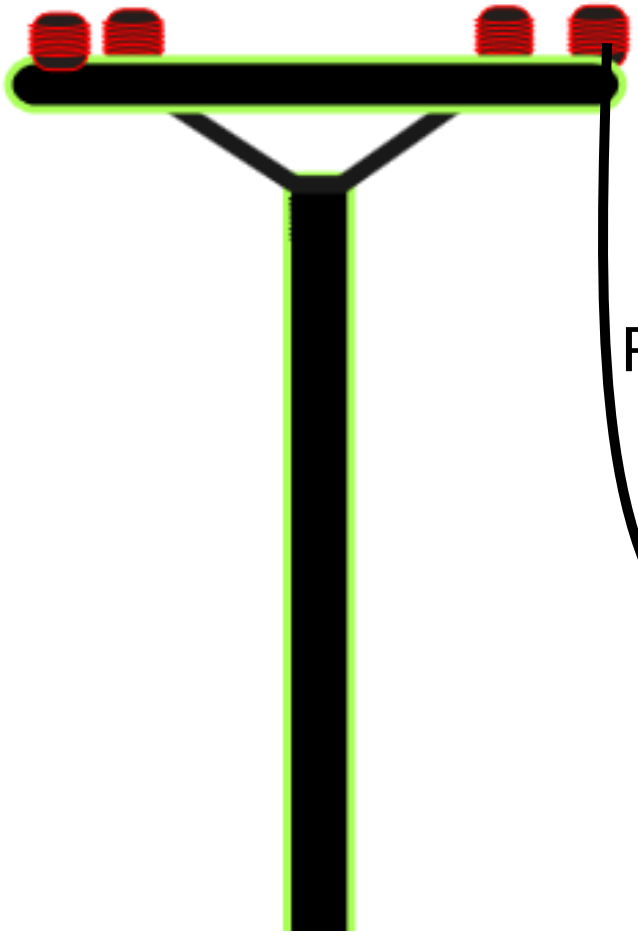
Transformer Rated

(indirect)

Self Contained

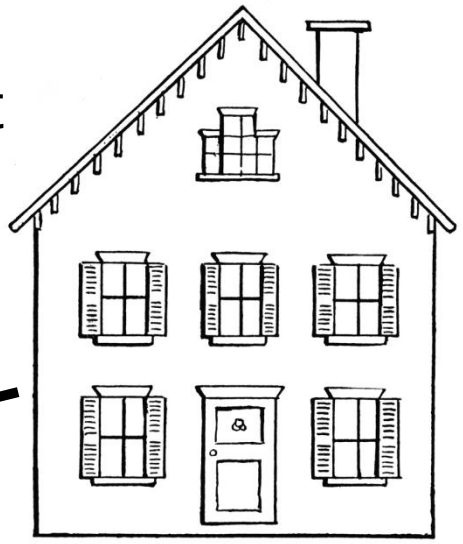
Primarily Residential

(1S, 2S, 12S)



Relatively Low Current

Example: 100A



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Primarily Commercial/Industrial

(9S, 16S)

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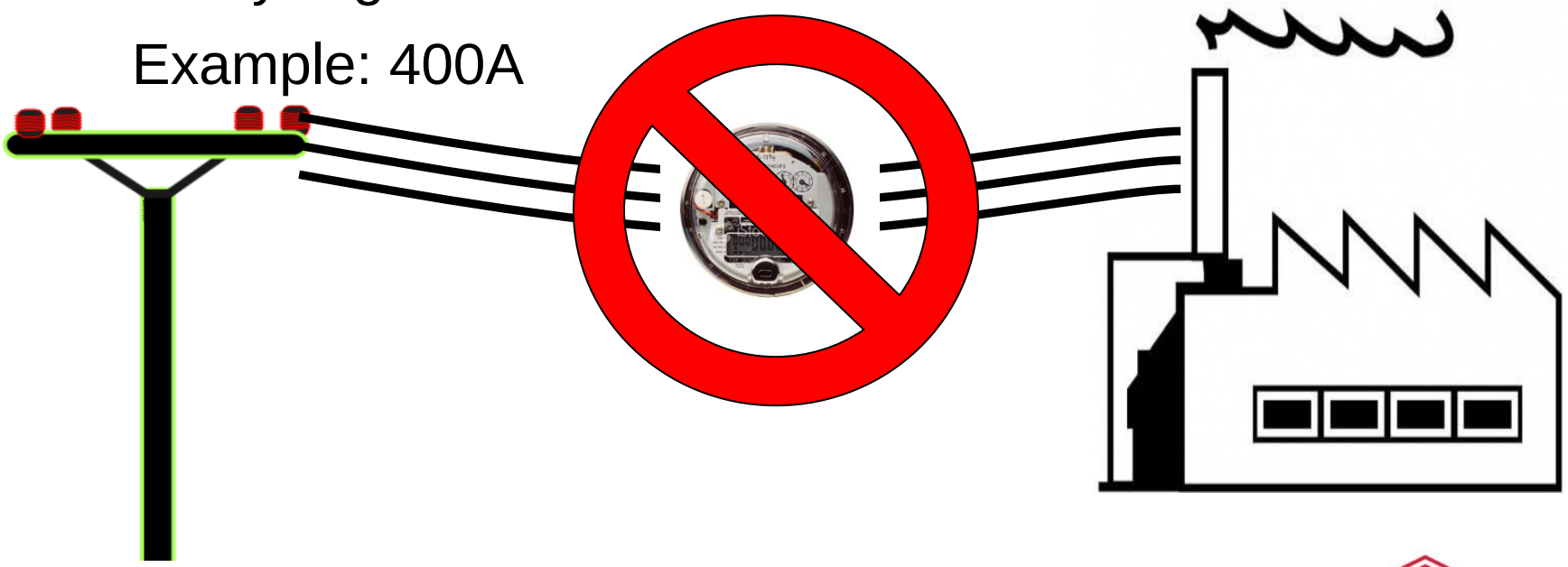

