

In Tune with Power Harmonics

Basic troubleshooting using multimeters and current clamps

Application Note

What's all the noise about harmonics?

A mystery is occurring in today's office buildings and manufacturing plants. Transformers supplying seemingly average loads are overheating. Neutral conductors in balanced circuits are overheating from excessive loads. Circuit breakers are tripping for no apparent reason.

Yet the standard troubleshooting procedures show everything to be normal. So what's the problem?

In one word—*harmonics*.

New technology introduces new challenges

Harmonics are the by-products of modern electronics. They are especially prevalent wherever there are large numbers of personal computers, adjustable speed drives and other types of equipment that draw current in short pulses.

This equipment is designed to draw current only during a controlled portion of the incoming voltage waveform. While this dramatically improves efficiency, it causes harmonics in the load current. And that causes overheated transformers and neutrals, and tripped circuit breakers.

If you were to listen to an ordinary 60 cycle power line, you'd hear a monotone hum. When harmonics are present, you hear a different tune, rich with high notes.

The problem is even more evident when you look at the waveform. A normal 60 cycle power line voltage appears on the oscilloscope as a near sine wave (Figure 1). When harmonics are present, the waveform is distorted (Figure 2A and 2B). These waves are described as non-sinusoidal. The voltage and current waveforms are no longer simply related—hence the term “non-linear.”

Getting to the root of the problem

Finding the problem is relatively easy once you know what to look for and where to look. Harmonics symptoms are usually anything but subtle. This application note will give you some basic pointers on how to find harmonics and some suggestions of ways to address the problem. However, you should call a consultant to analyze your operation and design a plan for your specific situation.

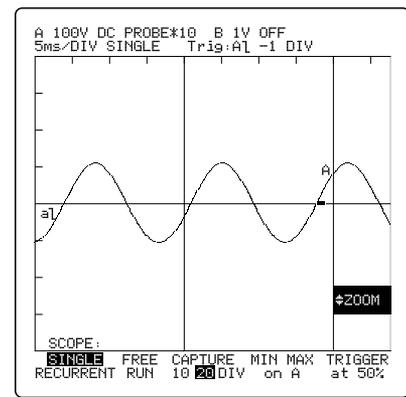


Figure 1. Near sine wave

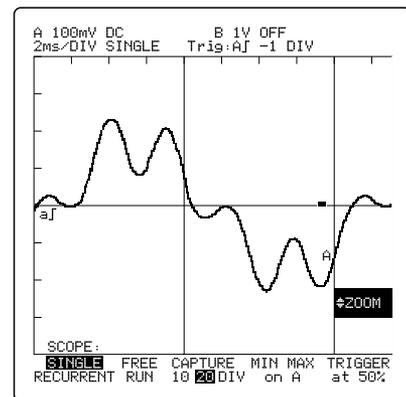


Figure 2A. Distorted current waveform

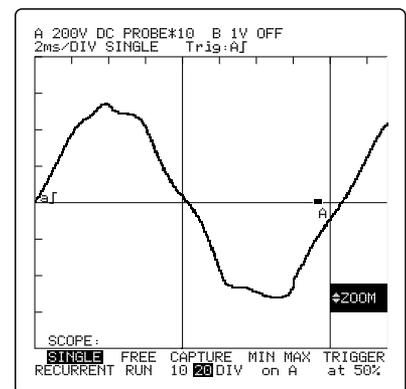


Figure 2B. Distorted voltage waveform

Work safely

The high voltages and currents present in electrical power systems can cause serious injury or death by electrocution. Consequently, testing and modification of electrical systems should be performed by only trained, experienced electricians who have knowledge of electrical systems in general and the equipment under test.

Fluke cannot anticipate all possible precautions that you must take when performing the measurements described in this application note. At a minimum, however, you should:

- Use appropriate safety equipment such as safety glasses, insulating gloves, insulating mats, etc.
- Be sure that all power has been turned off, locked out, and tagged in any situation where you will be in direct contact with circuit components, and be certain that the power can't be turned on by anyone but you.

- Read and understand all of the applicable manuals before using the application information in this application note. Take special note of all safety precautions and warnings in the instruction manuals.

