

DRY TYPE

VIRGINIA - GEORGIA TRANSFORMER
ONE SOURCE-ONE COMMITMENT

Overview

The 1970s were the formative years for Virginia Transformer, where our product offering was primarily specialty harmonic load transformers.



In the 1980s, we invested in industrial solutions for mills, transit, and rail. By the 1990s, we diversified to utility generation, transmission, and distribution. In the 21st century, we added large power transformer capability to our portfolio to support the Renewable Energy Generation sector where we currently hold the largest market share. Virginia Transformer takes pride in being a US-based power transformer OEM with the mission to single-handedly reduce US power transformer imports and bring power transformer manufacturing jobs back to the US. To support our mission, we expanded our manufacturing capacity by adding 5 additional plants in 1995, 2003, 2013, 2014, and 2022, while also adding management and technical resources in the US, Mexico, and India. We have established strategic sourcing partnerships with vendors in the US, India, and China to ensure a robust supply chain.

VTC's Dry-Type Transformers

Virginia Transformer first began producing dry-type transformers in the 1970s. Over the years, we have refined our design and technology enabling us to manufacture dry-type transformers from 300 kVA to 20 MVA up to 35 kV class. Applications for dry-type transformers range from commercial buildings, airports, hotels, industrial plants, mines, and data centers. Virginia Transformer dry-type transformers are built to withstand the toughest environments. We use aluminum conductors, temperature-controlled winding rooms, superior insulation, and special harmonics handling to produce reliable transformers with the lowest core losses.

We offer the following for your dry-type transformer needs:

- Shortest lead times
- Proven technology since 1971
- Designs for any industrial and commercial applications
- Choice of coil processing
- Enclosure for indoor or outdoor applications
- Units designed for high-humidity or corrosive environments
- UNIClad a premium dry-type transformer exclusively from Virginia Transformer



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OTHER TYPICAL APPLICATIONS INCLUDING MAIN USE IN DATA CENTERS

- Subway
- Rapid transit
- Hospitals
- Hotels
- Schools
- Utilities & power plants
- Chemical Plants
- Mining operations
- Paper & steel mills
- Oil & gas refineries
- Office & shopping complexes
- Manufacturing plants
- Airport terminals
- Water treatment plants
- Research facilities

MARKETS

- Switchgear – Siemens, Cutler Hammer, Square D, GE
- Transit – NYCTA, WMATA, DART, LIR, LA Metro, San Diego Metro, Houston Metro, RTD (Denver)
- Metals – US Steel, Nucor Steel, ALCOA, California Steel, N American Stainless, IPSCO Steel
- Chemical – PPG Industries, Dominion Cove Point, DH Compounding, Occidental Chemical
- Government – US Dept of Energy, NASA, US Navy, IRS, Fermi Lab

APPLICABLE STANDARDS

ANSI - American National Standards Institute

IEEE - Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

C57.12.01 - General Requirements for dry-type Transformers

C57.12.51 - Requirements for ventilated dry-type power transformers 501kVA and larger, three phase, with high voltage 601 to 34,500 volts, low voltage 208Y/120 to 4160 volts

C57.12.52 - Requirements for sealed dry-type power transformer 501kVA and larger, three phase, with high voltage 601 to 34,500 volts, low voltage 208Y/120 to 4160 volts

C57.12.91 - Test Code for dry-type distribution and power Transformers

C57.94 - Practice for installation, application, operation, and maintenance of dry-type general purpose distribution and power transformers

C57.96 - Guide for loading dry-type distribution and power transformers

Processing for Coil Protection:

VPI: The coils are dried and then sealed with thermoset polyester varnish under vacuum conditions. The process requires proprietary processing of vacuum temperature and pressure, and results in a completely sealed coil.

VPI End Cap: The ends of the coils are sealed with special formulations of resins to provide rigid support to withstand axial impact found in industrial applications.

Unidip: A proprietary process used to seal the coils with a thick, resilient coating. This coating is impervious to moisture and will keep it from diffusing into the coils, which extends the life of the transformer.

UNIClad: The coils are filled with a resin mixture under vacuum pressure. The result is void-free coils in which the turns are supported to withstand significant mechanical impacts. UNIClad coils are designed to last for 40 years.