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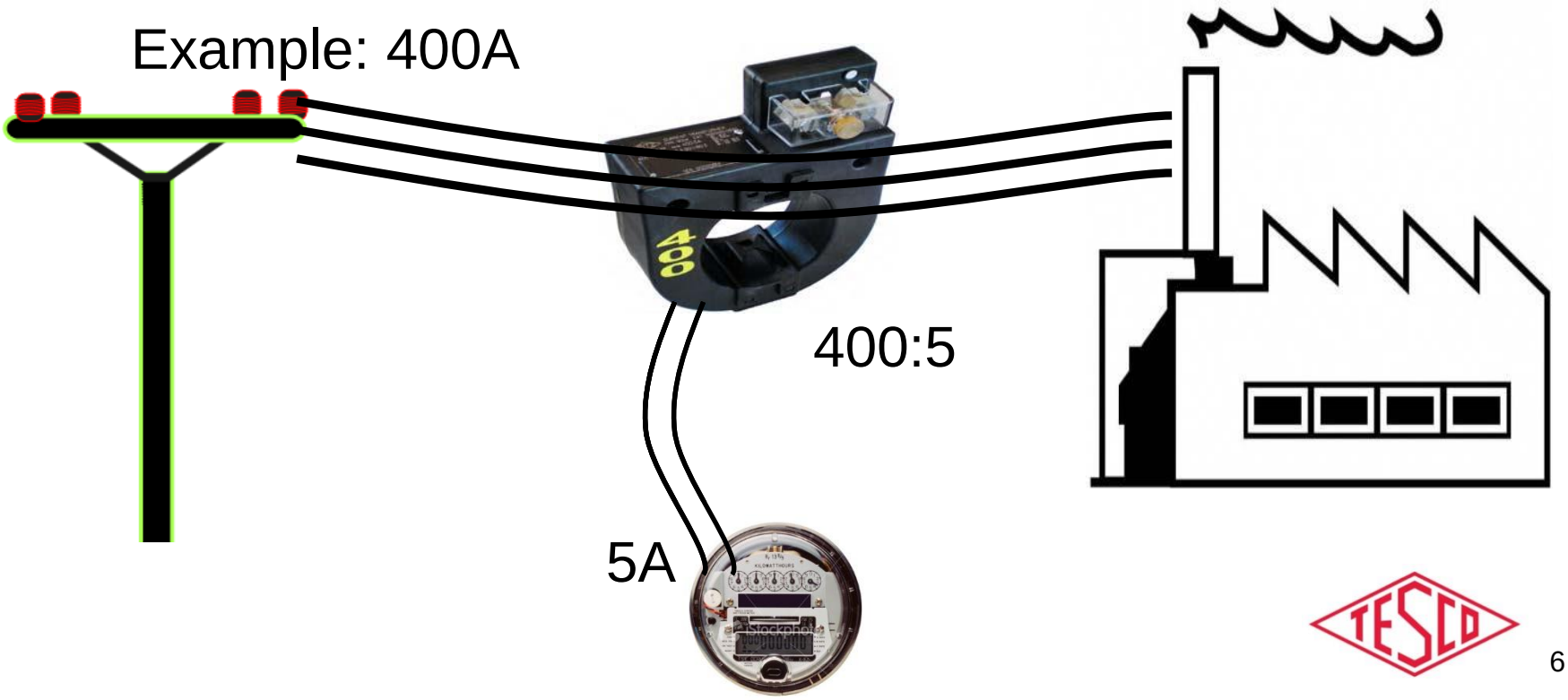
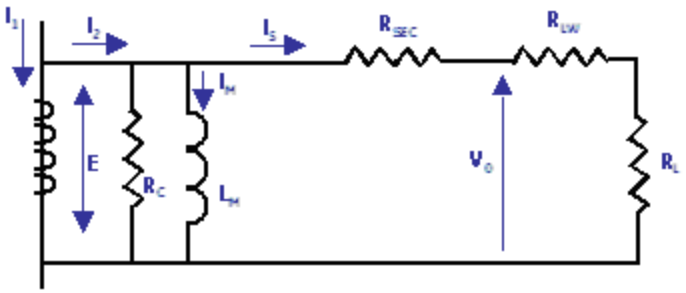


CT's – Functions and Terminology

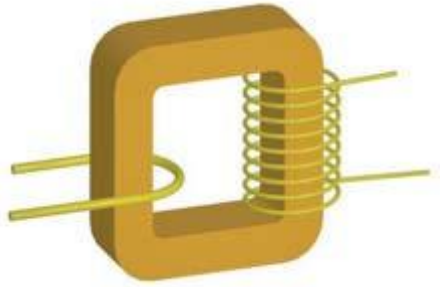


$I_2 = I_S + I_M$
I_1 = Primary Current
I_2 = Secondary Current for ideal transformer
I_s = Secondary Current seen on secondary
I_M = Magnetization Current

E = Induced Electromotive Force
V_0 = Secondary Voltage
L_M = Magnetizing Inductance
R_C = Core Loss
R_{SEC} = Resistance of secondary
R_{LW} = Resistance of leadwire
R_L = Resistance of load

Equivalent Circuit w/ losses

Ratio



Conceptual Picture of a CT

As current is applied in the primary, it produces a magnetic flux in the core. This flux flows through the core and induces a current in the secondary windings and circuit that is proportional to the number of turns.

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Ratio

For instance, a CT with a 400:5 ratio will produce 5A on the secondary, when 400A are applied to the primary.

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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.

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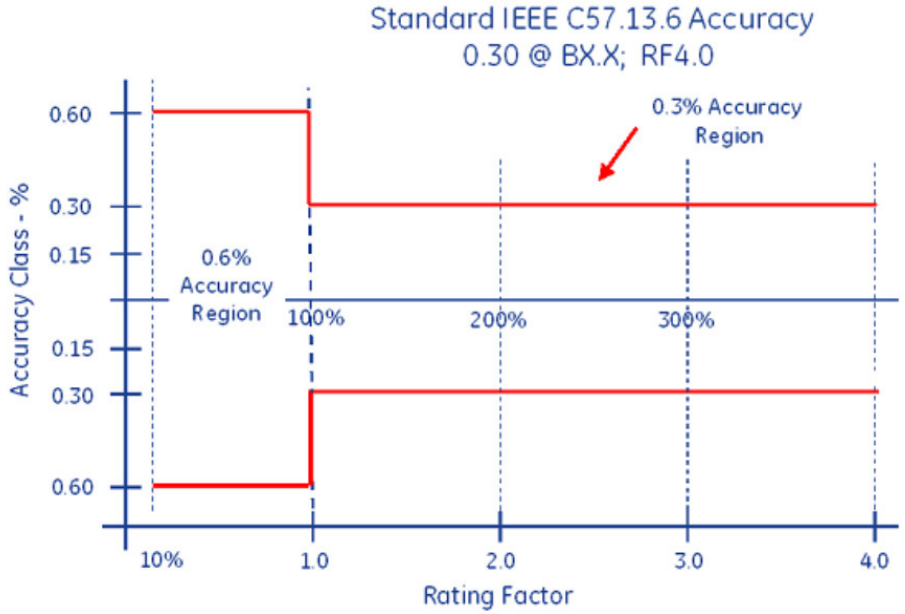
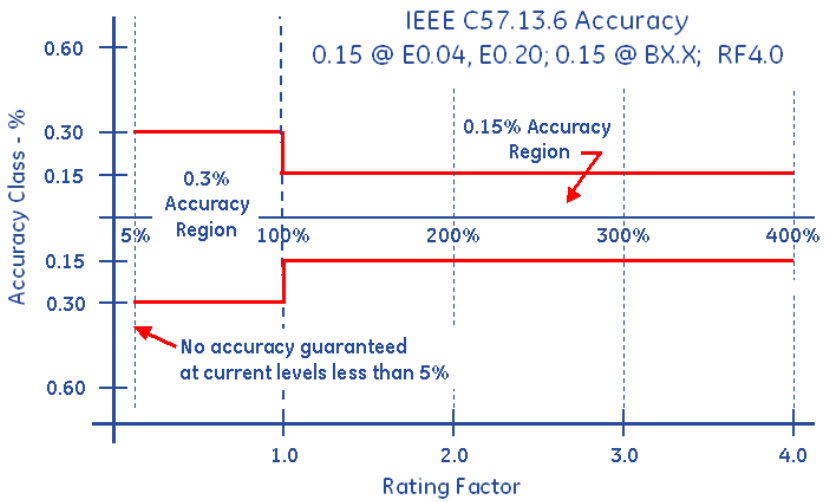
Accuracy Classifications and Burden

All CT's fall within an accuracy class.

