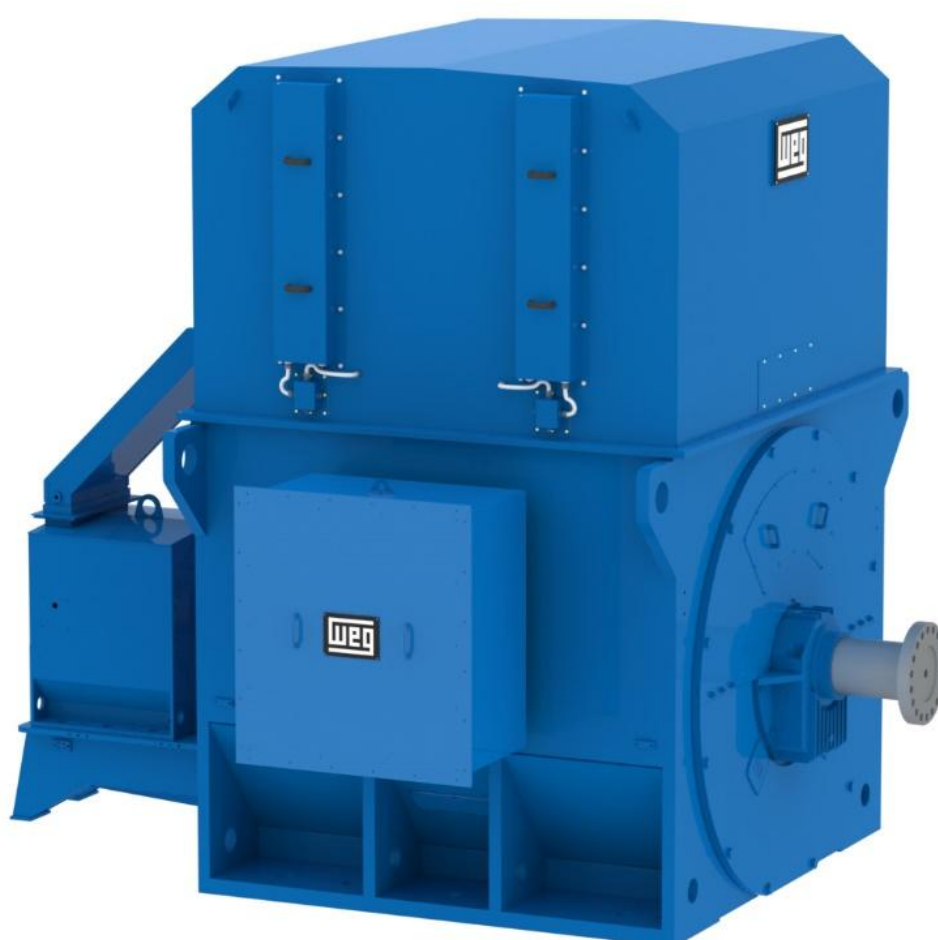


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Dear Customer,

Thank you for purchasing a WEG synchronous condenser. Our products are developed with the highest standards of quality and efficiency which ensures outstanding performance.

Electrical energy plays an essential role in the comfort and well-being of society. In this context, the synchronous condenser is a key piece of equipment for power system stability, operating in reactive power control and voltage regulation. As an electrical machine, the synchronous condenser must be properly identified and handled according to its design and operational characteristics, requiring specific care during storage, installation, commissioning, and maintenance.

Therefore, we recommend that you read this manual carefully before proceeding with the installation, operation or maintenance of the synchronous condenser in order to ensure safe and reliable operation of your equipment and facility. If you need any further information, please contact WEG.

Always keep this manual close to the synchronous condenser, so it can be consulted whenever necessary.



ATTENTION

1. It is imperative to follow the procedures contained in this manual for the warranty to be valid;
2. The synchronous condenser installation, operation and maintenance procedures must be performed only by qualified personnel.



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 - Spare parts
 - Commissioning
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1 INTRODUCTION

This manual contains information regarding low and high voltage synchronous condensers. Synchronous condenser are supplied with specific documents (drawings, connection diagram, characteristic curves, etc.). Those documents, together with this manual, must be thoroughly evaluated before proceeding with the installation, operation or maintenance of the synchronous condenser. All the procedures and standards contained in this manual must be observed in order to ensure proper operation of the synchronous condenser and the safety of the personnel involved. Following these procedures is also important to ensure the validity of the synchronous condenser warranty. Thus, we recommend carefully reading this manual before performing the installation, operation or maintenance of the synchronous condenser. If you need any further information, consult WEG.

1.1 SAFETY WARNINGS IN THE MANUAL

In this manual, the following safety warnings are used:



DANGER

Failure to observe the procedures recommend in this warning may result in death, serious injuries and extensive equipment damage.



ATTENTION

Failure to observe the procedures recommend in this warning may result in equipment damage.



NOTE

This provides important information for correct understanding and proper operation of the product.

2 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

All personnel involved with the assembly, operation or maintenance of electrical installations must be informed and updated on the standards and safety instructions that guide the job and are advised to strictly comply with them. Before beginning any job, the person in charge must make sure that all points have been duly observed and warn the respective personnel about the danger inherent to the task to be performed.

Improper application, inadequate handling or maintenance of the synchronous condenser, may cause serious injuries and/or material damages.

Therefore, it is highly recommended that such jobs be always performed by qualified personnel.

2.1 QUALIFIED PERSONNEL

The term qualified personnel means those who, because of their training, experience, education level and knowledge of the applicable standards, specifications, accident prevention, safety standards and operating conditions, have been authorized by the persons in charge to execute the necessary tasks, and who are able to recognize and avoid any possible danger. Such qualified personnel must also know and be able to provide first aid procedures if necessary. The entire start-up, maintenance and repair tasks must only be performed by qualified personnel.

Qualified personnel must also observe:

- All the technical data regarding the allowed applications (operating conditions, connections and installation environment), provided in the purchase order documents, operating instructions, manuals and other documentation;
- The specific regulations and conditions for the local installation;
- The use of suitable tools and equipment for handling and transportation;
- That the protective devices of the individual components are removed shortly before installation. Individual parts must be stored in vibration-free environments, avoiding falls and ensuring their protection against aggressive agents and/or that they do not jeopardize people.

2.2 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



DANGER

During normal operation of this equipment, a hazard associated with energized or rotating components with high voltage or elevated temperatures exists. Thus, the operation with open terminal boxes, unprotected couplings, improper handling, or failure to comply with the operating standards, may cause severe personal injuries and material damages.



ATTENTION

When devices and equipment are used outside the industrial environment, the user must ensure the safety of the equipment by adopting proper protection and safety measures during installation (for example, keeping people away, avoiding contact of children, etc.).

Those responsible for the safety of the installation must ensure that:

- Only qualified personnel install and operate the equipment;
- They have this manual and all other documents supplied with the synchronous condenser at hand, as well as that they perform the tasks in strict compliance with the service instructions, relevant standards and specific product documentation.



ATTENTION

Failure to comply with installation and safety standards may void the product warranty. Firefighting equipment and first aid notices must be available in visible and easily accessible locations at the work site.

2.3 STANDARDS

Synchronous condenser are specified, designed, manufactured and tested according to the standards described in Table 2-1. The applicable standards are specified in the commercial contract, which may indicate other national or international standards, depending on the application or installation location.

Table 2-1: Applicable standards

	STANDARDS
Specification	IEC60034-1 / NBR5117 IEC60034-3
Dimensions	IEC60072 / NBR5432
Tests	IEC60034-4 / NBR5052
Degrees of protection	IEC60034-5 / NBR IEC 60034-5
Cooling	IEC60034-6 / NBR IEC 60034-6
Mounting	IEC60034-7 / NBR IEC 60034-7
Noise	IEC60034-9 / NBR IEC 60034-9
Mechanical vibration	IEC60034-14 / NBR IEC 60034-14
Mechanical tolerances	ISO286 / NBR6158
Balancing	ISO1940 / NBR8008

2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The synchronous condenser was designed according to the specific environment characteristics (temperature and altitude) of your application and are described on the nameplate and in the datasheet of the synchronous condenser.



ATTENTION

For the use of water-cooled synchronous condensers in ambient temperatures below +5 °C, antifreeze additives must be added to the water.

2.5 OPERATING CONDITIONS

In order for the product warranty to be valid, the synchronous condenser must operate according to the rated data indicated on its nameplate, observing the applicable standards and the information provided in this manual.

2.6 VOLTAGE AND FREQUENCY

- As defined by the shadowed area in Figure 2.1, the synchronous condenser must be able to continuously supply its rated power, operating at its rated power factor with a variation of $\pm 5\%$ in the voltage and $\pm 2\%$ in the frequency. As the operating point moves away from the rated values of frequency and voltage, the temperature in the synchronous condenser windings may rise progressively;
- As defined by the external limit in Figure 2.1, the synchronous condenser must also be able to continuously supply its rated power, operating at its rated power factor with a variation of $\pm 5\%$ in the voltage and +3% and -5% in the frequency. However, in this case the temperature rise will be even higher than in the previous case. Thus, in order to minimize the reduction of the synchronous condenser lifespan because of the temperature effects, the extent and frequency of the operation out of the shadowed area must be limited. The power of the synchronous condenser must be reduced or another corrective action must be taken.

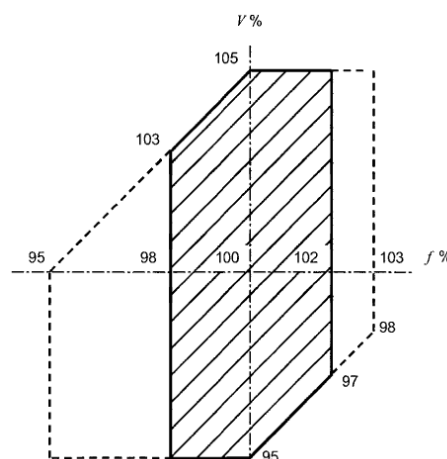


Figure 2.1: Voltage and frequency variation limits (IEC60034-3)

3 RECEIVING, HANDLING AND STORAGE

3.1 RECEIVING

All synchronous condensers were tested and are in perfect operating conditions. The machined surfaces are protected against corrosion. The package must be inspected upon receipt for occasional damages during transportation.