This application note is a general guide to understanding harmonics. It is not intended to substitute for the services of a professional electrical systems consultant. Before you take any measures to diagnose or address your potential harmonics problems you should have your operation thoroughly analyzed by a professional.

This application note is not intended as a tutorial on electrical theory. It assumes basic electrical and electronic knowledge on the part of the reader.

Defining the problem

Harmonics are currents or voltages with frequencies that are integer multiples of the fundamental power frequency. For example if the fundamental frequency is 60 Hz, then the second harmonic is 120 Hz, the third is 180 Hz, etc.

Harmonics are created by non-linear loads that draw current in abrupt pulses rather than in a smooth sinusoidal manner. These pulses cause distorted current wave shapes which in turn cause harmonic currents to flow back into other parts of the power system.

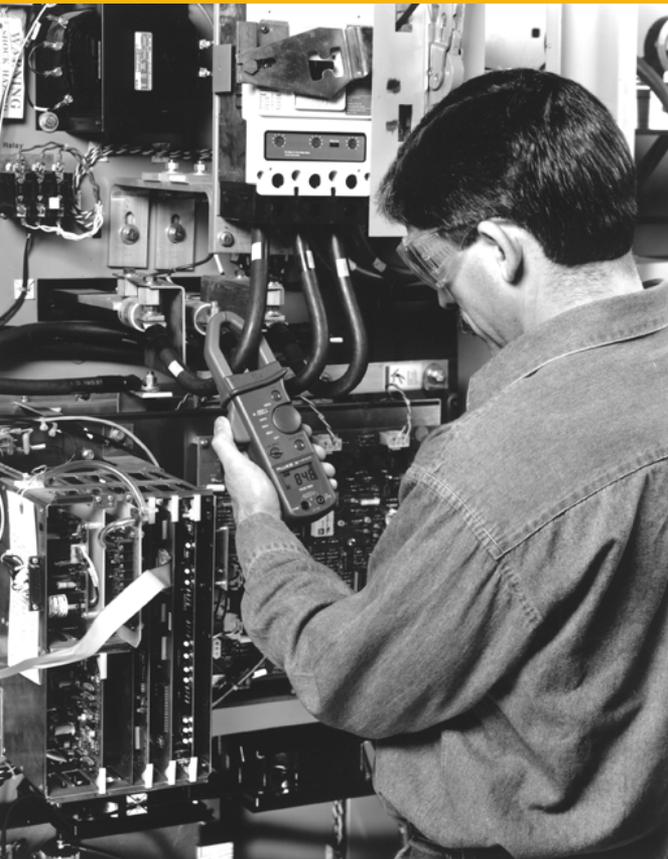
The inside story

This phenomenon is especially prevalent with equipment that has diode-capacitor input power supplies, i.e., personal computers, printers and medical test equipment.

Electrically what happens is the incoming ac voltage is diode rectified and is then used to charge a large capacitor. After a few cycles, the capacitor is charged to the peak voltage of the sine wave (e.g. 170V for a 120V ac line). The electronic equipment then draws current from this high dc voltage to power the rest of the circuit.

The equipment can draw the current down to a regulated lower limit. Typically, before reaching that limit, the capacitor is recharged to the peak in the next half cycle of the sine wave. This process is repeated over and over. The capacitor basically draws a pulse of current only during the peak of the wave. During the rest of the wave, when the voltage is below the capacitor residual, the capacitor draws no current.

The diode/capacitor power supplies found in office equipment are typically single phase non-linear loads. In industrial plants the most common causes of harmonic currents are three-phase non-linear loads which include electronic motor drives, and uninterruptible power supplies (UPS).



Voltage harmonics

The power line itself can be an indirect source of voltage harmonics.

The harmonic current drawn by non-linear loads acts in an Ohm's law relationship with the source impedance of the supplying transformer to produce voltage harmonics. Source impedance includes the supplying transformer and branch circuit components. For example, a 10A harmonic current being drawn from a source impedance of 0.1Ω will generate a harmonic voltage of 1.0V.

Any loads sharing a transformer or a branch circuit with a heavy harmonic load can be affected by the voltage harmonics generated.

The personal computer can be affected by voltage harmonics. The performance of the diode/capacitor power supply is critically dependent on the magnitude of the peak voltage. Voltage harmonics can cause "flat topping" of the voltage waveform lowering the peak voltage (see Figure 2B). In severe cases, the computer may reset due to insufficient peak voltage.

