## MODEL IT-25B

## Impulse Spark Tester

- >>> Phase discriminating fault detection
- >>> Regulated output voltage
- >>> Reliable solid state design
- >>> Accurate, true peak metering
- >>> Meets MIL-C-13777E, MIL-W-16878D, NEMA specifications
- >>> Process control output



The IT-25B Impulse Spark Tester is designed to comply with the rigorous test requirements of Military Specifications MIL-C-13777E, MIL-W-16878, and NEMA Standards for hook-up wire used in high temperature wire applications. This method is favored as an alternate to a wet dielectric test.

This unit produces a repetitive fast-rise negative voltage pulse, followed by an exponentially damped sinusoid having a frequency of several kilohertz. The electrode voltage is regulated against line voltage and load current changes. A repetition rate of 250 I.P.S. allows two test pulses in a 2 inch electrode at a wire speed of 1250 ft./min. Higher speeds may be attained by using a longer electrode when specifications permit.

## **Description of Operation**

An internal 250 I.P.S. oscillator triggers a silicon controlled rectifier, discharging a capaci-

tor into the primary winding of a high voltage transformer. The D.C. input to the SCR is regulated in accordance with the peak impulse voltage generated in a tertiary transformer winding. A phase-discriminating filter separates capacitive and resistive electrode currents. When the resistive component exceeds a predetermined value. A fault is registered in a direct coupled pulse stretching circuit which operates a fault counter and a latching relay. The phase splitting feature allows for wire whip and vibration while retaining the high sensitivity necessary to insure the detection of low current arc faults. Process control output is provided for the operation of machinery or an external alarm.

Care has been taken to insure reliability with the use of solid state circuits and a specially designed high voltage transformer. Near-unity coupling in the high voltage transformer permits precise metering of peak voltages.







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