ATTENTION

Any damage must be photographed, documented and reported immediately to the carrier, the insurer and WEG. The non-communication of this damage will void the warranty.



ATTENTION

Parts supplied in additional packages must be checked upon receipt.

- When lifting the package (or container), the proper hoisting points, the weight indicated on the package or on the nameplate, and the operating capacity of the hoisting equipment must be observed.
- Synchronous condenser packed in wooden crates must always be lifted by their own hoisting eye or by a proper forklift; they must never be lifted by the package;
- The package can never be overturned. Place it on the floor carefully (without impact) in order to avoid damage to the bearings;
- Do not remove the grease for protection against corrosion from the shaft end and, or the closing plugs present in the terminal box holes. These protections must remain in place until the moment of the final assembly.
- A complete visual inspection of the synchronous condenser must be carried out after removing the package;
- The shaft locking system must be removed just before the installation and stored to be used in future transportation of the synchronous condenser.

3.2 HANDLING

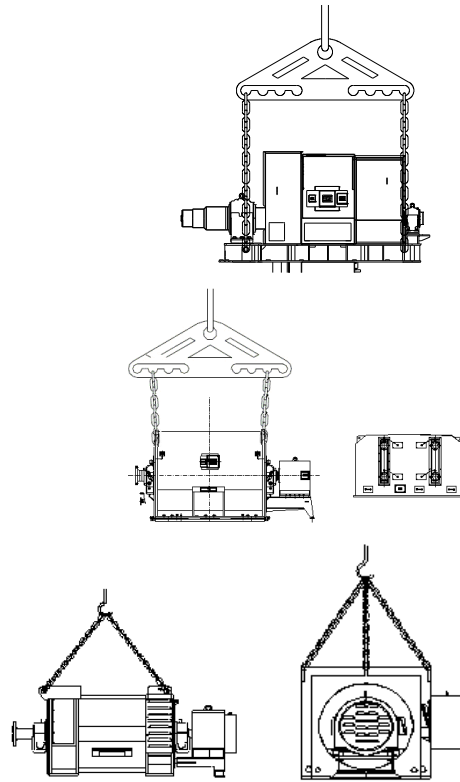


Figure 3.1: Synchronous condenser handling



NOTES

- Observe the indicated weight. Do not lift the synchronous condenser causing jolts or put it down abruptly on the floor, because this can cause damage to the bearings;
- In order to lift the synchronous condenser, use only the lifting lugs provided for that purpose only. If necessary, use a crossbeam to protect parts of the synchronous condenser;
- The lifting lugs on the heat exchanger, end shields, bearings, radiator, terminal box, etc. are designed to handle these components only separately;
- Never use the shaft to lift the synchronous condenser;
- In order to move the synchronous condenser, the shaft must be locked with the shaft locking device supplied with the synchronous condenser.



ATTENTION

- Steel wire ropes, clevises and the lifting equipment must be able to stand the synchronous condenser weight.
- For handling and assembling synchronous condensers supplied disassembled, refer to the handling and assembly manual supplied with the synchronous condenser.

3.3 STORAGE

If the synchronous condenser is not installed immediately after reception, it must remain inside the package and stored in a location protected against moisture, vapors, sudden changes in temperature, rodents and insects.

The synchronous condenser must be stored in vibration-free locations in order to avoid bearing damage.



ATTENTION

Space heaters must remain powered during storage in order to avoid moisture condensation inside the motor, except for the bearing heaters if the bearings are oil-lubricated.
Any damage to the paint or corrosion protection of the machined parts must be repaired.

3.3.1 Outdoor storage

The synchronous condenser must be stored in a dry location, free of flooding and vibrations.

Repair all damages occasionally caused to the packing during transportation before storing the synchronous condenser, which is necessary to ensure proper storage conditions.

Place the synchronous condenser on platforms or foundations which ensure protection against humidity from the ground and prevent it from sinking into the soil. Free air circulation underneath the synchronous condenser must be assured.

The cover used to protect the synchronous condenser against the bad weather must not be in contact with its surfaces. In order to ensure free air circulation between the synchronous condenser and such covers, place wooden blocks as spacers.

3.3.2 Extended storage

When the synchronous condenser is stored for a long period (two months or more) before the start-up, it is exposed to external agents, such as temperature variations, moisture, aggressive agents, etc. Empty spaces inside the synchronous condenser, such as those in bearings, terminal box, and windings, are exposed to humidity, which may condense and, depending on the type and degree of air contamination, aggressive substances may also penetrate these empty spaces.

Consequently, after long periods of storage, the winding insulation resistance may drop below the acceptable values, internal components, such as bearings, may oxidize, and the lubricant power of the lubricant agent in the bearings may be adversely affected.

All of these influences increase the risk of damages before the synchronous condenser start-up.



ATTENTION

For the synchronous condenser warranty to be valid, it is necessary to make sure that all the preventive measures described in this manual, as well as constructive aspects, maintenance, packing, storage and periodical inspections be followed and recorded.

The extended storage instructions are valid for synchronous condensers that remain stored for long periods (two months or more) before start-up or synchronous condensers already installed and that are in a prolonged stoppage, considering the same period.

3.3.2.1 Storage location

In order to ensure the best storage conditions for the synchronous condenser during long periods, the chosen location must strictly meet the criteria described in sections 3.3.2.1.1 and 3.3.2.1.2.

3.3.2.1.1 Indoor storage

- The storage site must be closed and covered;
- The site must be protected against moisture, vapors, aggressive agents, rodents and insects;
- Corrosive gases, such as chlorine, sulfur dioxide or acids, must not be present;
- The site must be free of vibration;
- The site must have a ventilation system with air filter;
- Ambient temperature between 5 °C and 60 °C, without sudden temperature variations;
- Relative humidity < 50%;
- The site must be protected against dirt and dust accumulation;
- It must have a fire detection system;
- The location must have a power supply for the space heaters.

If any of these requirements is not met in the storage site, WEG recommends that additional protections be incorporated to the synchronous condenser package during the storage period, as follows:

- A closed wooden crate or the like with an electrical installation that allows the energization of the space heaters;
- If there is risk of infestation and fungus formation, the package must be protected in the storage location by spraying it or painting it with appropriate chemicals;
- The package must be prepared carefully by an experienced person.

3.3.2.1.2 Outdoor storage



ATTENTION

Outdoor storage of the synchronous condenser is not recommended.

In case outdoor storage is unavoidable, the synchronous condenser must be packed in a specific package for such condition, as follows:

- For outdoor storage (exposed to the weather), besides the package recommended for indoor storage, the package must be covered with protection against dust, moisture and other foreign materials, using resistant canvas or plastic.
- The package must be placed on platforms or foundations that ensure protection against dirt and moisture and keep it from sinking into the soil;
- After the package is covered, a shelter must be erected to protect it against direct rain, snow and excessive sun heat.



ATTENTION

In case the synchronous condenser remains stored for long periods (two months or more), it is recommended to inspect it regularly as specified in the section 3.3.2.10 of this manual.

3.3.2.2 Separate parts

- If parts are supplied separately (terminal boxes, end shields, etc.), these parts must be packed as specified in sections 3.3.2.1.1 and 3.3.2.1.2 of this manual.
- The relative humidity inside the package must not exceed 50%.
- Rolling bearings must not be subject to shocks, falls or storage with vibration or humidity, which can cause marks on the internal races or on the balls, reducing their useful life.

3.3.2.3 Space heater



ATTENTION

The space heaters must remain powered during storage to avoid moisture condensation inside the synchronous condenser (except for the bearing heaters if the bearings are oil-lubricated) and ensure that the winding insulation resistance remains within acceptable levels.

3.3.2.4 Insulation resistance

During the storage period, the insulation resistance of the synchronous condenser windings must be measured and recorded every three months and before the synchronous condenser installation.

Any insulation resistance reduction must be investigated.

3.3.2.5 Exposed machined surfaces

All exposed machined surfaces (e.g., shaft end and flanges) are protected at the factory with a temporary protective agent (rust inhibitor).

This protection coating must be reapplied every six months or when removed and/or damaged.

Recommended Product: Anticorit BW protective agent

Manufacturer: Fuchs

3.3.2.6 Bearings



ATTENTION

If the motor bearings need to be opened, disassembled, or reassembled, the work **must be carried out exclusively** by WEG field service engineers or a **WEG-authorized service partner**. Any intervention by unauthorized personnel may result in bearing misalignment, premature wear, and **will void the product warranty**.

3.3.2.6.1 Sleeve bearing

Depending on the machine mounting position and the lubrication type, the machine can be transported with or without oil in the bearings.

The machine storage must be done in its original operating position and with oil in the bearings, when so specified.

The oil level must be respected, remaining in the middle of the sight glass.

In order to keep the bearings in good conditions during the storage period, the following preservation procedures must be performed:

- Close all the threaded holes with plugs;
- Check if all the flanges (e.g., oil inlet and outlet) are closed. If not, they must be closed with blind covers;
- The oil level must be respected, remaining in the middle of the oil sight glass;
- Every two months the shaft locking device should be removed the shaft, add between 100 and 200ml of lubricating oil through the sight glass at the top of the bearing and rotate the shaft which can be done manually with the help of a lever, two or three complete turns are sufficient.



NOTES

For bearings that have a high-pressure oil injection system (jacking), this system must be activated before rotating the machine rotor.

