

Kohler Standby/Prime Generator Set Test Program

Testing is an integral part of quality assurance. In keeping with our uncompromising commitment to quality, safety, and reliability, every Kohler Standby/Prime power generator set undergoes an extensive series of prototype and production testing.

Prototype Testing

Prototype testing includes the potentially destructive tests necessary to verify design, proper function of protective devices and safety features, and reliability expectations. Kohler's prototype testing includes the following:

- Alternator temperature rise test per NEMA MG1-32.6. Standby and prime ratings of the alternator are established during this test.
- Maximum power test to assure that the prime mover and alternator have sufficient capacity to operate within specifications.
- Alternator overload test per NEMA MG1-32.8.
- Steady-state load test to ensure voltage regulation meets or exceeds ANSI C84.1, NEMA MG1-32.17 requirements and to verify compliance with steady-state speed control specifications.
- Transient test to verify speed controls meets or exceeds specifications.
- Transient load tests per NEMA MG1-32.18, and ISO 8528 to verify specifications of transient voltage regulation, voltage dip, voltage overshoot, recovery voltage, and recovery time.
- Motor starting tests per NEMA MG1-32.18.5 to evaluate capabilities of generator, exciter, and regulator system.
- Three-phase symmetrical short-circuit test per NEMA MG1-32.13 to demonstrate short circuit performance, mechanical integrity, ability to sustain short-circuit current.
- Harmonic analysis, voltage waveform deviation per NEMA MG1-32.10 to confirm that the generator set is producing clean voltage within acceptable limits.

Torsional analysis data, to verify torsional effects are not detrimental and that the generator set will provide dependable service as specified, is available upon request.

Kohler offers other testing at the customer's request at an additional charge. These optional tests include power factor testing, customized load testing for specific application, witness testing, and a broad range of MIL-STD-705c testing. A certified test report is also available at an additional charge.

- Generator set cooling and air flow tests to verify maximum operating ambient temperature.
- Reliability tests to demonstrate product durability, followed by root cause analysis of discovered failures and defects. Corrective action is taken to improve the design, workmanship, or components.
- Acoustical noise intensity and sound attenuation effects tests.

Production Testing

In production, Kohler Standby/Prime generator sets are built to the stringent standards established by the prototype program. Every Kohler Generator set is fully tested prior to leaving the factory. Production testing includes the following:

- Stator and exciter winding high-potential test on all generators. Surge transient tests on stators for generators 180 kW or larger. Continuity and balance tests on all rotors.
- One-step, full-load pickup tests to verify that the performance of each generator set, regulator, and governor meets published specifications.
- Regulation and stability of voltage and frequency are tested and verified at no load, 1/4 load, 1/2 load, 3/4 load, and full-rated load.
- Voltage, amperage, frequency and power output ratings verified by full-load test.
- The proper operation of controller logic circuitry, prealarm warnings, and shutdown functions is tested and verified.
- Any defect or variation from specification discovered during testing is corrected and retested prior to approval for shipment to the customer.

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