IEEE Standards have defined accuracy classes.





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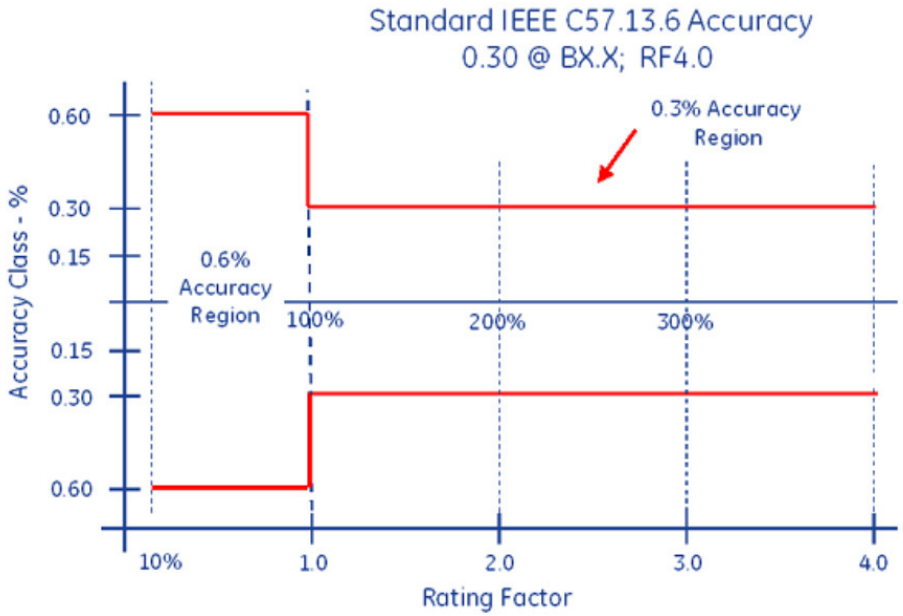

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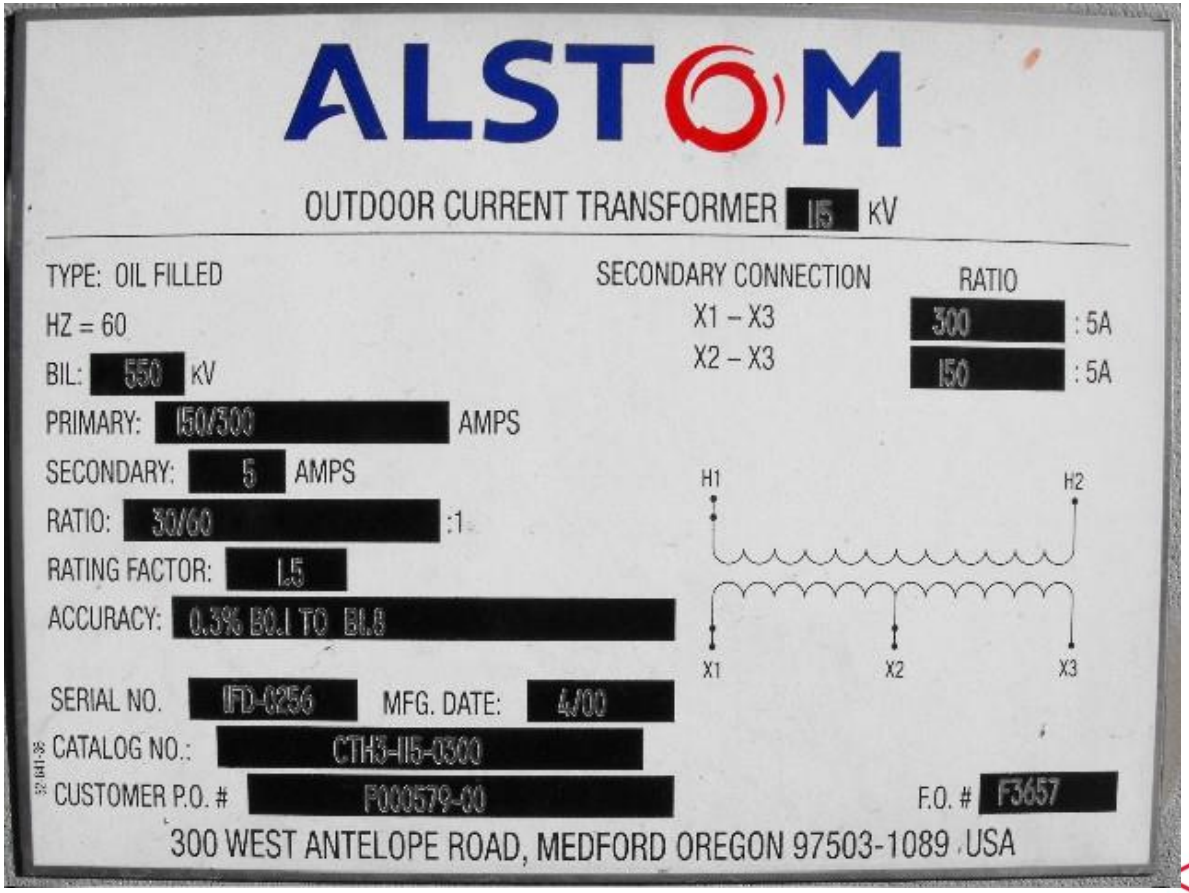
Faceplate