For bearings without an internal oil reservoir (dry sump) and for thrust and counter-bearings, the oil circulation system must be activated to turn the machine shaft.

The shaft rotation must always be done in the machine rotation direction.

If it is not possible to rotate the machine shaft, as recommended, after six months of storage, the following procedure must be used for protecting both the bearing internally and the contact surfaces against corrosion:

- Close all the threaded holes with plugs;
- Seal the gaps between the shaft and the bearing seal on the shaft by applying water-proof adhesive tape;
- Check if all the flanges (e.g., oil inlet and outlet) are closed. If not, they must be closed with blind covers;
- Remove the upper sight glass from the bearing and apply the corrosion inhibitor spray (TECTYL 511 or equivalent) inside the bearing;
- Close the bearing with the upper sight glass.



NOTES

If the bearing has no upper sight glass, the top cover of the bearing must be disassembled to apply the corrosion inhibitor spray.

Each six months of storage, repeat the procedure described above.

If the storage period exceeds two years:

- Disassemble the bearing;
- Preserve and store the parts.

3.3.2.7 Terminal box

When the insulation resistance of the synchronous condenser windings is measured, the main terminal box and the other terminal boxes must also be inspected, observing the following aspects:

- The inside must be dry, clean and free of dust accumulation;
- The contact elements cannot present corrosion;
- The seals must be in proper condition;
- The cable inlets must be correctly sealed.



ATTENTION

If any of these items are not in proper condition, proceeds the adequate maintenance and, if necessary, replace damaged parts.

3.3.2.8 Radiator

When the radiator remains out of operation for a long period, it must be drained and dried. The drying may be done with pre-heated compressed air. During the winter, in case there is risk of freezing, all the water must be drained from the radiator, even if the synchronous condenser remains out of operation just for a short period in order to prevent deformation of the pipes or damages to the seals.



NOTE

During short operation stoppages, instead of draining the water, it is preferable to keep its circulation at low speeds through the heat exchanger, thus ensuring that harmful products, such as ammonia compounds and hydrogen sulfide, are taken out of the radiator and not deposited inside.

3.3.2.9 Inspections and records during storage

The stored synchronous condenser must be inspected periodically and inspection records must be filed.

The following points must be inspected:

1. Physical damages;
2. Cleanliness;
3. Signs of water condensation;
4. Protective coating conditions;
5. Paint conditions;
6. Signs of aggressive agents;
7. Satisfactory operation of space heaters. It is recommended that a signaling or alarm system be installed in the location in order to detect power interruption on the space heaters;
8. Record the ambient temperature and relative humidity around the synchronous condenser, the winding temperature (using RTDs), the insulation resistance and the polarization index;
9. Storage site, so that it complies with the criteria described in section 3.3.2.1.

3.3.2.10 Maintenance plan during storage

During the storage period, the synchronous condenser maintenance must be performed and recorded according to the plan described in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1: Storage plan

	Monthly	2 months	6 months	2 years	Before start-up	NOTES
Storage Location						
Inspect the cleanliness conditions		x			x	
Inspect the humidity and temperature conditions		x				
Check for signs of insect infestation		x				
Package						
Inspect for damages			x			
Check the internal relative humidity		x				
Change the dehumidifier in the package (if any)			x			Whenever necessary
Space heater						
Check the operating conditions	x					
Whole synchronous condenser						
Perform external cleaning			x		x	
Check the painting conditions			x			
Check the rust inhibitor on the exposed machined parts			x			
Reapply the rust inhibitor			x			
Windings						
Measure the insulation resistance		x			x	
Measure the polarization index		x			x	
Terminal box and grounding terminals						
Clean the interior of the boxes				x	x	
Inspect the seals and gaskets				x	x	
Sleeve bearings						
Rotate the shaft		x				
Apply anti-corrosion spray			x			
Clean the bearings and relubricate them					x	
Disassemble and store the parts						If the storage period exceeds 2 years

3.3.3 Preparation for commissioning

3.3.3.1 Cleaning

- The internal and external parts of the synchronous condenser must be free of oil, water, dust, and dirt.
- Remove the rust inhibitor from the exposed surfaces with a cloth damped in a petroleum-based solvent;
- Make sure that the bearings and cavities used for lubrication are free of dirt and the cavity plugs are correctly sealed and tightened. Oxidation and marks on the bearing seats and on the shaft must be carefully removed.

3.3.3.2 Bearing inspection



ATTENTION

If the synchronous condenser storage period exceeds six months, the sleeve bearings must be disassembled, inspected and cleaned, before starting the synchronous condenser operation.

The sleeve bearings without oil tank (dry crankcase), regardless of the synchronous condenser storage period, should necessarily be disassembled, inspected and cleaned before starting the synchronous condenser operation.

Reassemble the sleeve bearings and carry out lubrication.

Contact WEG to perform this procedure.

3.3.3.3 Bearing lubrication

Use the lubricant specified for bearing lubrication.

Information on the bearings and lubricants are indicated on the bearing nameplate, and the lubrication must be done as described in section 7.10 of this manual, always considering the type of bearing.

3.3.3.4 Insulation resistance verification

Before putting the synchronous condenser into operation, the insulation resistance must be measured according to section 3.3.2.4 of this manual.

3.3.3.5 Air-water heat exchanger

- When starting the motor, ensure that the water circulates freely through the radiator;
- The radiator bolts should be tightened with torques of 40 to 50Nm;
- Make sure that there is no water leakage. Check the radiator gaskets, and replace if necessary;
- Check the heat exchanger sealing rubbers and replace them if necessary;
- The radiator has two headers, and it is necessary to remove the machine's rear guard to access them.

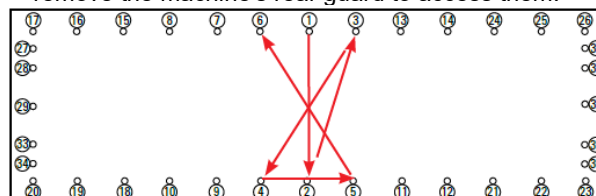


Figure 3.2: Tightening Torque Information



ATTENTION

Operating the equipment with water velocity above the recommended limits may cause erosion of the radiator tubes, compromising their integrity, reducing the radiator's service life, and leading to cooling system failures. Ensure that the water velocity remains within the following limits:

Copper tubes: up to 2.0 m/s.

Copper-nickel tubes: up to 2.5 m/s.

For radiators manufactured with other materials, consult WEG.

3.3.3.6 Others

Follow the other procedures described in section 6 of this manual before putting the synchronous condenser into operation.

4 INSTALLATION

4.1 INSTALLATION SITE

Synchronous condenser must be installed in easily accessible places, allowing periodic inspections, on-site maintenance and, if necessary, removal for external services.

The following environmental conditions must be ensured:

- Clean and well-ventilated location;
- The installation of other equipment or walls must not hinder or block the synchronous condenser ventilation;
- The area around and above the synchronous condenser must be sufficient for maintenance or handling;
- The environment must be in accordance with the synchronous condenser protection degree.

4.2 SHAFT LOCK

The synchronous condenser leaves the factory with a lock on the shaft to prevent damages to the bearings during transportation. This lock must be removed prior to synchronous condenser installation.



ATTENTION

The shaft locking device must be installed whenever the synchronous condenser is removed from its base (uncoupled) in order to prevent damages to the bearings during transportation. The shaft end is protected at the factory with a temporary protective agent (rust inhibitor). During the synchronous condenser installation, it is necessary to remove this product from the grounding brush (if any) contact track on the shaft.

4.3 ROTATION DIRECTION

The rotation direction is indicated on a plate affixed to the drive end of the synchronous condenser and in the synchronous condenser specific documentation.



ATTENTION

Synchronous condenser supplied with a single rotation direction must not operate in the opposite direction. In order to operate the synchronous condenser in the opposite direction, consult WEG.

4.4 INSULATION RESISTANCE

4.4.1 Safety instructions



DANGER

In order to measure the insulation resistance, the synchronous condenser must be turned off and stopped. The winding being tested must be connected to the frame and grounded until all residual electrostatic charges are removed. Capacitors (if any) must also be grounded before disconnecting and separating the terminals to measure the insulation resistance. Failure to comply with these procedures may result in personal injury.

4.4.2 General considerations

When the synchronous condenser is not immediately put into operation, it must be protected against moisture, high temperatures, and dirt, avoiding impacts to the insulation resistance.

The winding insulation resistance must be measured before putting the synchronous condenser into operation.

If the environment is too humid, the insulation resistance must be measured periodically during storage. It is difficult to establish fixed rules for the actual value of the winding insulation resistance, as it varies according to the environmental conditions (temperature, humidity), synchronous condenser cleanliness conditions (dust, oil, grease, dirt), and quality and condition of the insulating material used.

The evaluation of the periodical follow-up records is useful to conclude whether the synchronous condenser is able to operate.

4.4.3 Measurement on the stator windings

The insulation resistance must be measured with a megohmmeter. The testing voltage for the windings must be in accordance with Table 4-1, and according to IEEE43 standard.

Table 4-1: Voltage for the winding Insulation resistance test

Winding rated voltage (V)	Insulation resistance test - continuous voltage (V)
< 1000	500
1000 - 2500	500 - 1000
2501 - 5000	1000 - 2500
5001 - 12000	2500 - 5000
> 12000	5000 - 10000

Before measuring the stator winding insulation resistance:

- Disconnect all connections to the stator terminals;
- Disconnect and insulate all CTs and PTs (if any);
- Ground the synchronous condenser frame;
- Measure the winding temperature;
- Ground all temperature sensors;
- Check the humidity;
- Disconnect the neutral grounding;
- Ensure that the synchronous condenser bars are not grounded.

The insulation resistance measurement of the stator windings must be done in the main terminal box. The instrument (megohmmeter) must be connected between the synchronous condenser frame and the winding. The frame must be grounded and the three phases of the stator winding must remain connected to the neutral point, as shown in Figure 4.1.

