

Insulator Discs and Strings

3.1.1.1. Type Of Insulators:

All suspension and tension strings shall consist of standard centre ball and socket type porcelain insulators with all the exposed porcelain parts fully glazed, unless otherwise specified.

3.1.1.2. Quality And Strength of The Insulators:

The insulators and their hardware used in the lines shall comply with requirement of relevant IS or other equivalent international standards.

3.1.1.3. Materials Used:

The porcelain used in the manufacture of the insulators shall be of the best quality and shall be manufactured by the wet process. It shall be homogeneous, free from lamination; flaws etc. and well finished making it impervious to moisture. The glaze shall be brown color and shall cover all the porcelain parts of the insulator except these areas necessarily left unglazed for the purpose of assembly. The cement used in the construction of the insulators shall not cause fracture by expansion or loosening and shall not give rise to any chemical reaction with the metal fittings.

3.1.2. HARDWARE FITTINGS FOR INSULATOR

3.1.2.1. Hardware:

Each insulator string assembly shall generally include the following hardware:

Anchor shackle for attachment of suspension string assembly to the tower hanger and tension string assembly to the tower strain plate. Suitable top and bottom yoke assemblies with the arrangement of fixing a set of arcing horns.

- Set of arcing horns
- Suspension or tension clamp
- Bolts, nuts, washers, split pins etc.
- Other fittings necessary to make the strings complete such as ball clevis, socket clevis, chain links etc.

The bidder shall be responsible and satisfy himself that all the hardware included in strings are entirely suitable for the conductor offered.

3.1.2.2. Strain Clamp:

The bolted strain clamps shall also be made of malleable iron or aluminium alloy; hot dip galvanized, lined with sheet aluminium liners and shall be suitable to accommodate the conductor with necessary binding tapes etc. The lips shall be rounded off carefully and conductor seating and the ball mouth shall be smooth to avoid corona and radio interference noises. Suitable attachment for receiving one side of arcing horns and for connecting to the insulator strings shall be provided.

The strain clamps shall be such that the conductor should not slip at a load of 90% of the breaking load of the conductor. The ultimate strength of the clamp for horizontal load shall not be less than the ultimate strength of the conductor.

3.1.2.3. Other Insulator String Hardware:

The strength of other string hardware namely anchor shackle, yoke plates, socket-clevis etc. shall be coordinated with insulator disc strength.

3.1.2.4. Interchangeability:

The hardware together with ball and socket fittings shall be of standard design, so that this hardware are interchangeable with each other and suitable for use with disc insulators of any make conforming to relevant Indian/International Standard

3.1.2.5. Ball And Socket Designation:

The dimensions of the ball and socket shall be of 20 mm designation for 70 KN , 90 KN and 120 KN discs, in accordance with the standard dimensions stated in IS: 2486-(Part-II) /IEC: 120. The dimensions shall be checked by the appropriate gauge after galvanizing only.

3.1.2.6. Security Clips and Split Pins:

Security clips for use with ball and socket coupling shall be R-shaped, hump type which provides positive locking of the coupling as per IS: 2486-(Part-III)/IEC: 372. The legs of the security clips shall be spread after assembly in the works to prevent complete withdrawal from the socket. The locking device should be resilient, corrosion resistant and of suitable mechanical strength. There shall be no risk of the locking device being displaced accidentally or being rotated when in position. Under no circumstances shall the locking devices allow separation of fittings.

The hole for the security clip shall be countersunk and the clip should be of such design that the eye of clip may be engaged by a hot line clip puller to provide for disengagement under energized conditions. The force required to pull the security clip into its unlocked position shall neither be than 50 N (5 kg) nor more than 500 N (50 kg).

Split pins shall be used with bolts & nuts.

3.1.2.7. Arcing Horn for EHV Strings:

The arcing horn shall be provided on tower side of the hardware fittings. The same shall be either ball ended rod type or tubular type.

The spark gap shall be so adjusted to ensure effective operation under actual field conditions.

3.1.2.8. Dead End Assembly:

The dead-end assembly shall be suitable for Conductor as detailed in the document.

The dead-end assembly shall be compression type with provision for comprising the jumper terminal at one end. The angle of the jumper terminal to be mounted should be 30° with respect to the vertical line. The area of bearing surface on all the connections shall be sufficient to ensure positive electrical and mechanical contact. The resistance of the clamp when compressed on Conductor shall not be more than 75% of the resistance of equivalent length of Conductor.

The assembly shall not permit slipping of, damage to, or failure of the complete conductor or any part thereof at a load less than 95% of the ultimate tensile strength of the conductor.