Transformer Rated

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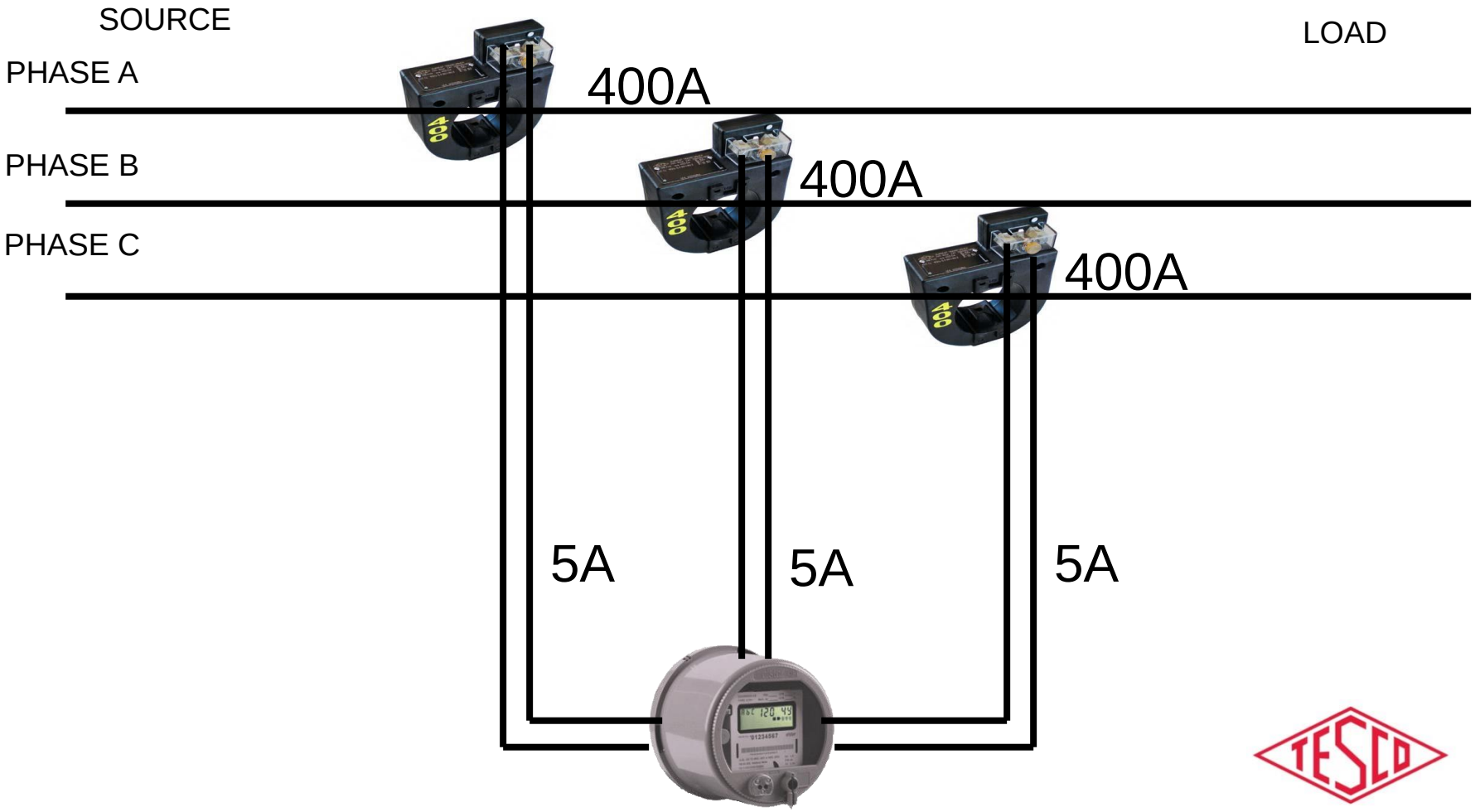

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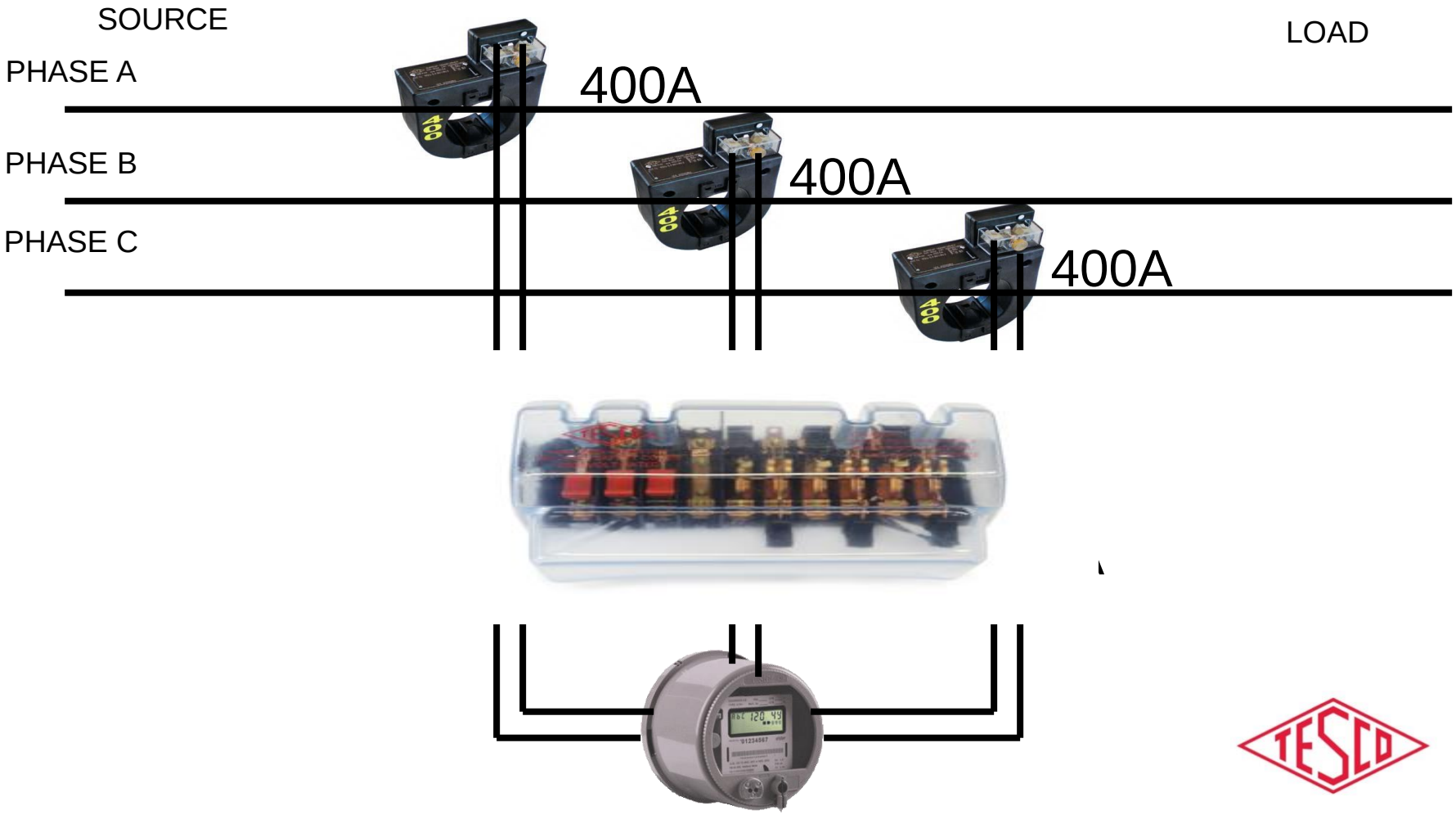

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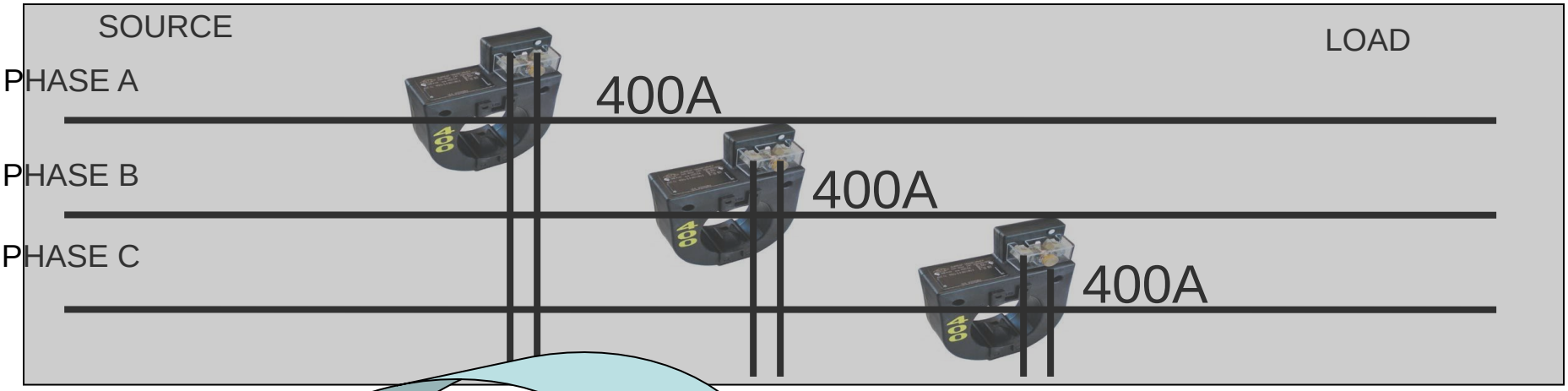