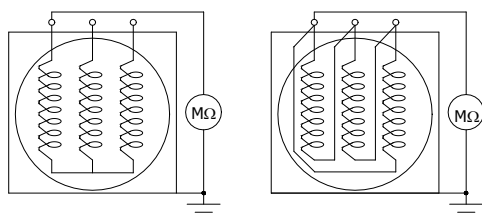


Figure 4.1: Megohmmeter connection

Whenever possible, each phase must be isolated and tested separately. The separate test allows a comparison between the phases. When a phase is tested, the other two phases must be grounded to the same ground of the frame, as shown in Figure 4.2.

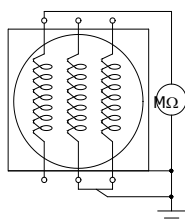


Figure 4.2: Connection of the megohmmeter to separate phases

If the total winding measurement presents a value below the recommended, the neutral connections must be opened and the insulation resistance of each phase must be measured separately.



ATTENTION

Much higher values may be frequently obtained in synchronous condensers being operated for a long period of time. Comparison with values obtained in previous tests on the same synchronous condenser - under similar load, temperature and humidity conditions – may be an excellent parameter to evaluate the winding insulation conditions, instead of using the value obtained in a single test as the basis. Significant or sudden reductions are considered suspicious.

4.4.4 Measurement on the rotor and exciter windings

Measurement on the rotor winding:

- Disconnect the rotor cables from the diode set and from the discharge resistor (if any);
- Connect the instrument to measure the insulation resistance (megohmmeter) between the rotor winding and the synchronous condenser shaft. The measuring current must not pass through the bearings.

Measurement of the main exciter stator winding:

- Disconnect the power supply cables from the exciter;
- Connect the instrument to measure the insulation resistance (megohmmeter) between the exciter stator winding and the synchronous condenser frame.

Measurement on the main exciter rotor winding:

- Disconnect the cables of the exciter rotor from the diode set;

- Connect the instrument to measure the insulation resistance (megohmmeter) between the exciter rotor winding and the synchronous condenser shaft. The measuring current must not pass through the bearings.

Measurement of the auxiliary exciter stator winding (PMG), if any:

- Disconnect the cables that connect the auxiliary exciter to the voltage regulator;
- Connect the instrument to measure the insulation resistance (megohmmeter) between the auxiliary exciter stator winding and the synchronous condenser frame.

4.4.5 Additional Information



ATTENTION

After measuring the insulation resistance, ground the tested winding in order to discharge it. The test voltage to measure the insulation resistance of the rotor and space heater must be 500 Vdc and for the other accessories 100 Vdc. It is not recommended to measure the insulation resistance of thermal protectors.

4.4.6 Polarization index

The polarization index is defined by the ratio between the insulation resistance measured in 10 minutes and the insulation resistance measured in 1 minute. This measurement procedure is always carried out at relatively constant temperatures. The polarization index allows the evaluation of the synchronous condenser insulation conditions.



DANGER

In order to avoid accidents, the winding must be grounded immediately after measuring the insulation resistance.

4.4.7 Conversion of the measured values

The insulation resistance measured on the windings shall be converted to 40 ° C using the correction factor provided in Figure 4.3 (IEEE43 standard) and applying the following formula:

$$R_c = K_t \cdot R_t$$

Where:

R₄₀ = referred insulation resistance at 40 ° C

K_t = Insulation resistance correction factor as a function of temperature, as shown in Figure 4.3,

R_t = measured insulation resistance.

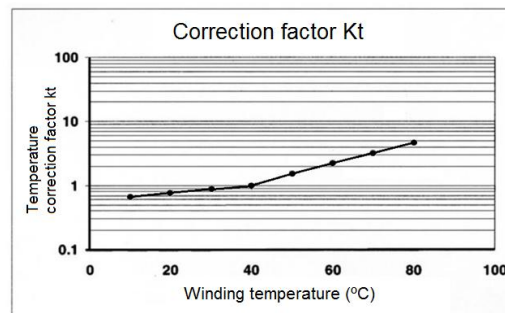


Figure 4.3: Insulation resistance correction factor due to temperature

The values used to generate the curve of Figure 4.3 are shown in Table 4-2

Table 4-2: Correction factors (Kt) due to temperature

t (°C)	Correction factor kt
10	0,7
20	0,8
30	0,9
40	1,0
50	1,5
60	2,3
70	3,3
80	4,6

4.4.8 Recommended Minimum Values

According to IEEE-43 Standard, the recommended minimum values for winding insulation resistance (R.I.) and Polarization Index (I.P.) are shown in Table 4.3:

Table 4-3: Minimum R.I. e I.P. values

Winding voltage	Minimum R.I. (converted to 40°C)	Minimum I.P.
Up to 1000 V	5 MΩ	Not applicable
Greater than 1000 V	100 MΩ	2

4.5 PROTECTIONS

4.5.1 Thermal protections

The temperature sensors are installed on the main stator, bearings and other parts that require temperature monitoring and thermal protection. The terminals of the temperature sensors are available in the accessory box. These sensors must be connected to an external temperature monitoring and protection system.

4.5.1.1 Temperature sensors

Thermostats – Are bimetallic thermal detectors with normally closed silver contacts. They open at a certain temperature. The thermostats are connected in series or independently according to the connection diagram.

Thermistors (PTC or NTC) - Are thermal detectors composed of semiconductors that vary their resistance sharply when they reach a certain temperature. Thermistors are connected in series or independently according to the connection diagram.



NOTE

Thermostats and thermistors must be connected to a control unit in order to interrupt the synchronous condenser operation or activate a signaling device.

RTDs (Pt100) - Are calibrated resistance elements. Their operation is based on the principle that the electrical resistance of a metallic conductor varies linearly with the temperature. The detector terminals must be connected to a control panel which includes a temperature meter.



NOTE

Resistance temperature detectors (RTD) allow the monitoring via the absolute temperature informed through their instantaneous resistance value. With this information the relay, which can be programmed for alarm and trip according to pre-defined values, is able to perform the temperature reading.

4.5.1.2 Temperature limits for the windings

The temperature of the hottest spot of the winding must be kept below the limit of the insulation thermal class. The total temperature is obtained by the sum of the ambient temperature and the temperature rise (T), plus the difference between the average temperature of the winding and the hottest spot of the winding.

The ambient temperature must not exceed 40 °C, in accordance with NBR IEC60034-1 standard. Above this temperature, the working conditions are considered special and the synchronous condenser specific documentation must be consulted. Table 4-4 shows the numerical values and the composition of the acceptable temperature of the hottest spot on the winding.

Table 4-4: Insulation class

Insulation class (°C)	F	h
Ambient temperature	40	40
T = temperature rise (temperature measurement method by resistance variation)	105	125
Difference between the hottest point and the average temperature	10	15
Total: temperature of the hottest point	155	180



ATTENTION

If the synchronous condenser operates with temperatures in the windings above the limit values of the insulation thermal class, the lifespan of the insulation and, consequently, of the synchronous condenser, will be significantly reduced, or it may even result in the synchronous condenser burnout.

4.5.1.3 Alarm and trip temperatures

The synchronous condenser alarm and trip temperatures must be set at the lowest possible value. These temperatures can be determined based on the factory tests or through the synchronous condenser operating temperature.

The alarm temperature can be set 10 °C above the machine operating temperature at full load, always considering the highest ambient temperature on site.



ATTENTION

The alarm and trip values may be determined as a result of experience, but they must not exceed the values indicated in the synchronous condenser wiring diagram.



ATTENTION

The synchronous condenser protection devices are listed in the WEG drawing – Wiring diagram. Not using these devices is the sole responsibility of the user and, in case of damage to the synchronous condenser, it will void the warranty.

4.5.1.4 Temperature and ohmic resistance of the PT100 thermoresistance

Table 4-5 shows the temperature as a function of the ohmic resistance measured across PT100 RTDs.

$$\text{Formula: } \frac{\Omega - 100}{0.386} = ^\circ\text{C}$$

Table 4-5: Temperature X Resistance (Pt100)

° C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	100.00	100.39	100.78	101.17	101.56	101.95	102.34	102.73	103.12	103.51
10	103.90	104.29	104.68	105.07	105.46	105.95	106.24	106.63	107.02	107.40
20	107.79	108.18	108.57	108.96	109.35	109.73	110.12	110.51	110.90	111.28
30	111.67	112.06	112.45	112.83	113.22	113.61	113.99	114.38	114.77	115.15
40	115.54	115.93	116.31	116.70	117.08	117.47	117.85	118.24	118.62	119.01
50	119.40	119.78	120.16	120.55	120.93	121.32	121.70	122.09	122.47	122.86
60	123.24	123.62	124.01	124.39	124.77	125.16	125.54	125.92	126.31	126.69
70	127.07	127.45	127.84	128.22	128.60	128.98	129.37	129.75	130.13	130.51
80	130.89	131.27	131.66	132.04	132.42	132.80	133.18	133.56	133.94	134.32
90	134.70	135.08	135.46	135.84	136.22	136.60	136.98	137.36	137.74	138.12
100	138.50	138.88	139.26	139.64	140.02	140.39	140.77	141.15	141.53	141.91
110	142.29	142.66	143.04	143.42	143.80	144.17	144.55	144.93	145.31	145.68
120	146.06	146.44	146.81	147.19	147.57	147.94	148.32	148.70	149.07	149.45
130	149.82	150.20	150.57	150.95	151.33	151.70	152.08	152.45	152.83	153.20
140	153.58	153.95	154.32	154.70	155.07	155.45	155.82	156.19	156.57	156.94
150	157.31	157.69	158.06	158.43	158.81	159.18	159.55	159.93	160.30	160.67

4.5.2 Protections in the panel

Table 4-6 indicates the protections generally used in drive system panels. In addition to these, other protection devices must be used as needed.