In the industrial environment, the induction motor and power factor correction capacitors can also be seriously affected by voltage harmonics.

Power correction capacitors can form a resonant circuit with the inductive parts of a power distribution system. If the resonant frequency is near that of the harmonic voltage, the resultant harmonic current can increase substantially, overloading the capacitors and blowing the capacitor fuses. Fortunately, the capacitor failure detunes the circuit and the resonance disappears.

Effects of Harmonic Currents

Office buildings and plants—harmonics are on the rise

Symptoms of harmonics usually show up in the power distribution equipment that supports the non-linear loads. There are two basic types of non-linear loads—single-phase and three-phase. Single-phase non-linear loads are prevalent in offices, while three-phase loads are widespread in industrial plants.

Each component of the power distribution system manifests the effects of harmonics a little differently. Yet all are subject to damage and inefficient performance.

Neutral conductors

In a 3-phase, 4-wire system, neutral conductors can be severely affected by non-linear loads connected to the 120V branch circuits. Under normal conditions for a balanced linear load, the fundamental 60 Hz portion of the phase currents will cancel in the neutral conductor.

In a 4-wire system with single-phase non-linear loads, certain odd-numbered harmonics called triplens—odd multiples of the third harmonic: 3rd, 9th, 15th etc.—do not cancel, but rather add together in the neutral conductor. In systems with many single-phase non-linear loads, the neutral current can actually exceed the phase current. The danger here is excessive overheating because there is no circuit breaker in the neutral conductor to limit the current as there are in the phase conductors.

Excessive current in the neutral conductor can also cause higher than normal voltage drops between the neutral conductor and ground at the 120V outlet.

Circuit breakers

Common thermal-magnetic circuit breakers use a bi-metallic trip mechanism which responds to the heating effect of the circuit current. It is designed to respond to the true-rms value of the current waveform and therefore will trip when it gets too hot. This type of breaker has a better chance of protecting against harmonic current overloads.

A peak sensing electronic trip circuit breaker responds to the peak of current waveform. As a result it won't always respond properly to harmonic currents. Since the peak of the harmonic current is usually higher than normal this type of circuit breaker may trip prematurely at a low current. If the peak is lower than normal the breaker may fail to trip when it should.

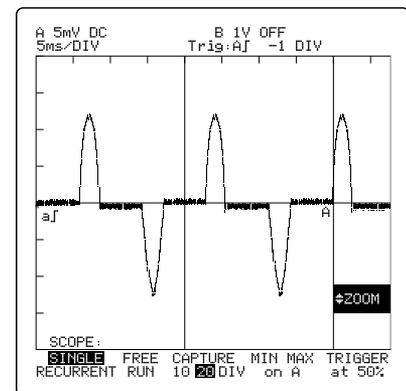


Figure 3A. Single phase non-linear load current waveform

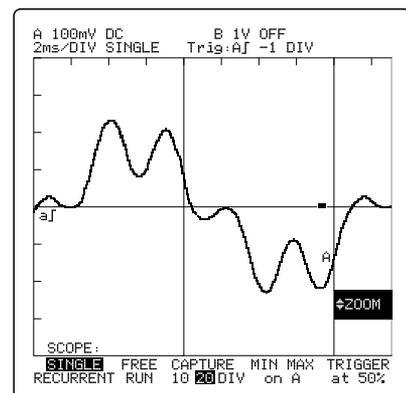


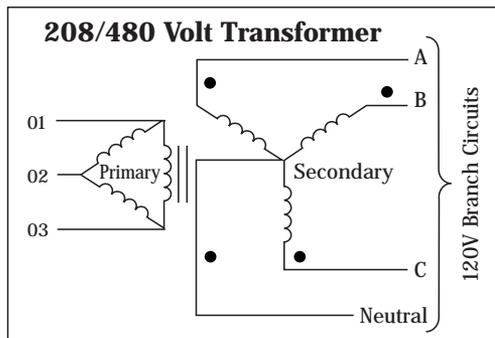
Figure 3B. Three phase non-linear load current waveform

Bus bars and connecting lugs

Neutral bus bars and connecting lugs are sized to carry the full value of the rated phase current. They can become overloaded when the neutral conductors are overloaded with the additional sum of the triplen harmonics.