COIL OPTIONS

SHAPE

- Rectangular
- Circular

WINDING

- Barrel
- Disc

CONDUCTORS

- Aluminum
- Copper

CONFIGURATIONS

- Delta-Wye
- Zig-Zag
- Wye-Wye
- Delta-Delta
- Phase Shifters

SEALING

- Polyester varnish VPI
- VPI and epoxy end caps
- Unidip
- **UNIClad®**

ALLOWABLE OVERLOAD OF VTC TRANSFORMERS

Average Temp Rise at AA rating	Overload* Rating without fans	Overload* Rating with fans
150 °C		33%
115 °C	15%	50%
80 °C	35%	80%

*150 °C Average Temperature rise at overload rating



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AUDIBLE SOUND LEVELS			
kVA	Less than 1.2 kV (ST20)	Self Cooled Ventilated (TR1)	Forced Air Cooled Ventilated (TR1)
301-500	60	60	67
501-700	62	62	67
701-1000	64	64	67
1001-1500	65	65	68
1501-2000	66	66	69
2001-3000	68	68	71
3001-4000	-	70	73
4001-5000	-	71	74
5001-6000	-	72	75
6001-7500	-	73	76

Enclosures:

NEMA 101: Clean indoor applications

NEMA 103R: Outdoor applications per ANSI standards C57.12.55

NEMA 103 R: Coastal Applications per ANSI Standard C57.12.59

TENV: Totally Enclosed Non Ventilated – Indoor/Outdoor Application where corrosive gasses, high dust and other contaminants are present.

This meets the requirements of NEMA 12 without the welding.

IMPEDANCE	
Ventilated Dry Indoor, Outdoor or Sealed	
kV Class	Impedance*
1.2	5.75
2.5	5.75
5	5.75
8.7	5.75
15	5.75
25	6.25
34.5	6.25

* VTC standard (other impedance are optional)

DRY TYPE TRANSFORMERS HISTORY

Quantities sold:

1990-1994	1995-1999	2000-2004	2005-2009	2010-2014	2015-2019	2020-
709	2455	1477	787	766	139	41

TOTAL COIL TEMPERATURE

Average Temp. Rise by resistance	150 °C	115 °C
Ambient Temp. (Maximum)	40 °C	40 °C
Hotspot Temp. Allowance (est.)	30 °C	30 °C
Total Temp. of Coil	220 °C	185 °C

TRANSFORMER FEATURES

Range - Up to 15/20 MVA, 35 kV voltage class, 150 kV BIL

Loading - Designed to deliver rated current and MVA in all tap positions

Service - Outdoor or Indoor

Basic Impulse Level (BIL) - Per ANSI standard

Coils - Aluminum or copper conductor, circular or rectangular construction, disc or barrel wound

Coil Sealing - Vacuum Pressure Impregnated (VPI)

Insulation - 220 °C Insulation system

Enclosure - NEMA 101/103R:, Complete breakdown crowned roof for water shedding base suitable for lifting, jacking and skidding

Paint - ANSI 61 enamel on phosphatide cleansed surface

Nameplate - engraved stainless steel for outdoor use, metallized mylar adhesive for indoor application

Stainless steel ground pads
12/18 month standard warranty

Options

- Electronic temperature monitor
- Load break switches
- Matching to all OEM switchgears
- Drive/Rectifier duty up to 36 pulse

4 Paint Systems Available

The application engineers at our National Sales Office will offer assistance in assuring the best process and enclosure for your application



Unidip Processing for Dry-Type Transformers

Unidip is a special process for dry-type transformer core and coil sealing. It was developed by Virginia Transformer Corp. for industrial applications where:

- The environment contains medium levels of moisture or inorganic particles and gasses produced in manufacturing.
- The load variation is wide and frequent.
- Regular equipment servicing is not possible.

Coil sealing is recommended for process applications such as capital and consumer goods manufacturing of large and medium scale.