Table 4-6: Protections on the panel

POWER	PROTECTIONS
Up to 150 kVA – Low Voltage	50/51 – 52-59
From 150 to 1000 kVA – Low Voltage	27-49-50-59-50/51
Above 1000 kVA – Low Voltage	27-32-49-50G-51V-52-59
Up to 3000 kVA – Medium Voltage	CP-PR-27-32-49-50G-51V-52-59
3000 to 7500 kVA – Medium Voltage	CP-PR-32-40-46-49-50G-51V-52-59-87
Over 7500 kVA – Medium Voltage	CP-PR-27-32-40-46-49-50G-51V-52-59-78-81-87

SYMBOLOLOGY:

CP - Capacitor
PR – Lightning arrester
27 – Undervoltage
32 - Inverse power
40 - Field loss
46 - Current unbalance
49 - Overload
50G - Ground overcurrent
50 - Instantaneous overcurrent
51 - Timed overcurrent
51V - Voltage blocking overcurrent
52 - Circuit breaker
59 - Overvoltage
64 – Field grounding
78 - Phase angle
81 - Frequency
86 - Locking relay
87 - Differential

4.5.3 Space heater

When the synchronous condenser is equipped with a space heater to prevent internal water condensation during long periods out of operation, it must be assured that the space heater is energized shortly after turning the synchronous condenser off, and that it is de-energized before the synchronous condenser is put into operation. The values of the space heater supply voltage and power are informed in the connection diagram and in the specific plate affixed to the synchronous condenser.

Make sure that the bearings contain oil before energizing the bearing heaters

4.5.4 Water leak sensor

Synchronous condenser with air-water heat exchanger are supplied with a water leak sensor intended to detect water leaks from the radiator into the synchronous condenser. This sensor must be connected to the control panel, according to the synchronous condenser connection diagram. The signal of this sensor must be used to activate the alarm.

When this protection actuates, the heat exchanger must be inspected and, if any water leak is detected, the synchronous condenser must be shut down and the problem corrected.

4.6 COOLING

The synchronous condenser cooling system may vary according to its application.

Only the proper installation of the synchronous condenser and of the cooling system can ensure its continuous operation without overheating.



ATTENTION

The protection devices of the cooling system must be monitored periodically; The air and/or water inlets and outlets must not be obstructed, because this could cause overheating and even lead to the synchronous condenser burnout. For further details, refer to the synchronous condenser dimensional drawing.

4.6.1 Air-water heat exchanger cooling

In synchronous condensers with air-water heat exchangers, the internal air, in a closed circuit, is cooled by the radiator, which is a surface heat transmitter designed to dissipate heat.

Clean water with the following characteristics must be used as coolant:

- pH: between 7 and 9
- Conductivity: $\leq 500 \mu\text{S/cm}$
- Dissolved Oxygen: $< 0.02 \text{ mg/L}$
- Total Dissolved Solids (TDS): $\leq 300 \text{ ppm (NaCl)}$
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS): $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L}$
- Chlorides (Cl^-): $\leq 100 \text{ mg/L}$
- Sulfates: $\leq 70 \text{ mg/L}$
- Nitrates (NO_3^-): $\leq 10 \text{ mg/L}$
- Ammonia (NH_3): Absent (free)
- Sulfides: Absent (free)
- Iron + Manganese: $< 0.2 \text{ mg/L}$
- Total Hardness: $\leq 300 \text{ ppm as CaCO}_3$
- Total Alkalinity: 70–300 ppm as CaCO_3
- Silica (SiO_2): $\leq 70 \text{ mg/L}$



ATTENTION

Data of the radiators that compose the air-water heat exchanger are informed on their nameplate and on the synchronous condenser dimensional drawing. This data must be observed for the proper operation of the synchronous condenser cooling system, thus, preventing overheating.

4.6.1.1 Radiators for application with sea water



ATTENTION

In the case of radiators for applications with sea water, the materials in contact with the water (pipes and plates) must be corrosion resistant. Furthermore, the radiators may be fitted with sacrificial anodes (e.g., zinc or magnesium), as shown in Figure 4.4, which corrode during the heat exchanger operation, protecting the radiator heads. In order to maintain the integrity of the radiator heads, these anodes must be replaced periodically, according to their corrosion level.

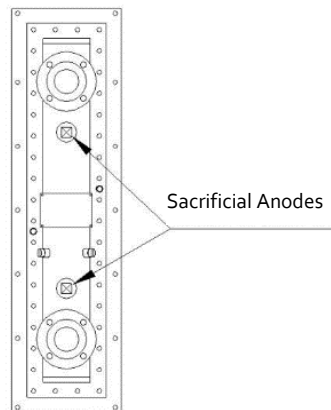


Figure 4.4: Radiator with sacrificial anodes



NOTE

The type, quantity and position of the sacrificial anodes may vary according to the application.

4.6.2 Independent ventilation cooling

The **independent fans** are driven by three-phase asynchronous motors, with integral terminal boxes. The characteristic data (frequency, voltage, etc.) are on the nameplate of these motors, and the rotation direction is indicated by a plate affixed to the fan housing or close to it.



NOTE

It is necessary to check the rotation direction of the independent ventilation motors before starting the synchronous condenser. If the rotation direction is opposite to the specified, invert the connection of two of their power supply phases.

The **air filters** (if any) which prevent the ingress of dirt into the synchronous condenser must be regularly inspected, according to the section "Maintenance Plan" of this manual. The filters must be in perfect condition to ensure the proper operation of the cooling system and the permanent protection of the synchronous condenser sensitive internal parts.

4.6.3 Air/Air heat exchanger cleaning

Some fouling of the cooling surface and the tube wall will eventually occur. This fouling reduces the cooling capacity. The heat exchanger should therefore be cleaned at regular intervals, to be determined from case to case, depending on the properties of the cooling air. During the initial period of operation, the heat exchanger should be inspected frequently. Blow the heat exchanger clean with compressed air or clean it with a suitable brush. Do not use a steel brush in aluminum tubes as it can damage the tubes; a soft round brass wire brush can be used instead.

4.7 ELECTRICAL ASPECTS

4.7.1 Electrical connections



ATTENTION

Analyze the electrical connection diagram supplied with the synchronous condenser carefully before beginning the connection of the power, grounding and accessory cables. For the electrical connection of the auxiliary equipment, refer to their specific manuals.

4.7.1.1 Main electrical connections

The location of the power, neutral and rotor terminal boxes are identified in the specific dimensional drawing of each synchronous condenser.

The stator and rotor terminal identifications and their corresponding connections are indicated in the specific synchronous condenser connection diagram.

Make sure the cross section and insulation of the connection cables are suitable for the synchronous condenser current and voltage.

The synchronous condenser must rotate in the rotation direction specified on the nameplate and/or on the plate affixed to the drive end of the synchronous condenser.



NOTE

The rotation direction is, by convention, determined looking to the shaft end at the synchronous condenser drive end. Synchronous condenser with a single rotation direction must only rotate in the indicated direction since fans and other devices are unidirectional. In order to operate the synchronous condenser in the rotation direction opposite to the specified, consult WEG.



ATTENTION

Before making the connections between the synchronous condenser and the power line, it is necessary to perform a careful measurement of the winding insulation resistance.

In order to connect the synchronous condenser main power cables, unscrew the stator terminal box cover, cut the sealing rings (standard synchronous condensers without cable gland) according to the diameter of the cables to be used and insert the cables in the sealing rings. Cut the power cables to the necessary length, strip the ends and mount the cable lugs that will be used.

4.7.1.2 Grounding

The synchronous condenser frame and the main terminal box must be grounded before connecting the synchronous condenser to the power line. Connect the metal sheath of the cables (if any) to the common grounding conductor. Cut the grounding conductor to the proper length and connect it to the terminal in the terminal box and/or frame.

Fasten all connections firmly.



ATTENTION

Do not use washers made of steel or other materials with low electrical conductivity to fasten the cable lugs.

4.8 MECHANICAL ASPECTS

4.8.1 Foundations

- The foundation or structure where the synchronous condenser will be installed must be sufficiently rigid, flat, free of external vibration and capable to withstand the mechanical loads to which it will be submitted;
- If the foundation dimensioning is not carefully executed, this may cause serious vibration on the foundation set, synchronous condenser and turbine;
- The foundation structural design must be done based on the dimensional drawing, on the information about the foundation mechanical loads, and on the synchronous condenser anchoring method.
- The customer is responsible for the design and construction of the foundation according to the requirements described in Natural frequency of the base.



ATTENTION

The customer is responsible for the design and construction of the foundation and shall also perform lateral (motor on base) and torsional critical speed studies of the assembly to ensure the stability of the entire installation. The structure must provide adequate stiffness to withstand dynamic and occasional forces, such as those resulting from short-circuit events. To minimize resonance risks, it is recommended that the natural frequency of the foundation-machine system remains at least $\pm 15\%$ away from the rated operating speed.



ATTENTION

Place shims of different thicknesses between the synchronous condenser supporting surfaces and the foundation in order to allow a precise alignment.



NOTE

The user is responsible for dimensioning and building the foundation where the synchronous condenser will be installed.

4.8.2 Foundation loads

The foundation loads are informed in the synchronous condenser documentation.

4.8.3 Base types

4.8.3.1 Concrete base

Concrete bases are the most widely used for the installation of electric synchronous condensers.

The type and size of the foundation, bolts and anchoring plates depend on the synchronous condenser size and type.

4.8.3.2 Metal base

The synchronous condenser must rest evenly on the metal base in order to prevent deformations of the frame. Occasional height errors of the surface that supports the synchronous condenser can be corrected with compensation plates (shims).

Do not remove the synchronous condenser from the common base to make the alignment. The base must be leveled on the foundation itself by using leveling instruments.