Electrical panels

Harmonics in electrical panels can play a lively tune. Panels that are designed to carry 60 Hz currents can become mechanically resonant to the magnetic fields generated by higher frequency harmonic currents. When this happens, the panel vibrates and emits a buzzing sound at the harmonic frequencies.



Telecommunications

Telecommunications systems often give you the first clue to a harmonics problem. Telecommunications cable is commonly run right next to power cables. To minimize the inductive interference from phase current, telecommunications cables are run closer to the neutral wire. Triplens in the neutral conductor commonly cause inductive interference which can be heard on a phone line. This is often the first indication of a harmonics problem and gives you a head start in detecting the problem before it causes major damage.

Transformer

Commercial buildings commonly have a 208/120 volt transformer in a delta-wye configuration. These transformers commonly feed receptacles in a commercial building. Single phase non-linear loads connected to the receptacles produce triplen harmonics which algebraically add up in the neutral. When this neutral current reaches the transformer it is reflected into the delta primary winding where it causes overheating and transformer failures.

Another transformer problem results from core loss and copper loss. Transformers are normally rated for a 60 Hz phase current load only. Higher frequency harmonic currents cause increased core loss due to eddy currents and hysteresis, resulting in more heating than would occur at the same 60 Hz current. These heating effects demand that transformers be derated for harmonic loads or replaced with specially designed transformers.

Generators

Standby generators are subject to the same kind of overheating problems as transformers. Because they provide emergency backup for harmonic producing loads such as data processing equipment they are often even more vulnerable. In addition to overheating, certain types of harmonics produce distortion at the zero crossing of the current waveform which causes interference and instability for the generator's control circuits.

Classification of harmonics

Each harmonic has a name, frequency and sequence. The sequence refers to phasor rotation with respect to the fundamental (F), i.e., in an induction motor, a positive sequence harmonic would generate a magnetic field that rotated in the same direction as the fundamental. A negative sequence harmonic would rotate in the reverse direction. The first nine harmonics along with their effects are listed below:

Name	F	2nd*	3rd	4th*	5th	6th*	7th	8th*	9th
Frequency	60	120	180	240	300	360	420	480	540
Sequence	+	-	0	+	-	0	+	-	0

*Even harmonics disappear when waves are symmetrical (typical for electrical circuits)

Sequence	Rotation	Effects (from skin effect, eddy currents, etc.)
Positive	Forward	Heating of conductors, circuit breakers, etc.
Negative	Reverse	Heating as above + motor problems
Zero**	None	Heating, + add in neutral of 3-phase, 4-wire system

**Zero sequence harmonics (odd multiples of the 3rd) are called "Triplens" (3rd, 9th, 15th, 21st, etc.)

Finding Harmonics

Survey the situation

A harmonic survey will give you a good idea whether or not you have a harmonic problem and where it is located. Here are a few guidelines to follow.

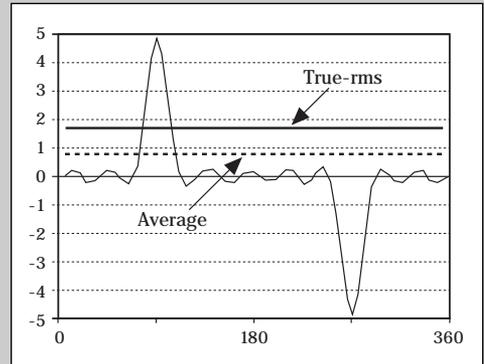
1. **Load inventory**—Make a walking tour of the facility and take a look at the types of equipment in use. If you have a lot of personal computers and printers, adjustable-speed motors, solid-state heater controls and certain types of fluorescent lighting, there's a good chance that harmonics are present.
2. **Transformer Heat Check**—Locate the transformers feeding those non-linear loads and check for excessive heating. Also make sure the cooling vents are unobstructed.
3. **Transformer Secondary Current**—Use a true-rms meter to check transformer currents.
 - Verify that the voltage ratings for the test equipment are adequate for the transformer being tested.
 - Measure and record the transformer secondary currents in each phase and in the neutral (if used).
 - Calculate the kVA delivered to the load and compare it to the nameplate rating.