The Process

- Coils are wound with insulation processed in a controlled environment to reduce moisture content to a minimum.
- Finished coils are dried in a hot-air oven above 230°F.
- Hot coils are placed in a vacuum chamber at less than 15 Torr (mm of mercury absolute pressure) to remove all remaining moisture and gasses. Water will vaporize at this pressure at less than 25°C.
- Thermoset polyester (or other specified resin) is added under vacuum to cover the coils completely. Thermoset polyester is a 220°C-rated resin when used with 100 percent solid insulation and no solvents.
- Coils are soaked in this resin to seal the insulation porosity against all industrial contamination and gases to ensure full life of the insulation in actual service.
- Resin fills all voids in the coil to ensure a solid insulation system.
- Resin is pressed into the coil with greater than 5 atmosphere pressure (80 PSI) to ensure full penetration into the coil and insulation to make a solid coil — conductor, insulation, and duct sticks.
- Resin is withdrawn from the chamber.
- The coil is placed in a preheated oven to cure the resin at the required temperature and time for complete cure.
- The coils are assembled with the core. Connections are made to the HV and LV bus/cable; tap connections are made to the terminals/cable. The assembly is tested to verify design performance.
- The complete assembly is heated in a hot-air oven above 230°F.
- The hot core and coil assembly complete with all wiring and bus connections are processed in a resin mixture containing thermoset polyester resin rated at 220°C, inorganic filling compound rated for operation at greater than

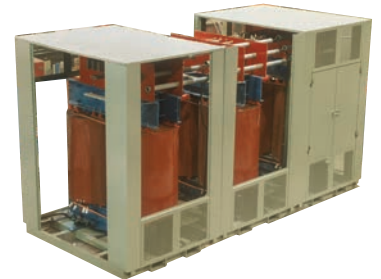
1000°C to assure a high continuous-use temperature, and an inorganic compound to provide a barrier against diffusion of water and other chemically similar molecules encountered in industrial processes and manufacturing.

- The hot assembly is covered with the resin-compound mixture in a vessel equipped to maintain the mixture ratios and allow for removal of excess resin to clear all cooling passages and ensure long life of the insulation system.
- The resin starts to cure and forms a thick (.005 Inch/ >125 microns) cover that seals all parts of the coil, connections, and the mechanical hardware to protect against vibration, shock, and rusting in industrial manufacturing environment.
- The resin is cured by placing the assembly in an air-circulating oven at the recommended temperature and time.

Unidip Advantages

- The core and coil assembly is sealed against industrial gas, vapor, and moisture contamination.
- The insulation system is protected from industrial environment and moisture to deliver full design life of more than 20 years when operated within the designed temperature and dielectric stresses.
- Unidip coating will withstand 95 percent relative humidity and subsequently pass all ANSI standard dielectric field tests.
- The mechanical system of the core and coil assembly is protected from loosening due to industrial vibrations and shocks.
- The mechanical parts of the core and coil assembly and the electrical connections will not rust in humidity encountered in industrial manufacturing.

Unidip-processed, dry-type transformers from Virginia Transformer Corp. of Roanoke, Va., USA, are equal to or better than cast resin or other sealed encapsulated dry-type transformers in their overall performance in the capital and consumer goods manufacturing environment. Additional environmental protection can be achieved by using optional accessories offered by VTC for long-term storage.



Unidip vs. Cast Oil – The Choice is Clear

VTC developed Unidip to operate under demanding applications in harsh environments. Because it is designed to withstand industrial fumes and vapors, fibrous and particle contamination, high temperature and humidity, short-circuit forces, and electrical voltage impulses, Unidip is the cost-effective alternative to liquid-filled or cast-coil transformers. Unidip is the perfect solution for power, rectifier, drive isolation and generator exciters up to 15,000kVA, 35kV class.

Desired Features	Unidip	Cast Coil
High thermal rating	Excellent: 220°C.....	Acceptable: 150°C to 185°C
Overload capacity	Very good: 15% overload without fans.....	Limited: fans necessary for overloading
Seal integrity.....	Yes: flexible insulation and cladding system..... eliminates coil cracking	No: Coil cracking because of rigid casting and high thermal coefficient of epoxy expansion
Void-free coil.....	Void density is low because of low varnish	Void density is higher because of high viscosity of epoxy resin
Superior short-circuit test performance	Yes: performed with 0% impedance change	No: passes standard ANSI test of 4 tests of 4 cycles (60Hz) each, longer than required per ANSI standards
High percent tensile elongation of coil filling	>20%	with less than 2% impedance change <5%
Flexible designs.....	Yes: All Unidip units are designed to.....	No: must choose from existing molds customer specifications
Design tested.....	Internal and external are self-extinguishing;	Not available
Quick delivery	Yes: typically 10 to 12 weeks	Limited: typically 12 months
Competitive pricing	Yes: never need to upsize; Unidip	Sometimes: choosing from pre-set molds can result in a 10% to 15% premium, because any non-standard design may force customer to order larger-sized unit than they actually need