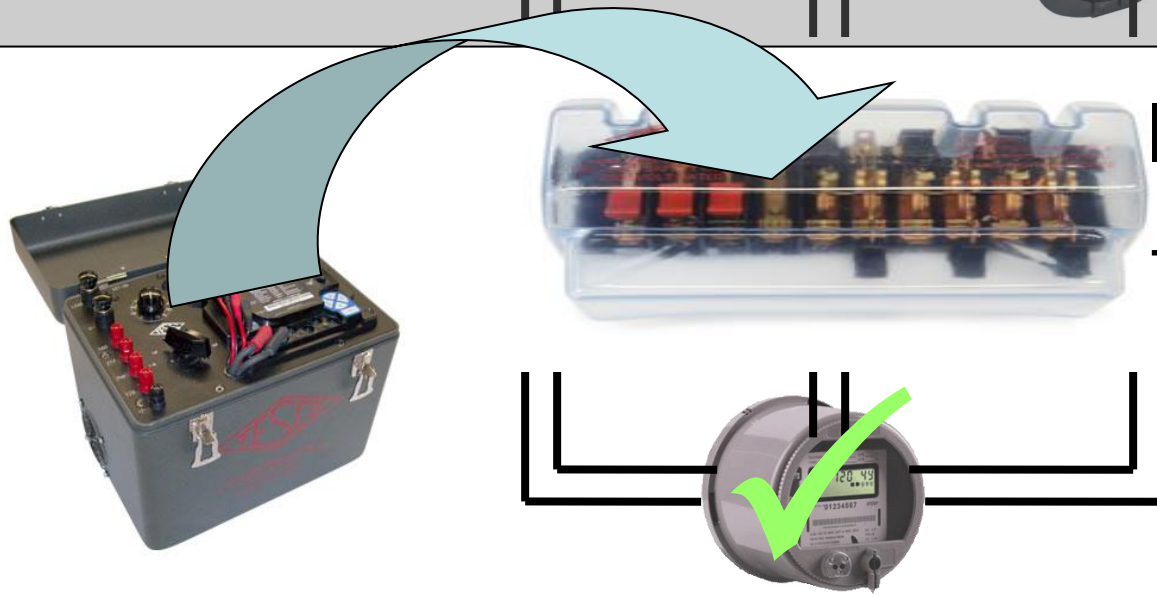

Isolate the Meter from the Service

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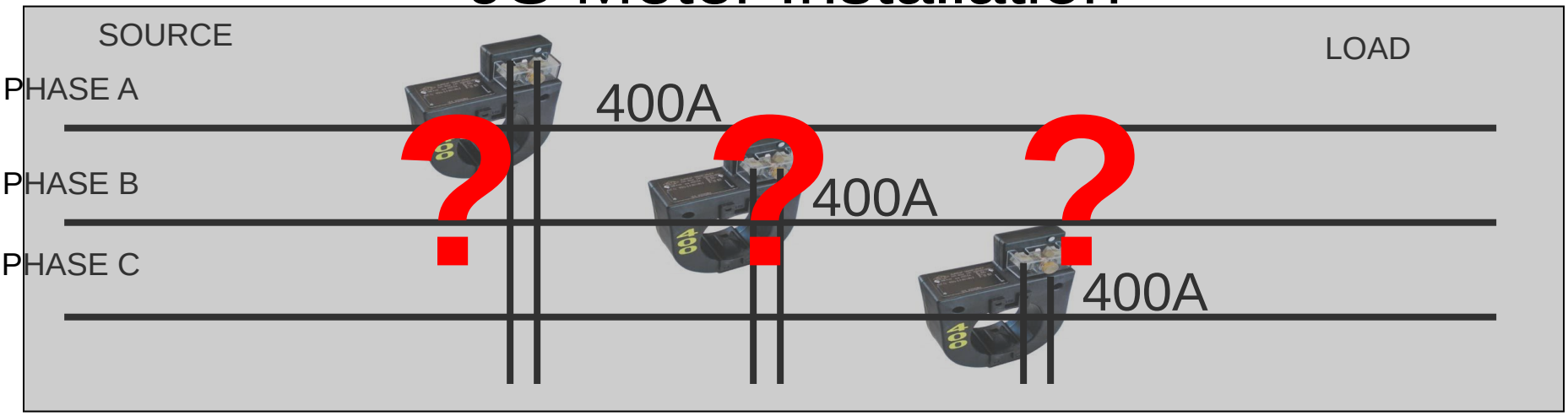