When a metal base is used to align the height of the synchronous condenser shaft end to the coupled machine shaft end, it must be leveled on the concrete base. After the base has been leveled, the anchor bolts tightened and the couplings checked, the metal base and the anchor bolts can be cemented.

4.8.4 Natural frequency of the base

In order to ensure a safe operation, the synchronous condenser must be precisely aligned with the coupled equipment and both must be properly balanced.

As a requirement, the synchronous condenser installation base must be flat and meet the requirements of DIN 4024-1 standard.

In order to verify if the criteria of the standard are being met, the following potential vibration excitation frequencies generated by the synchronous condenser and coupled machine must be evaluated:

- The synchronous condenser rotation frequency;
- The double of the rotation frequency;
- The double of the synchronous condenser electric frequency. According to DIN 4024-1 standard, the natural frequencies of the base or foundation must be away from these potential excitation frequencies, as specified next:
- The first natural frequency of the base or foundation (first order natural frequency of the base) must be out of the range from 0.8 to 1.25 times any of the potential excitation frequencies above;
- The other natural frequencies of the base or foundation must be out of the range from 0.9 to 1.1 times any of the potential excitation frequencies above;

4.8.5 Mounting



ATTENTION

Mount the synchronous condenser in a safe way and align it properly. The inadequate mounting can generate excessive vibration, cause early wear of the bearings and even break the shaft.

4.8.6 Anchor plate set

The anchor plate set, when used, is composed of the anchor plate, leveling bolts, leveling shims, alignment bolts and anchor bolts.



NOTES

When WEG supplies the anchor plate for fastening and aligning the synchronous condenser, the dimensional and installation details of the anchor plate are supplied in the specific dimensional drawing of the synchronous condenser. The user is responsible for mounting, leveling and grouting the anchor plates (except when specific agreement establishes otherwise).

The anchor bolts must be fastened according to Table 4-7.

Table 4-7: Tightening torque of the anchor bolts

Type Ø	Tightening torque (*) Nm
M30	550
M36	960
M42	1460
M48	2200
M56	3500

* using lubricant paste for the bolts (Molykote P37)

After positioning the synchronous condenser, perform the final leveling by using the vertical leveling bolts and the leveling shims.



ATTENTION

Protect all the threaded holes to prevent grout from penetrating the threads during the grouting of the anchor plate and anchor bolts.

4.8.7 Leveling

The synchronous condenser must rest on a surface with flatness of up to 0.08 mm/m.

Verify whether the synchronous condenser is perfectly leveled both in the vertical and horizontal planes. Make the proper adjustments by placing shims under the synchronous condenser. The synchronous condenser leveling must be checked with proper equipment.

Leveling shims

During the synchronous condenser mounting, leveling shims must be inserted between the synchronous condenser and the anchor plate, so that the alignment procedure begins with this number of shims, as follows:

- 3 mm of stainless-steel shims (2 mm + 1 mm) or
- 5,40 mm galvanized steel shims (2,7 mm + 2,7 mm)

The other shims shown in Table 4-8 will be kept aside to be used in different combinations in order to obtain the necessary thicknesses to provide the required leveling. The maximum thickness of the leveling shims must not exceed 4.5 mm.

Table 4-8 shows the quantity of stainless-steel shims or galvanized steel shims for each synchronous condenser support region on the anchor plate.

Table 4-8: Leveling shims

Stainless steel shims		Galvanized steel shims	
Quantity (un.)	Thickness (mm)	Quantity (un.)	Thickness (mm)
2	0,1	2	0,43
2	0,2	2	0,50
2	0,5	1	0,65
2	1	1	0,80
1	2	1	1,95
-	-	2	2,70

4.8.7.1 Support



NOTE

At least 75% of the support surfaces area of the synchronous condenser feet must be supported on the base.

4.8.8 Alignment

The synchronous condenser must be properly aligned with the coupled machine.



ATTENTION

Incorrect alignment may result in bearing damages, generate excessive vibration and even break the shaft.

The alignment must be done according to the coupling manufacturer recommendations.

The synchronous condenser and coupled machine shafts must be aligned in the axial and radial directions, as shown in Figure 4.5 and Figure 4.6.

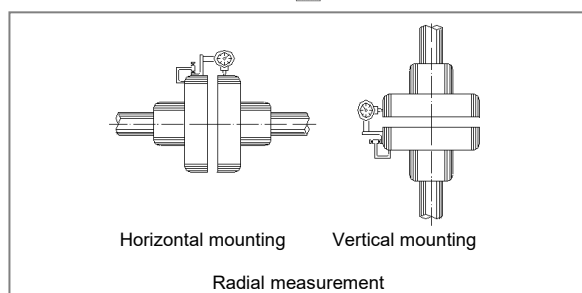
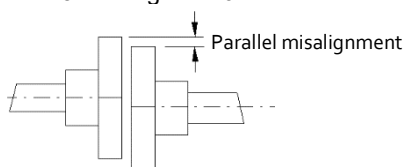


Figure 4.5: Parallel alignment

Figure 4.5 shows the parallel misalignment of the two shaft ends and the practical way to measure it by using suitable dial gauges.

The measurement is performed in four points 90° away from each other with the two half-couplings rotating together to eliminate effects of support surface irregularities on the dial gauge tip. Choosing the upper vertical point as 0°, half the difference between the dial gauge measurements at the 0° and 180° points represents the vertical coaxial error. In case of deviation, it must be corrected by adding or removing leveling shims.

Half of the difference between the dial gauge measurements at the 90° and 270° points represents the horizontal coaxial error.

These measurements indicate when it is necessary to lift or lower the synchronous condenser or move it to the right or to the left on the drive end in order to eliminate the coaxial error. Half of the maximum difference among the dial gauge measurements in a complete rotation represents the maximum eccentricity found.

The misalignment in a complete shaft rotation, with rigid or semiflexible coupling, cannot exceed 0.03 mm.

When flexible couplings are used, greater values than those indicated above are acceptable, provided that they do not exceed the value allowed by the coupling manufacturer. It is recommended to keep a safety margin for these values.

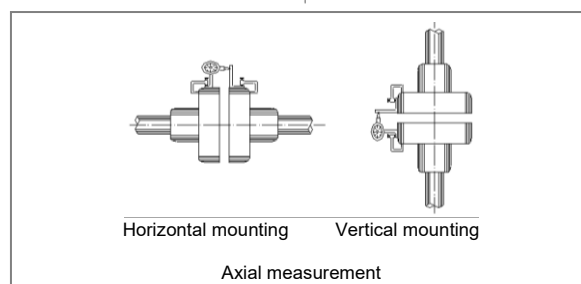
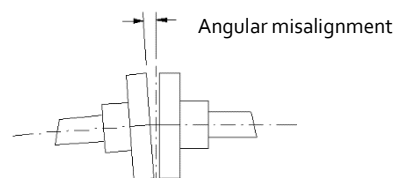


Figure 4.6: Angular alignment

Figure 4.6 shows the angular misalignment and a practical form to measure it.

The measurement is done in four points 90° away from each other, with the two half-couplings rotating together to eliminate effects of support surface irregularities on the dial gauge tip. Choosing the upper vertical point as 0°, half of the difference between the dial gauge measurements at the 0° and 180° points represents the vertical misalignment. In case of deviation, it must be corrected by adding or removing alignment shims.

Half the difference between the dial gauge measurements at the 90° and 270° points represents the horizontal misalignment, which must be corrected by displacing the synchronous condenser in the lateral/angular direction. Half of the maximum difference among the dial gauge measurements in a complete rotation represents the maximum angular misalignment found.

The misalignment in a complete shaft rotation, with rigid or semiflexible coupling, must not exceed 0.03 mm. When flexible couplings are used, greater values than those indicated above are acceptable, provided that they do not exceed the value allowed by the coupling manufacturer. It is recommended to keep a safety margin for these values. In the alignment/leveling, the influence of temperature on the synchronous condenser and coupled machine must be considered. Different expansions of the parts may change the alignment/leveling conditions during operation.



ATTENTION

After aligning the set and having assured a perfect alignment (both hot and cold), the synchronous condenser must be doweled to the anchor plate or to the base, according to the information in the synchronous condenser dimensional drawing.

4.8.9 Inspection of pedestal bearings



ATTENTION

Pedestal bearings must be inspected and, if necessary, realigned according to the instructions below:

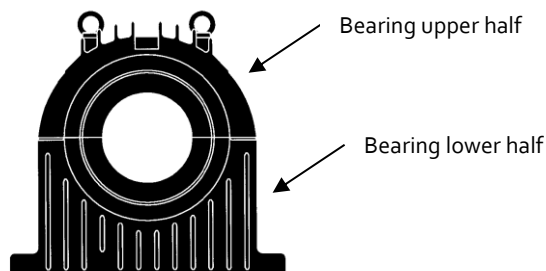


Figure 4.7: Pedestal bearing

Drive end bearing alignment

1. Loosen the fixing bolts of the two halves of the drive end bearing housing;
2. Lift the upper half of the bearing housing;
3. Loosen the fixing bolts of the two halves of the bearing shell and lift the upper half;
4. Lubricate the shaft sliding surface and the sliding surface of the upper half of the bearing shell, if necessary, with the same kind of oil of the bearing using a piece of soft and absorbent paper or a clean cloth that does not release lint;
5. Check if the face of the split part of the lower half of the bearing shell is aligned with the face of the split part of the lower half of the bearing housing by using a rigid and perfect parallel bar.
6. Using a feeler gauge, check the clearances between the lower half of the bearing shell and the shaft in four points (right, left, front and back sides of the bearing shell);
7. In case the measured clearances are different, or the faces of the split parts of the bearing shell are misaligned with the faces of the split part of the bearing housing, the bearing shell must be aligned with the shaft, as follows:
8. Loosen the fixing bolts of the two halves of the non-drive end bearing housing before lifting the shaft;
9. Lift the drive end of the synchronous condenser shaft just enough for the rotor weight not to rest on the bearing shell so that it can be adjusted in the spherical seat of the lower half of the bearing housing;



NOTE

Between the shaft and the lifting device, use a material softer than the shaft material, in order to prevent damages (copper or bronze, for instance).