Note: If harmonic currents are present, the transformer can overheat even if the kVA delivered is less than the nameplate rating.
 - If the transformer secondary is a 4-wire system, compare the measured neutral current to the value predicted from the imbalance in the phase currents. (The neutral current is the vector sum of the phase currents and would normally be zero if the phase currents are balanced in both amplitude and phase.) If the neutral current is unexpectedly high, triplen harmonics are likely and the transformer may need to be derated.

- Measure the frequency of the neutral current. 180 Hz would be a typical reading for a neutral current consisting of mostly 3rd harmonic.

4. **Sub-Panel Neutral Current Check**—Survey the sub-panels that feed harmonic loads. Measure the current in each branch neutral and compare the measured value to the rated capacity for the wire size used. Check the neutral busbar and feeder connections for heating or discoloration. A non-contact infrared temperature probe is useful for detecting excessive overheating on busbars and connections.
5. **Receptacle Neutral-to-Ground Voltage Check**—Neutral overloading in receptacle branch circuits can sometimes be detected by measuring the neutral-to-ground voltage at the receptacle. Measure the voltage when the loads are on. Two volts or less is about normal. Higher voltages can indicate trouble depending on the length of the run, quality of connections, etc. Measure the frequency. 180 Hz would suggest a strong presence of harmonics. 60 Hz would suggest that the phases are out of balance.

Pay special attention to under carpet wiring and modular office panels with integrated wiring that uses a neutral shared by three phase conductors. Because the typical loads in these two areas are computer and office machines they are often trouble spots for overloaded neutrals.



In search of harmonics

Here's a simple way to determine the extent of harmonic distortion caused by single phase non-linear load input circuits:

Make two separate current measurements:

1. Using an average responding current clamp or meter with a clamp-on, e.g. Fluke 27 and 80i-600.
2. Using a true-rms current clamp meter, such as the Fluke 32, 33 or 36 or a true-rms meter with a clamp-on, e.g. Fluke 87 and 80i-600.

Divide the results of the first measurement by the second measurement. This gives you the *A/R ratio*. A ratio of 1.0 would indicate little or no harmonic distortion. A ratio of 0.50 would indicate substantial harmonic distortion.

The A/R ratio method is not a substitute for a harmonic analyzer, but it is a simple practical way to determine whether there's a problem in single phase branch circuits. Once you know harmonics are present you can use a Fluke Model 39 or Model 41B to determine the extent of the problem.

Note: The A/R ratio method is useful for single phase branch circuit currents only and should not be used on three phase loads.

Multimeter performance comparison average responding vs. true-rms

Multimeter Type	Measuring Circuit	Sine Wave Response*	Square Wave Response*	Distorted Wave Response*
Average Responding	Rectified Average x 1.1	Correct	10% High	Up to 50% Low
True-rms	RMS Calculating converter. Calculates heating value.	Correct	Correct	Correct

*Within multimeter's bandwidth and crest factor specifications

True-rms meters give you a headstart

Having the proper tools is crucial to diagnosing harmonics problems. The type of equipment you use varies with the complexity of measurements you need.

To determine whether you have a harmonics problem you need to measure the true-rms value and the instantaneous peak value of the wave shape. For this you need a true-rms clamp meter like the Fluke 32, 33 or 36, or a handheld digital multimeter that makes true-rms measurements and has a high speed (1 ms) peak hold circuit such as a Fluke 87.

Getting the true picture

"True-rms" refers to the root-mean-square, or equivalent heating value of a current or voltage wave shape. "True" distinguishes the measurement from those taken by "average responding" meters. The vast majority of low cost portable amp clamp meters are average responding. These instruments give correct readings for pure sine waves only, and will typically read low when confronted with a distorted current waveform. The result is a reading that can be up to 50% low.

True-rms meters give correct readings for any wave shape within the instrument's crest factor and bandwidth specifications.

Know your crest factor

The crest factor of a waveform is the ratio of the peak value to the rms value. For a sine wave, the crest factor is 1.414. A true-rms meter will have a crest factor specification. This spec relates to the level of peaking that can be measured without errors.