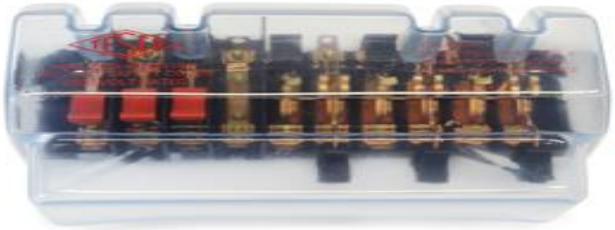

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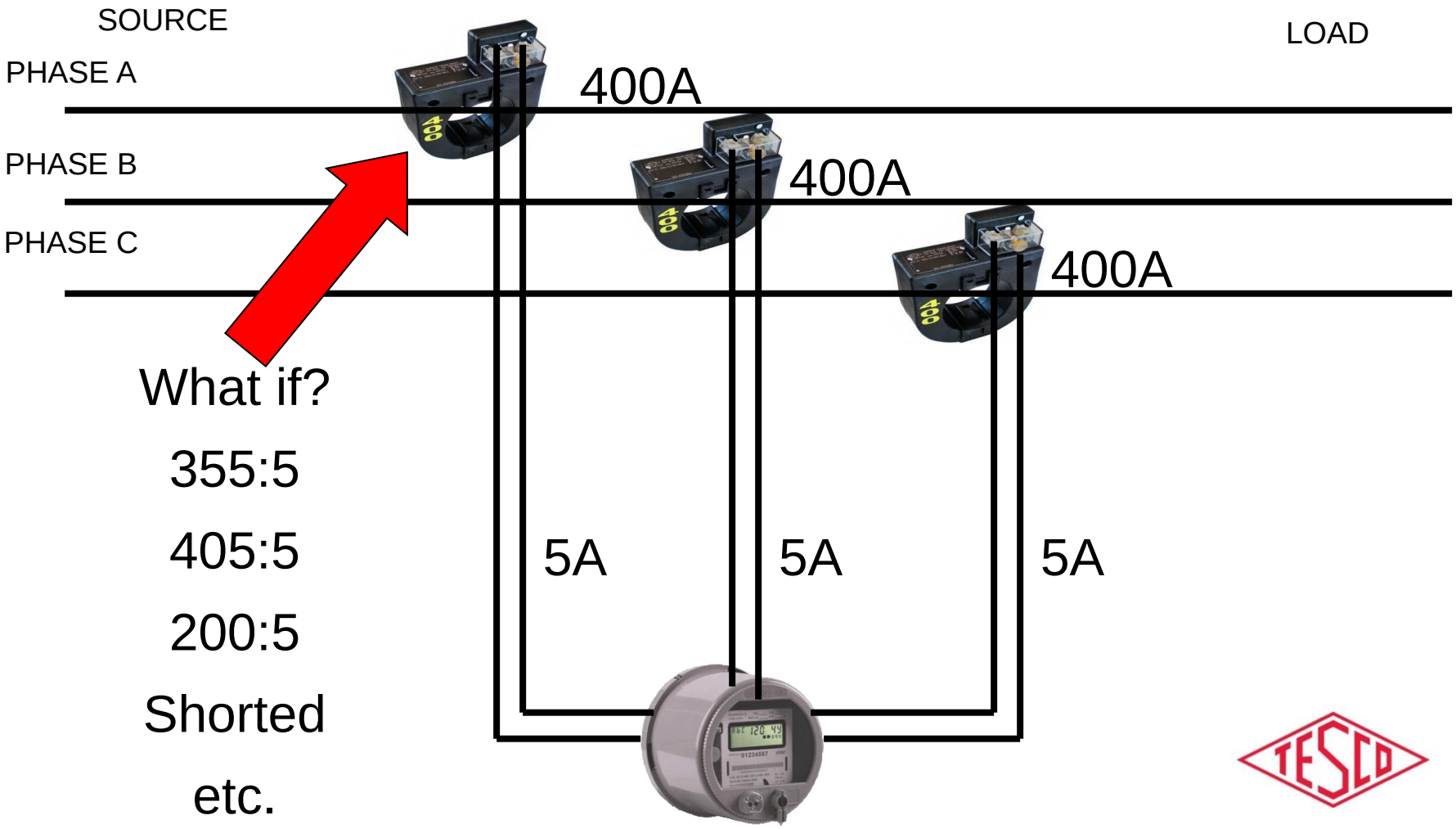


CT Testing

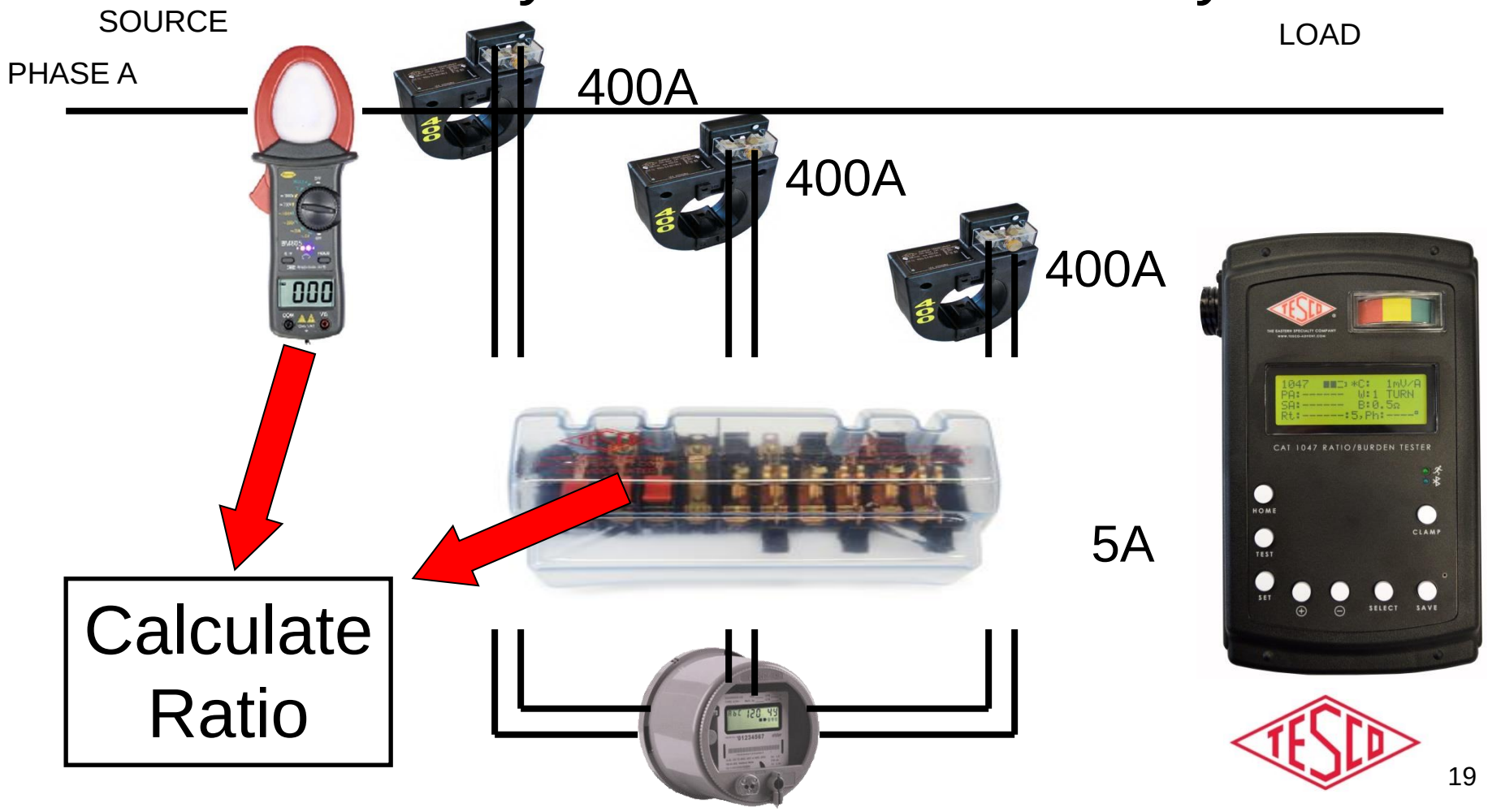
CT Testing is Important!

1) Test for correct ratio

2) Test for functionality at rated burdens

Ratio Testing

Ratio of Primary Current to Secondary Current



Burden Testing

Functionality with Burden Present on the Secondary Loop

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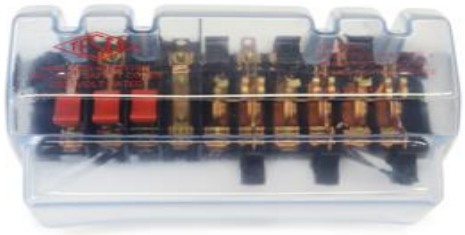

Some burden will always be present – junctions, meter coils, test switches, cables, etc.

CT's must be able to maintain an accurate ratio with burden on the secondary.

