## SPI500 Smart Primary Injection test system



- 2500 A output with main unit
- Up to 6500 A output with 2 boosters
- Add boosters for output capacity.
- 120 or 240 V input (auto detects input voltage)
- Designed for self-powered recloser, highspeed fuse, circuit breaker, or ground fault relay testing.
- Software includes hundreds of circuit breaker TCC curves.

#### DESCRIPTION

The SPI500 is a high current primary injection test system for all forms of high current testing required in a substation, including testing electronic reclosers, circuit breakers, high speed fuses, and ground fault relays.

One SPI500 can control up to two SPI500B boosters (depending on the model) increasing its capability by three times. The SPI500 has a unique control system that allows a dynamic change of output to keep current at a constant level, even if the load is changing impedance during the test.

All SPI systems are fully automated and/or manually controlled. The Smart Touch View Interface (STVI) allows users to manually control the unit and perform automated testing. The SPI500 unit can be controlled by a PC for fully automatic testing and report generation.

#### **APPLICATION**

Universal in application, the SPI500 is a high current primary injection test unit with the ability to perform high current commissioning tests as well as test on lowvoltage molded-case circuit breakers. A single SPI500 is designed to supply up to 2500 A. Adding one booster will produce up to 5000 A and a second booster up to 6,500 A.

The SPI500 is unique in that it can change output levels sub-cycle to test devices that have changing impedance such as self-powered reclosers. Self-powered reclosers have a large impedance when charging or drawing power for the electronics, and a very small impedance when fully charged. This creates dramatic changes in impedance that require continuous feedback to the controller to properly regulate the output current.

#### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

## Smart Touch View Interface (STVI) is a simplified input and control touch screen

A key feature of the SPI system is the simplified touch screen input. The STVI touch screen input eliminates the confusing menu system of other primary injection and circuit breaker test systems. The touch screen makes the STVI simple for any technician to use even if the technician does not use the STVI on a consistent basis.

#### Automatic control

- The SPI system has many unique abilities to assist in testing.
- The user can type a high current setting then the SPI system will generate the requested output without additional user intervention.
- Automatically regulate the system's output to the preprogrammed setting.
- Automatically regulate the systems output current to compensate for test sample heating or changing impedance of the load.
- Deliver the requested current without user intervention.

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Most primary injection systems require the user to turn on the system's high current output, then manually adjust the output until the desired test current is set. Once the output is set, the user must still manually adjust the output to maintain the desired test current. The SPI500 system eliminates both requirements.

#### **Manual control**

The STVI manual controller of the SPI system is sometimes the desired test method. The SPI system permits the operator to run any of the standard tests required for primary injection, as well as low voltage circuit breakers, without the need for a laptop computer.

#### **DC offset elimination**

DC offset is a common problem when testing instantaneous trips on low voltage circuit breakers. A standard high current test system will commonly cause DC offset in the initial 2 to 4 cycles of an output waveform. This DC offset will cause circuit breakers to trip at incorrect current amplitudes therefore providing incorrect results. This conforms to ANSI/NEMA AB 4-2023 standard.



Figure 1: DC current with offset

#### **Current decay**

When performing primary injection testing, the test leads, or test sample will heat up due to the high currents applied. This will result in current decay unless the operator manually intervenes. This manual intervention can cause inconsistent test results that misinform the decisions made by the individual operator.



Figure 2: Current decay

The SPI systems eliminate all these problems by providing a constant current output from the beginning of the waveform until test completion.





#### Construction

This test set is built for years of trouble-free, reliable operation. SPI systems feature rugged instrumentation and controls designed to withstand the vibration and shock of frequent transportation.

#### Protection

Fuse, circuit breaker, and overload protective devices are incorporated into the SPI systems. Temperature sensors provide protection from overheating.



Figure 4: Manufacturer specific test screen



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#### **SPI software**

SPI software is the premier software for automated testing, report generation, and maintenance record keeping of all primary injection and low voltage circuit breaker tests. These results are then recorded in the PowerDB database for archival or report generation.

The SPI software is specifically designed for primary injection testing of circuit breakers, self-powered reclosers, and other substation equipment. In order to simplify testing the SPI software is pre-loaded with circuit breaker curves in order to permit the user to verify that the circuit breaker under test is operating correctly. Since the SPI software has the curves pre-loaded the user can test all breaker parameters including:

- Long time pick-up
- Long time timing
- Short time pick-up
- Short time timing
- Instantaneous pick-up
- Ground fault pick-up
- Ground fault timing

#### Included complex breaker curves

The SPI software includes report generation for all testing. Thus, the user can not only perform all the primary injection testing required and generate a report for an end customer or for historical purposes.