A quality true-rms handheld digital multimeter has a crest factor of 3.0 at full scale. This is more than adequate for most power distribution measurements. At half scale the crest factor is double. For example, in the 400 volt ac range, the Fluke 87 has a crest factor spec of 3.0 when measuring 400V ac, and a crest factor of 6.0 when measuring 200V ac.

Note: Most true-rms meters cannot be used for signals below 5% of scale due to the measurement noise problem. Use a lower range if it is available.

Using a true-rms meter with a "Peak" function—like the Fluke 87—or a "Crest" function—like the Fluke 33—the crest factor can be easily calculated. A crest factor other than 1.414 indicates the presence of harmonics. In typical **single phase** cases, the greater the difference from 1.414, the higher the harmonic content. For voltage harmonics, the typical crest factor is below 1.414, i.e. a "flat top" waveform. For **single phases** current harmonics, the typical crest factor is much above 1.414. **Three phase** current waveforms often exhibit the "double hump" waveform shown in Figure 3B, therefore the crest factor comparison method should **not** be applied to **three phase** load current.

After you've determined that harmonics are present, you can make a more in-depth analysis of the situation with a harmonic analyzer such as Fluke models 39 or 41B.

Solving the Problem

The following are some suggestions of ways to address some typical harmonics problems. Before taking any such measures you should call a power quality expert to analyze the problem and design a plan tailored to your specific situation.

In overloaded neutrals

In a 3-phase 4-wire system, the 60 Hz portion of the neutral current can be minimized by balancing the loads in each phase. The triplen harmonic neutral current can be reduced by adding harmonic filters at the load. If neither of these solutions are practical, you can pull in extra neutrals—ideally one neutral for each phase. Or you can install an oversized neutral shared by three phase conductors.

In new construction, under-carpet wiring and modular office partitions wiring should be specified with individual neutrals and possibly an isolated ground separate from the safety ground. (Reference FIPS Pub 94, Guideline on Electrical Power for ADP Installations,* and 1990 NEC Article 250-74 exception No. 4.)

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Derating transformers

One way to protect a transformer from harmonics is to limit the amount of load placed on it. This is called “derating” the transformer. The most rigorous derating method is described in ANSI/IEEE standard C57.110-1986. This method is somewhat impractical because it requires extensive loss data from the transformer manufacturer plus a complete harmonic spectrum of the load current.

The Computer & Business Equipment Manufacturers Association (CBEMA), recently recommended a second method

that involves several straightforward measurements that you can get with commonly available test equipment. It appears to give reasonable results for 208/120 Y receptacle transformers that supply low frequency odd harmonics (3rd, 5th, 7th) commonly generated by computers and office machines operating from single phase branch circuits.

The test equipment you use must be capable of taking both the true-rms phase current, and the instantaneous peak phase current for each phase of the secondary.

Derating factor

To determine the derating factor for the transformer, take the peak and true-rms current measurements for the three phase conductors. If the phases are not balanced, average the three measurements and plug that value into the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HDF} &= \text{Harmonic Derating Factor} \\ &= \frac{(1.414)(\text{true-rms Phase Current})}{(\text{Instantaneous Peak Phase Current})} \end{aligned}$$

This formula generates a value between 0 and 1.0, typically between 0.5 and 0.9. If the phase currents are purely sinusoidal (undistorted) the instantaneous peaks are 1.414 times the true-rms value and the derating factor is 1.0. If that is the case no derating is required.

However, with harmonics present the transformer rating is the product of the nameplate kVA rating times the HDF.

$$\text{kVA derated} = (\text{HDF}) \times (\text{kVA nameplate})$$

For example: 208/120 Y transformer rated at 225 kVA:

Load currents were measured with a Fluke Model 87 and an 80i-600 ac current probe to produce the following results:	Conductor Name	True-rms Current Amps	Instantaneous Peak Current
	01	410A	804A
	02	445A	892A
	03	435A	828A

$$I \text{ phase avg.} = \frac{410 + 445 + 435}{3} = 430A$$

$$I \text{ pk avg.} = \frac{804 + 892 + 828}{3} = 841A$$

$$\text{HDF} = \frac{(1.414)(430)}{841} = 72.3\%$$

The results indicate that with the level of harmonics present the transformer should be derated to 72.3% of its rating to prevent overheating.