10. Align the bearing shell making the measurements according to items 5 and 6;
11. Lower the shaft until it touches the lower bearing shell;
12. Mount the upper half of the bearing shell and tighten the fixing bolts of this half to the lower half of the bearing shell, with the torque specified in Table 4-9
13. Apply a layer of CURIL T sealing on the machined faces of the lower half of the lower bearing housing;
14. Using a hoist, mount the upper half of the bearing housing on the lower half;

15. Tighten the bolts applying the torque specified in Table 4-11;
16. After the proper tightening of the bolts, apply colored sealing liquid between the bolts and bearing housing to indicate that they have received the correct torque.

Non-drive end bearing alignment

Use the same alignment procedure as used to align the drive end bearing.



ATTENTION

The two pedestal bearings must be perfectly aligned.

Table 4-10: Bearing shell torque

Pedestal bearing size	Torque (Nm)
14	20
18 – 22	69
28 – 35	170
45	330

Table 4-11: Bearing house torque

Pedestal bearing size	Torque (Nm)
14	170
18	330
22	580
28	1160
35	1150
45	2010

4.8.10 Couplings

Only proper couplings, which convey only torque without generating transversal forces, must be used.

For both flexible and rigid couplings, the shaft centers of the coupled machines must be in a single line.

Flexible couplings mitigate the effects of residual misalignments and prevent transmission of vibration between the coupled machines, which does not occur when rigid couplings are used.

The coupling must be mounted or removed with the aid of proper devices and never by means of rudimentary tools, such as hammers, sledgehammers, etc.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions when mounting or removing couplings or other drive elements and cover them with a touch guard. For trial run in uncoupled state, lock or remove the shaft end key. Avoid excessive radial and axial bearing loads (note manufacture's documentation). The balance of the machine is indicated as H= half and F= full key. In half key cases coupling must be half key balanced without a key. In case of protruding, visible part of the shaft end key, establish mechanical balance.



ATTENTION

Dowel pins, nuts, washers and leveling shims may be supplied with the synchronous condenser when requested in the purchase order.



NOTES

The user is responsible for the synchronous condenser installation (except when specified by commercial agreement). WEG is not liable for damages to the synchronous condenser, associated equipment and installation occurred because of:

- Transmission of excessive vibration;
- Poor installations;
- Faulty alignment;
- Improper storage conditions;
- Noncompliance with the instructions before start-up;
- Incorrect electrical connections.

4.8.10.1 Direct coupling

Because of issues about cost, space economy, problems with belt sliding and more safety against accidents, direct coupling must be used whenever possible. Also, direct coupling is preferable in case of transmission with reduction gearing.



ATTENTION

Align the shaft ends carefully, and, whenever possible, use flexible coupling, leaving a minimum clearance (E) of 3 mm between the couplings, as shown in Figure 4.8.

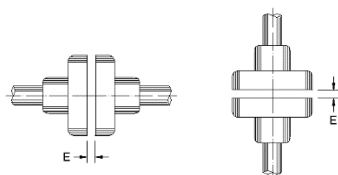


Figure 4.8: Axial clearance of the coupling (E)

4.8.10.2 Gear coupling

Gear couplings badly aligned generate vibration in the transmission itself and in the synchronous condenser. Therefore, caution must be taken so that the shafts be perfectly aligned, rigorously parallel in case of spur gear transmissions and in a correct angle in case of transmissions by bevel or helical gears.

The gear teeth meshing can be controlled with the insertion of a paper strip, on which the trace of all teeth shows up after a gear turn.

4.8.10.3 Coupling of synchronous condensers equipped with sleeve bearings

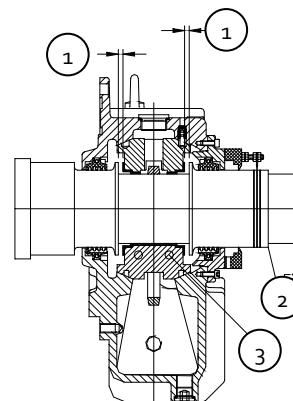


Figure 4.9: Sleeve bearing

Figure 4.9 legend:

1. Axial clearance
2. Shaft
3. Bearing shell



ATTENTION

Synchronous condenser equipped with sleeve bearings must operate with direct coupling to the driving machine or by means of a gear box. This kind of bearing does not allow belt drive.

Synchronous condenser equipped with sleeve bearings have three marks on the shaft end, so that the central mark (painted red) is the indication of the magnetic center, and the two outer marks indicate the allowed limits for axial rotor movement.

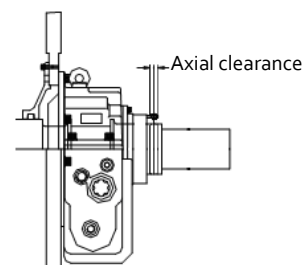


Figure 4.10: Magnetic center mark

For the synchronous condenser coupling, the following factors must be considered:

- Bearing axial clearance;
- Axial displacement of the driving machine (if any);
- Maximum axial clearance allowed by the coupling.



ATTENTION

- Move the shaft completely forwards and then perform the correct measurement of the axial clearance;
- Align the shaft ends carefully and, whenever possible, use flexible coupling, leaving a minimum axial clearance of 3 to 4 mm between the couplings.



NOTE

If it is not possible to move the shaft, then the shaft position, the shaft forward displacement (according to the marks on the shaft), and the axial clearance recommended for the coupling must be considered.

- Before putting it into operation, it is necessary to check whether the synchronous condenser shaft allows free axial movement within the aforementioned clearance conditions;
- In operation, the arrow must be positioned on the central mark (red), which indicates that the rotor is in its magnetic center;
- During the start, or even in operation, the synchronous condenser may move freely between the two outer limit marks.



ATTENTION

The sleeve bearings used on this synchronous condenser were not designed to withstand constant axial loads; therefore, under no circumstances can the synchronous condenser continuously operate under axial load on the bearings. The synchronous condenser can only operate continuously under axial and/or radial loads on the bearing if the criteria informed in the machine documentation are observed.

5 OPERATION PRINCIPLE

The synchronous condenser is equipped with a soft-start system using an auxiliary motor (pony motor).

The voltage regulator supplies the DC excitation voltage to the main exciter. The secondary voltage from one of the PTs connected to the main terminals of the synchronous condenser is used as the voltage sensing signal for the excitation panel.

Once the synchronization parameters (voltage, frequency, and phase angle) of the synchronous condenser and the grid are met, the unit can be connected to the power system. After synchronization, the pony motor is switched off, and control is carried out by adjusting the excitation via the excitation panel.



ATTENTION

Details of the excitation system and reactive compensation settings can be found in the excitation panel manual. The voltage regulator must be parameterized in accordance with the information provided in that manual.

4.9 HYDRAULIC UNIT

For further information on the installation, operation and maintenance of the hydraulic unit (if any), refer to the synchronous condenser dimensional drawing and the specific manual of this equipment.

The oil return pipe from the motor bearing to the hydraulic unit must have a minimum inclination from the outlet flange of 15° over the entire length of the pipe.



ATTENTION

For more information on the installation, operation and maintenance of the hydraulic unit (if any), please refer to the dimensional drawing of the engine and the specific manual for this equipment.

6 COMMISSIONING

When the synchronous condenser is started for the first time or after a prolonged standstill, several aspects must be considered besides the regular operation procedures.



ATTENTION

- Avoid any contact with electric circuits;
- Even low-voltage circuits may be life threatening;
- In any electromagnetic circuit, overvoltage may occur under certain operating conditions;
- Do not open an electromagnetic circuit suddenly, because the presence of an inductive discharge voltage may break the insulation or injure the operator;
- In order to open those circuits, disconnect switches or circuit breakers must be used.

6.1 PRELIMINARY INSPECTION

Before the first operation of the synchronous condenser or after long periods out of operation, the following items must be inspected:

1. Check if the synchronous condenser is properly aligned;
2. Check if the synchronous condenser feet were fixed with the torque recommended in this manual. The synchronous condenser must be doweled to the base;
3. Check if the synchronous condenser is clean and if the packages, measuring instruments and alignment devices were removed from the generating operating area;
4. Check if the synchronous condenser is properly grounded;
5. Measure the insulation resistance of the windings, making sure they are within the specified value;
6. Check if coupling connecting components are in perfect operating conditions, duly tightened and greased, when necessary;
12. Check if the power grid cables are properly connected to the synchronous condenser main terminals and ensure they are properly tightened and no short-circuit possibility exists;
13. Inspect the cooling system. In synchronous condensers with water-cooling, inspect the operation of the radiator water supply system. In synchronous condensers with forced ventilation, check the rotation direction of the fans;
14. The synchronous condenser air inlets and outlets must be unobstructed;
15. The moving parts of the synchronous condenser must be protected to prevent accidents;
16. The terminal box covers must be properly fastened;
17. Test the high-pressure oil injection system (if any), ensuring its proper operation;
18. Test the hydraulic unit operation (if any), ensuring its proper operation;
19. When rotating the synchronous condenser rotor, check if it does not present strange noises.