Figure 5: Complex breaker curves in the SPI500 software

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#### **Self-Powered Recloser Testing**

Self-powered reclosers present a unique challenge to test with primary injection. These recloser draws power from the current flowing through the line to power up the electronics in the recloser. Often, they draw power to charge capacitors or batteries to that store power for the electronics to ride through events. Therefore, sometimes the recloser is drawing high power from the current in the line to charge or power up, and sometimes it is drawing minimal power. This changing power demand causes a changing impedance seen by the primary injection test set and to keep constant current the test set must dynamically change output voltage to keep current steady. The SPI technology is the only test set on the market capable of changing output sub-cycle to keep a constant current. The SPI500 can test electronic or single phase hydraulic reclosers including:

- S&C TripSaver II
- Siemens Fusesaver
- Hubbell VersaTech II
- NOJA EcoLink
- ABB Eagle
- Any electronic recloser on the market

Below is an example of the test screen of the SPI500 testing shots to lockout. Note the Trip times and recloser times are recorded and can be compared to min and max trip times of the unit. I complete library of curves is provided and the user can select the proper curve to compare times with. The test is as simple as select the recloser type, input the settings to test, and push play to see the results.

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#### **Booster Enabled**

The SPI500 can control the output of the SPI500 and up to two SPI500B boosters. This dramatically increases the output power of the unit with lower cost boosters. The boosters are supplied with an umbilical cord that can be plugged into the main unit. The boosters can be placed in Parallel or Series to achieve higher output current or higher compliance voltage.



Booster Ports



SPI500 and SPI500B Connected in Parallel

#### **Parallel/Series Operation**

Up to two SPI500B units may be operated in a parallel or series configuration with a SPI500. This allows for higher current (up to 6500 A) or a higher compliance voltage. SPI500B units are powered by the main SPI500 unit therefore only one power cord is required.

#### **Parallel Current**

500 A Tap							
	30 Min	10 Min	3 Min	30 Sec	7 Sec	2 Sec	
SPI500	500 A	600 A	1000 A	1500 A	2000 A	2500 A	
SPI500 + Booster		1000 A	2000 A	3000 A	4000 A	5000 A	
SPI500 + 2 Boosters		1500 A	3000 A	4500 A	6000 A	6500 A	
Max voltage is 3.5V for	Max voltage is 3.5V for parallel operations of 500 amp tap						

#### 125 A Tap

	30 Min	10 Min	3 Min	30 Sec	7 Sec	2 Sec	
SPI500	125 A	150 A	250 A	375 A	500 A	525 A	
SPI500 + Booster		250 A	500 A	750 A	1000 A	1050 A	
SPI500 + 2 Boosters		375 A	750 A	1125 A	1500 A	1575 A	
Max voltage is 14V for parallel operations of 125 amp tap							

-Ratings above are with unit powered by 240V.

-Ratings will be lower at 120V. Max continuous VA at 120V is 1800VA. -Ratings are shown using 500 and 125 A taps (25 A taps are not published and measurement is estimated if 25 A tap is used in parallel)

#### **Series Voltage**

The SPI500 can be operated in series to increase output voltage. This helps produce current with longer cables on the output. Up to two boosters can be used. It is recommended to use 240V power with the boosters in this mode to achieve desired voltage. Results at 120 V will vary based on the strength of the input. See table below for max series voltage at 240 V input.

	500 A Tap	125 A Tap	25 A Tap
SPI500	3.5 V	14 V	70 V
SPI500 + Booster	6.3 V	25 V	130 V
SPI500 + 2 Boosters	9 V	30 V	180 V



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#### **Test Report**

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#### SPECIFICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

Input	Input voltage	Input current	Frequency
Standard (N)	115/230 V ± 15 %	15/8 A	60/50 Hz
CE compliant (C)	230 V ± 15 %	8 A	60/50 Hz

#### **Output Taps (continuous rating)**

500 A at 3.5 V max 125 A at 14 V max 25 A at 70 V max

The output ranges will provide several times their current rating, provided the output/compliance voltage is sufficient to push the desired current through the impedance of the test circuit.

#### Ammeter

Operating mode: Memory, continuous Accuracy between 10-100% of range:

- Continuous  $\pm$  1 % of reading
- RMS pulse ± 1.5 % of reading

#### **Ranges:**

- 500 A Tap 7 kA, 70 0A, 70 A
- 125 A Tap 1500 A, 150 A, 15 A
- 25 A Tap 110 A, 11 A

#### Accuracy with boosters:

- Additional 1% decrease in accuracy when using boosters on 125- or 500-amp tap.
- Additional 1% decrease in accuracy when using 25 amp tap in parallel and accuracy not stated for 25-amp tap in parallel.