Situation

A modern office building dedicated primarily to computer software development contained a large number of personal computers and other electronic office equipment. These electronic loads were fed by a 120/208V transformer configured with a delta primary and a wye secondary. The PCs were fairly well distributed throughout the building, except for one large room that contained several machines. The PCs in this room, used exclusively for testing, were served by several branch circuits.

The transformer and main switch gear were located in a ground floor electrical room. Inspection of this room immediately revealed two symptoms of high harmonic currents:

- The transformer was generating a substantial amount of heat.
- The main panel emitted an audible buzzing sound. The sound was not the chatter commonly associated with a faulty circuit breaker, but rather a deep resonant buzz that indicated the mechanical parts of the panel itself were vibrating.

Ductwork installed directly over the transformer to carry off some of the excess heat kept the room temperature within reasonable limits.

Defining the problem

Transformer—Current measurements (see Table 1) were taken on the neutral and on each phase of the transformer secondary using both a true-rms multimeter and an average-responding unit. A 600A clamp-on current transformer accessory was connected to each meter to allow them to make high current readings. The current waveshapes are shown in Figures 4 and 5.

The presence of harmonics was obvious by comparison of phase current and neutral current measurements. As Table 1 shows, the neutral current was substantially higher than any of the phase currents, even though the phase currents were relatively well balanced. The average-responding meter consistently took readings approximately 20% low on all the phases. Its neutral current readings were only 2% low.

The waveforms explain the discrepancy. The *phase* currents were badly distorted by large amounts of third harmonic current, while the *neutral* current was nearly a pure sine wave at the third harmonic frequency. The phase current readings listed in Table 1 demonstrate clearly why true-rms measurement capability is required to accurately determine the value of harmonic currents.

The next step was to calculate the “harmonic derating factor” or HDF (Refer to “Derating Transformer” section on the previous page.)

The results indicated that, with the level of harmonics present, the transformer should be derated to 72.3% of its nameplate rating to prevent overheating. In this case the transformer should be derated to 72.3% of its 225 kVA rating, or derated to 162.7 kVA.

The actual load was calculated to be 151.3 kVA. Although that figure was far less than the nameplate rating, the transformer was operating close to its derated capacity.

Subpanel—Next a subpanel which supplied branch circuits for the 120V receptacles was also examined. The current in each neutral was measured and recorded (see Table 2).

When a marginal or overloaded conductor was identified, the associated phase currents and the neutral-to-ground voltage at the receptacle were also measured. When a check of neutral #6 revealed 15 amperes in a conductor rated for 16A, the phase currents of the circuits (#25, #27, and #29) that shared that neutral were also measured (Table 3). Note that each of the phase currents of these three branch circuits was substantially less than 15A, and also the same phase conductors had significant neutral-to-ground voltage drops.

Conductor name	True-rms multimeter (amps)	Average responding multimeter (amps)	Instantaneous peak current (amps)
Phase 1	410	328	804
Phase 2	445	346	892
Phase 3	435	355	828
Neutral	548	537	762

Table 1. Current readings at the receptacle transformer secondary

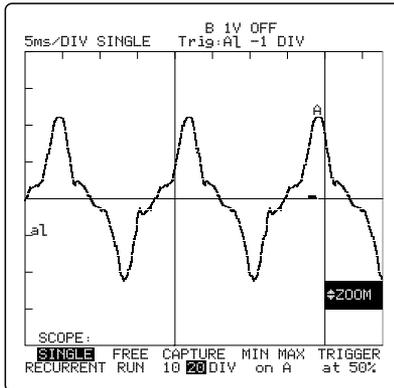


Figure 4. Phase current

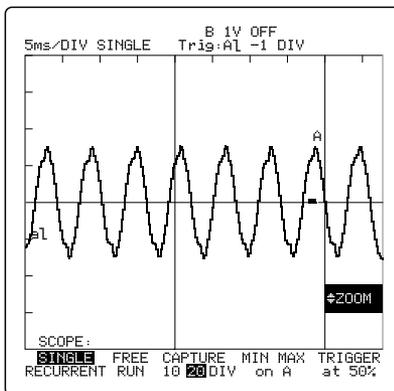


Figure 5. Neutral current

In the branch circuits which had high neutral current, the relationship between the neutral and the phase currents was similar to that of the transformer secondary. The neutral current was higher than any of the associated phase currents. The danger here is that the neutral conductors could become overloaded and not offer the warning signs of tripped circuit breakers.