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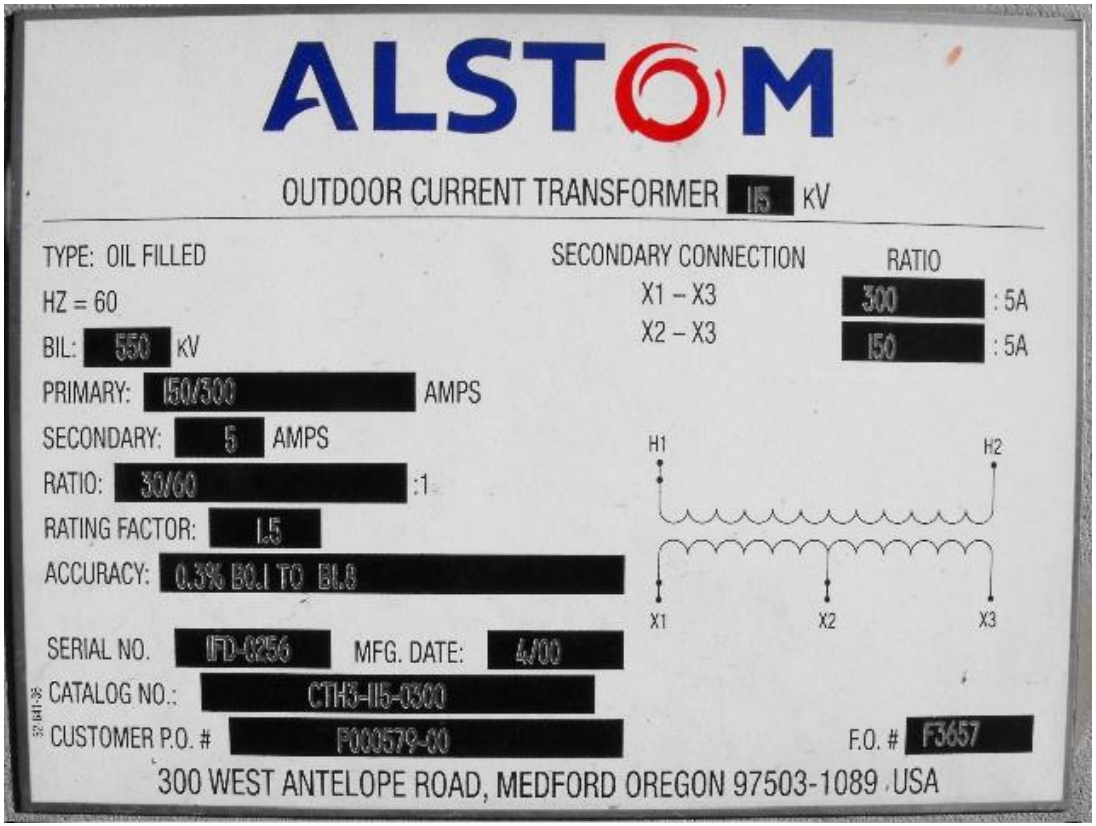

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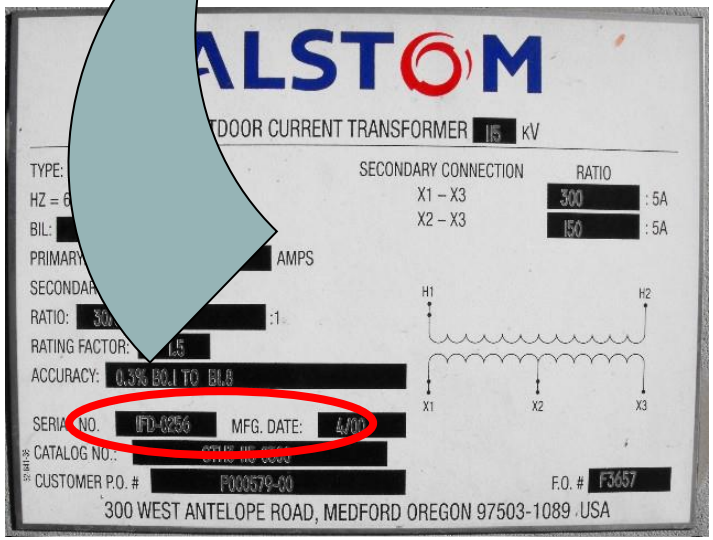

Example Burden Spec:

0.3% @ B0.1, B0.2, B0.5

or

There should be less than the 0.3% change in secondary current from initial (“0” burden) reading, when up to 0.5Ohms of burden is applied

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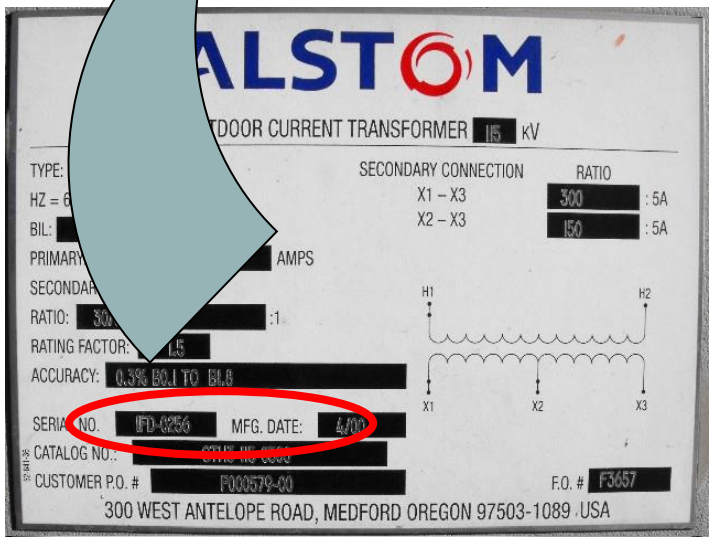

ANSI Burden Values

0.1 Ohms

0.2 Ohms

0.5 Ohms

1 Ohms

2 Ohms

4 Ohms

8 Ohms

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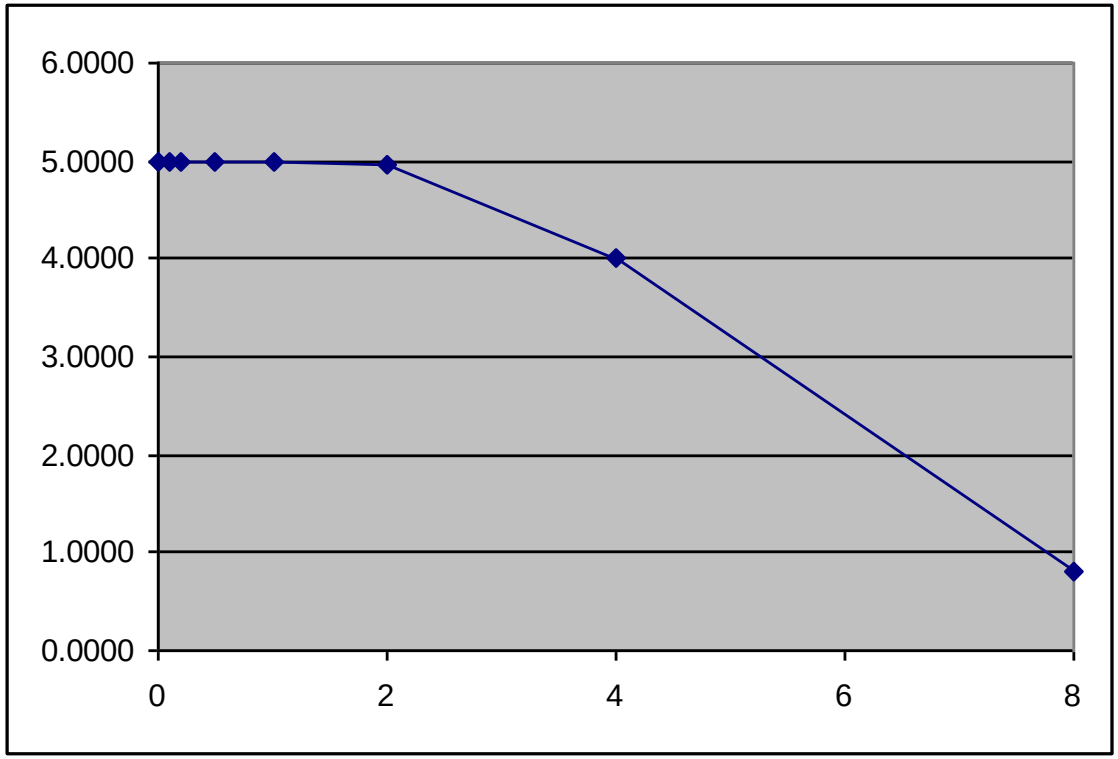