#### **Timer range**

**Ranges:** 0.001 to 99999 seconds 0.01 to 99999 cycles **Accuracy:** ± 1 % of reading

#### **Communications port**

Ethernet (2) Bluetooth (future)

#### **Input Voltmeter**

**Range: AC:** 1V–100V **DC:** 5V–180V **AC Accuracy:** 0.5% of readings ± 0.2% of range **DC Accuracy:** 0.2% of readings ± 0.1% of range

#### **Dimensions**

**(N):** 14.2 W x 7.6 H x 12.0 D in. (360 W x 194 H x 305 D mm)

**(C):** 14.2 W x 7.6 H x 17.0 D in. (360 W x 194 H x 432 D mm)

#### Weight

**Standard system (N):** 47.5 lb. (21.5 kg)

**CE compliant system (C):** 50.7 lb. (23 kg)

#### **Operating temperature range and humidity**

**Operating:** 0 °C to 50 °C **Storage:** -30 °C to 70 °C **Humidity:** 0 to 90 % non-condensing

#### Conformance standards Safety: EN 61010-1

Shock: EN/IEC 60068-2-27 Vibration: EN/IEC 60068-2-6 Transit drop: ISTA 1A Free fall: EN/IEC 60068-2-32 Drop/topple: EN/IEC 60068-2-31 Electromagnetic compatibility Emissions: EN 61326-2-1, EN 61000-3-2/3, FCC Subpart B of Part 15 Class A Immunity: EN 61000-4-2/3/4/5/6/8/11 \*Test listed above performed on SPI225.

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#### INCLUDED ACCESSORY DESCRIPTIONS

	Description	Part No.			
Megger:	Accessory carry case: Used to carry power cord, Ethernet cable, optional STVI and test leads.	2001-487			
Alligator clip: 4.1 mm, use with test leads up to 1000 V/32 A CAT III. Excellent for test connections to terminal screws and pins where spade lugs cannot be used.					
•	All'anten alla mad. 4.4 mm	C0400C			

 Alligator clip, red, 4.1 mm
 684006

 Alligator clip, black, 4.1 mm
 684007

Sleeved pair of test leads with retractable shroud: Sleeved test leads, one red, one black, 200 cm (78.7 in) long, 600 V, 32 A CAT II



Sleeved test leads in pairs will reduce tangling. These leads and alligator clips are used when the 25 A, 70V output tap is used. This lead set allows the user to utilize themaximum output compliance voltage.

The 4/0 high **current leads** allow the SPI225 to generate the maximum current specified. These leads also include Megger's unique adapters to allow connection to multiple breaker styles. The AWG #6 high current lead is used with the SPI225's 125 A 14 V output tap. This lead is used when 14 V output compliance voltage is required.

	<b>Current lead for 125A Tap:</b> AWG#6 61 cm (2 ft) long	1004-728
$\bigcirc$	<b>Current lead:</b> AWG 4/0 61 cm (2 ft) long, red	1008-280
	<b>Current lead:</b> AWG 4/0 61 cm (2 ft) long, black	1008-279

#### **OPTIONAL ACCESSORY DESCRIPTIONS**

122 cm (4 ft)

	Description	Part No.
	SPI500B	
SPI 6' lead set cor SPI 6' red 4/0 SI Note: Reduces max curr cm (6 ft) long one red, of	1008-284	
SPI 10' lead set co SPI 10' red SPI 1 Note: Reduces max AWG 4/0, 305 cm	1008-747	
0	1007-833	

	Description	Part No.		
<b>Power cord:</b> Dependence one of the followin	nding on the style number, the unit will g:	come with		
Line cord, North Ar	nerican	620000		
Line cord, Continer	tal Europe with CEE 7/7 Schuko Plug	50425		
Line cord, internation	onal color-coded wire	15065		
Line cord, United K	ingdom	90002-989		
Megger's high curre leads to allow fast o	ent alligator clips are used with Megger connection to circuit breakers with tab	's high current terminations.		
	High current alligator clamp: assembly, 100 A	1003-863		
	High current alligator clamp: assembly, 75 A	1003-864		
Megger's high current probes are used with Megger's high current leads to allow fast connection to circuit breaker lug terminations.				
High current probe: diameter 7.6 mm (0.3 in) 2003-				
High current prob	2003-733			
High current prob	2003-734			
Ethernet cable: fo 210 cm (7 ft.) long	90003-684			
SPI500 manual and software accessory kit 89104				

	Description	Part No.
Q	Current lead for 125A Tap: AWG#6 305 cm (10 ft) long	1016-196
	Smart Touch Screen Interface: Handheld controller for SPI500	STVI-10
	<b>Current leads:</b> with 400 A clip, AWG 4/0,400 cm (10 ft) long, one red and one black with 400 amp clip on each	1014-475
Line Cord: North America 250 V NEMA L6-20P		90038-265
Power Cord Splitt	er: C14-2X C13 300 V	90038-266

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#### **ORDERING INFORMATION**



#### NOTE:

\*CE Marked units operating at 230V will have reduced outputs (CE model is not currently released but will in the near future)

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