Recommendations

1. Refrain from adding additional loads to the receptacle transformer unless steps are taken to reduce the level of harmonics.
2. Pull in extra neutrals to the branch circuits that are heavily loaded.
3. Monitor the load currents on a regular basis using true-rms measuring test equipment.

Neutral conductor number	Current (amps)
01	5.0
02	11.3
03	5.0
04	13.1
05	12.4
06	15.0*
07	1.8
08	11.7
09	4.5
10	11.8
11	9.6
12	11.5
13	11.3
14	6.7
15	7.0
16	2.3
17	2.6

Table 2. Subpanel branch circuit neutral currents

Circuit number	Phase current (amps)	Neutral-to-ground voltage drop at receptacle
25	7.8	3.75V
27	9.7	4.00V
29	13.5	8.05V

Table 3. Phase currents and neutral-to-ground voltage for neutral #06



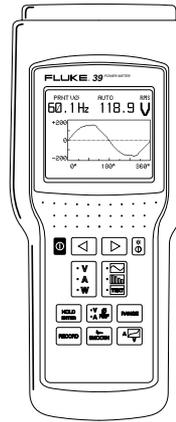
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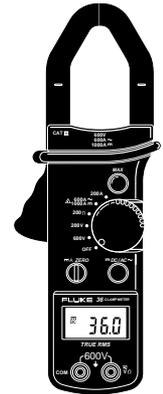
Fluke 39

- Direct 3 Φ /three-phase readouts from simple single-phase measurements
- True-rms voltage from 10V to 600V
- True-rms current from 1A to 500A (1000A with optional probe)
- Peak, dc, and crest factor
- Total harmonic distortion (%THDF and %THDR)
- Active power from 10W to 300 kW (600 kW with optional probe)
- Apparent power (kVA)
- Total power factor (PF)
- Displacement power factor (DPF)
- K-factor
- Frequency from 6 Hz to 100 Hz (fundamental)
- Harmonics to 31st
- Phase angle of fundamental and harmonics
- Waveform and spectrum displays
- Record mode – MIN, MAX and AVG
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- 48-hour battery life (4 “C” cells)
- Handheld, 1 kg (2 lb)
- Surge protection, 6 kV per IEC 1010-1 CAT III-600V
- Marks – CE, CSA_{NRTL}, TÜV/GS
- Includes 500A current clamp and “Managing Electrical Power Systems”



Fluke 41B

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- Total power factor (PF)
- Displacement power factor (DPF)
- K-factor
- Frequency from 6 Hz to 100 Hz (fundamental)
- Harmonics to 31st
- Phase angle of fundamental and harmonics
- Waveform and spectrum displays
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- Zoom mode
- 48-hour battery life (4 “C” cells)
- Handheld, 1 kg (2 lb)
- Surge protection, 6 kV per IEC 1010-1 CAT III-600V
- Marks – CE, CSA_{NRTL}, TÜV/GS
- Includes 500A current clamp and “Managing Electrical Power Systems” video
- Memory for eight complete data sets
- Optically isolated RS-232 interface
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- New data logging software now



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- 2000 count digital display
- 2% of reading, basic accuracy for ac current
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- One-year warranty
- Max hold
- Manual ranging
- Ohms
- Sleep mode
- True-rms ac measurement, crest factor ≤ 3

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Understanding and Managing Harmonics

- Length: 30 minutes
- Topics covered:
 - Definition of harmonics
 - Causes of harmonics
 - Effects of harmonics
 - Diagnosis of harmonics
 - Selection of test tools
 - Planning for harmonics

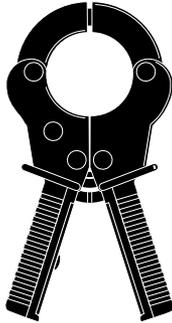
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- Length: 20 minutes
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 - Overvoltage categories
 - Proper work procedures and equipment
 - What to look for in a meter



Fluke 33

- Combination digital/analog display
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- Frequency
- Display hold
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- Works with Model 39 or 41B Power Meters



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