Burden	Reading
0	5.0000
0.1	4.9999
0.2	4.9950
0.5	4.9900
1	4.9800
2	4.9500
4	4.0000
8	0.8000

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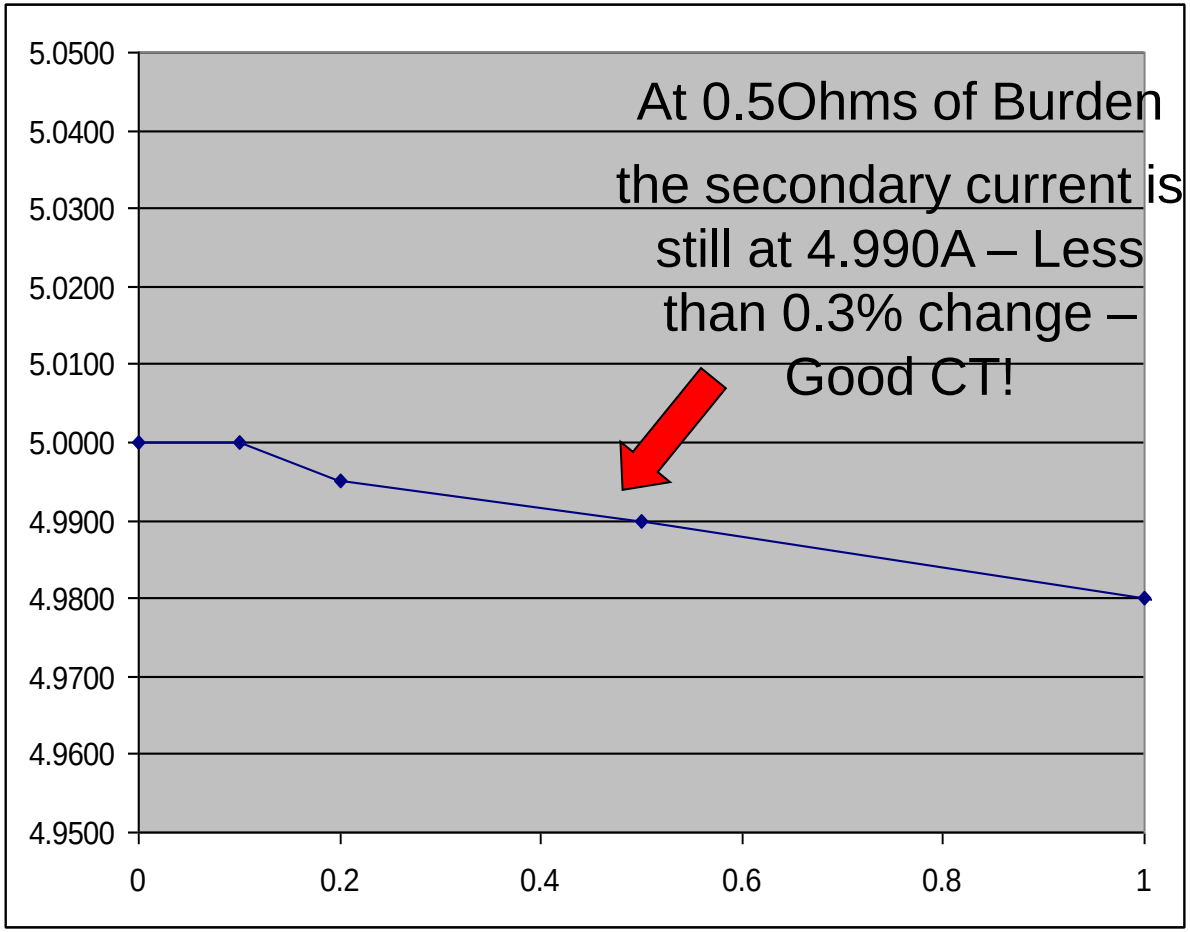

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Analog Testing

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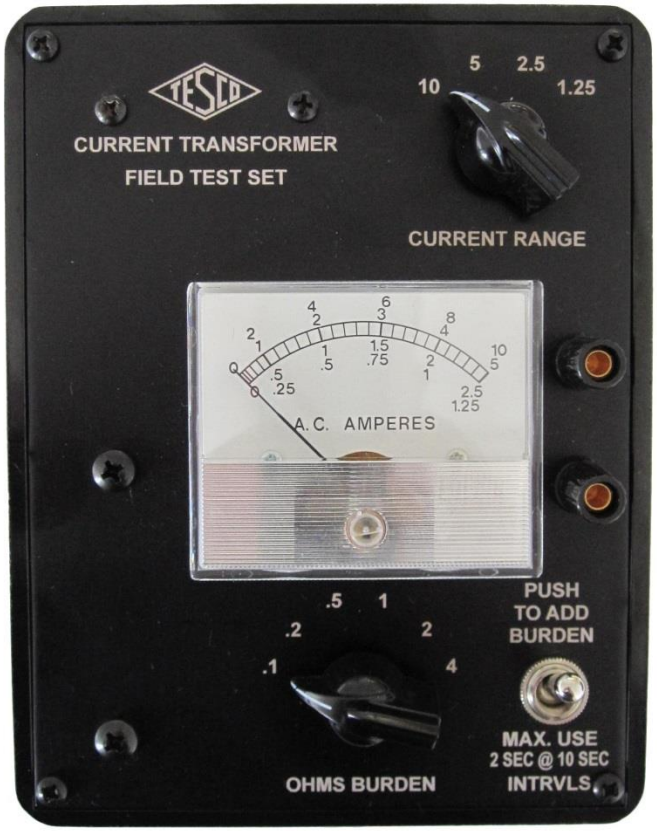

Manual reading of initial and post-burden secondary currents

Digital Testing

Application of Burden and Calculation

- Reads the initial current immediately prior to applying the selected burden
- Applies the selected burden to the secondary
- Reads the current immediately following current application
- Calculates the percentages change

Questions?

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