NOTE

The motor bearings must not be removed, disassembled, or reassembled by anyone other than WEG or a WEG-authorized service partner. Throughout the entire service life of the motor, any maintenance activity involving the bearings — including inspection, removal, or reinstallation — must be performed exclusively by WEG field service engineers or authorized repair partners. Failure to comply may result in misalignment, premature wear, or voiding of warranty

7. Check if the bearings are not damaged, if they are properly fixed and aligned;
8. Check if the bearings are properly lubricated. The lubricant must be of the type specified on the nameplate. Check the oil level of oil-lubricated bearings. Bearings with forced lubrication must have the oil pressure and flow as specified in their nameplate;
9. Check if the synchronous condenser connection cables were installed according to the connection diagram and if the synchronous condenser protection/excitation system is operating properly in the control panel;
10. Check if the voltage regulator is properly parameterized and operating according to the installation manual;
11. Check if the protection relay is parameterized and operating according to the selectivity study;
12. Check if the power grid cables are properly connected to the synchronous condenser main terminals and ensure they are properly tightened and no short-circuit possibility exists;
13. Inspect the cooling system. In synchronous condensers with water-cooling, inspect the operation of the radiator water supply system. In synchronous condensers with forced ventilation, check the rotation direction of the fans;
14. The synchronous condenser air inlets and outlets must be unobstructed;
15. The moving parts of the synchronous condenser must be protected to prevent accidents;
16. The terminal box covers must be properly fastened;
17. Test the high-pressure oil injection system (if any), ensuring its proper operation;
18. Test the hydraulic unit operation (if any), ensuring its proper operation;
19. When rotating the synchronous condenser rotor, check if it does not present strange noises.

6.2 FIRST OPERATION (WITH NO LOAD)

6.2.1 First operation procedure

After all preliminary inspections have been carried out, proceed according to the directions presented next in order to perform the first operation of the synchronous condenser:

1. Adjust the protection settings in the synchronous condenser protection/excitation panel;
2. Turn off the space heater;
3. In oil-lubricated bearings, check the oil level;
4. In bearings with forced lubrication, start the oil circulation system and check the level, flow and oil pressure, ensuring they comply with the data on the nameplate.
5. If the system has an oil flow detection device, it must be waited until the oil flow return signal from the oil circulation system of both bearings is received, which makes sure that the oil has reached the bearings;
6. In rotating electrical machines that use orifice plates at the oil inlet of the bearings, it is mandatory to calibrate the oil flow during commissioning by adjusting the diameter of the hole in the orifice plate. This calibration must be performed by the customer or the commissioning team to ensure that the oil flow meets the specifications of the lubrication system. The orifice plate serves to reduce the pressure in the oil line and is essential for the safe and efficient operation of the bearings. Incorrect adjustment—or lack of adjustment—can compromise lubrication and result in premature bearing failure.



ATTENTION

The diameter of the orifice plate is not adjusted in advance by the manufacturer, as it depends on the actual pressure and temperature of the oil line supplied by the customer's system. Since these parameters can vary from one installation to another, the final dimensioning can only be done accurately during commissioning.

7. Start the industrial water-cooling system and check the required flow and pressure (synchronous condensers with air-water heat exchanger);
8. Turn on the fans (synchronous condensers with forced ventilation);
9. Switch on the high-pressure oil injection system (if any), keeping it on as informed in the synchronous condenser technical documentation, until the bearings can get the lubrication by self-pumping;
10. Accelerate the synchronous condenser until the rated speed is reached;
11. Keep the machine running at this speed and record the bearing temperatures at 1-minute intervals until they stabilize. Any sudden or continuous increase in bearing temperature indicates abnormality in lubrication or in the contact surfaces.
12. Monitor the temperature, oil level of the bearings and the vibration levels. If there is a significant variation of any value, interrupt the synchronous condenser start process, identify possible causes and make the necessary correction;
13. Once the bearing temperatures have stabilized, the machine can be synchronized with the system under no-load condition;
14. After completing these procedures, the synchronous condenser may be excited and tested under no-load condition;
15. Adjust the excitation system parameters and verify the output voltage, as well as the operation of all instruments and the phase sequence of the synchronous condenser.
16. All the control and measurement instruments must be monitored permanently so that occasional changes will be detected immediately and their causes solved before proceeding with the operation.



ATTENTION

After performing the first operation and making sure that the synchronous condenser is working perfectly, one can proceed with the synchronous condenser normal operation by connection it to loads or to the network. In order to operate the synchronous condenser in automatic operation mode (normal operation), the synchronous condenser must be shut down and the excitation PT secondary terminals connected to the power circuit of the electronic voltage regulator.

6.3 OPERATION

6.3.1 Operation procedures

To put the synchronous condenser into operation, proceed according to the following directions:

1. Adjust the protection settings in the control panel;
2. Start the hydraulic unit (if applicable);
3. Start the bearing oil circulation system (if applicable). Check the oil level, flow, and pressure, ensuring they are in accordance with the nameplate data;
4. Wait for the oil pressure or flow feedback signal from the circulation system to ensure that oil has reached the bearings;
5. Start the industrial cooling water system, verifying the required flow and pressure (synchronous condensers with air-to-water heat exchanger);
6. Start the fans (units with forced ventilation);
7. Start the high-pressure oil injection system (if applicable). It must remain in operation as specified in the synchronous condenser technical documentation until the bearings achieve self-lubrication;
8. Switch off the space heater;
9. Start the synchronous condenser and increase its speed;
10. When the synchronous condenser reaches 95% of its rated speed, switch the voltage regulator to automatic mode to initiate the excitation process;
11. The rated voltage and frequency are achieved when the machine reaches rated speed;
12. Measure and compare the current consumption with the value indicated on the nameplate. Under steady-state conditions, without load oscillation, the measured current must not exceed the nameplate value multiplied by the service factor;



ATTENTION

All the control and measurement instruments must be monitored permanently so that occasional changes will be detected immediately and their causes solved before proceeding with the operation.

6.3.2 Connection to the load or electric power system (Grid)

- Check the synchronous condenser phase sequence:

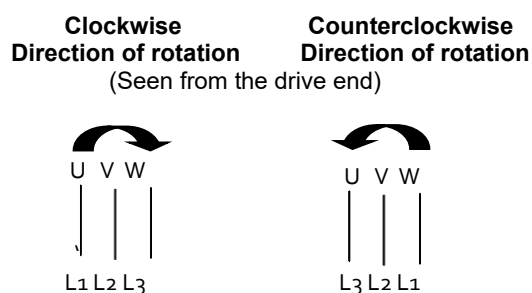


Figure 6.1: Phase Sequence (IEC60034-8)

- In order to connect the synchronous condenser to the load in the individual (single) mode, it must be with the same rated voltage and the same phase sequence as the load;
- When the synchronous condenser works connected to the power electric system (utility company grid), before making the connection, the synchronous condenser and grid voltages must have the same phase sequence and be in synchronism.



ATTENTION

The synchronous condenser terminals must only be connected to the power grid when the voltage signals are synchronized and the phase sequences are the same.

6.3.3 Synchronization of the synchronous condenser with the power grid

In order to synchronize the synchronous condenser with the line:

- Put the voltage regulator into operation and let it control the synchronous condenser voltage;
- Adjust the synchronous condenser voltage until it equals the grid voltage;
- Vary the synchronous condenser speed until the grid voltage and the synchronous condenser voltage are in phase;
- With the synchronous condenser and grid voltages equal and in phase, close the circuit breaker that connects the synchronous condenser to the line.

Recommended data for synchronization:

- $\Delta U = + 4\%$ and $- 2\%$
- $\Delta f = + 0.18\text{Hz}$ and $- 0.10\text{Hz}$
- Phase angle lower than 8°

The maximum values of $\Delta U = 5\%$ and $\Delta f = 2\%$ must not be exceeded.

6.3.4 Data recording

The following data must be collected and recorded periodically during the synchronous condenser operation:

- Temperature of the bearings;
- Oil level of the bearings;
- Stator winding temperature;
- Air inlet and outlet temperatures;
- Vibration level;
- Field and stator voltage and current.

At the beginning of operation, the values must be checked every fifteen minutes. After some hours of operation, check these values every hour. After some time, these intervals may be progressively increased,

but those values must be recorded daily for a period of five to six weeks.

6.3.5 Temperatures

- The temperature of the bearings, stator winding and ventilation air (if any) must be monitored while the synchronous condenser is operating.
- The temperature of the bearings and stator winding stabilize in a period between four to eight hours of operation;
- The stator winding temperature depends on the synchronous condenser load condition. Therefore, its operation data (voltages, currents, frequency) must be monitored during the synchronous condenser operation.

6.3.6 Bearings

The system starts, as well as the first hours of operation, must be monitored carefully.

Before putting the synchronous condenser operation, verify:

- If the high-pressure oil injection system (if any) is ON;
- If the external lubrication system (if any) is ON;
- If the used lubricant complies with all specifications;
- The lubricant characteristics;
- The oil level (oil-lubricated bearings);
- If the bearing alarm and trip temperatures are set;

During the first starting, it is important to pay attention to abnormal vibrations or noises. If the bearing is not running silently and smoothly, the synchronous condenser must be shut down immediately.

In case of overheating, the synchronous condenser must be shut down immediately, bearings and temperature sensors must be inspected and the causes corrected;

The synchronous condenser must operate for several hours until bearing temperatures stabilize within the specified limits;

After the bearing temperatures stabilize, check if there are no leaks through the plugs, gaskets or shaft end.

6.3.6.1 High-pressure oil injection system

In bearings which have the option of shaft lifting when starting or stopping by means of oil pressure, the activation of this system is done by means of an external oil pump, and the following procedure must be observed:



ATTENTION

The high-pressure oil injection system must be switched on before putting the synchronous condenser into operation and during the shutdown procedure, as informed in the synchronous condenser technical documentation.

6.3.7 Radiators

During the operation of synchronous condensers with air-water heat exchanger, it is necessary:

- Control the temperature at the radiator inlet and outlet and, if necessary, correct the water flow;
- Adjust the water pressure just to overcome the resistance in the pipes and in the radiator;
- In order to control the synchronous condenser operation, it is recommended to install thermometers at the radiator air and water inlet and outlet, recording these temperatures at certain intervals;

- When installing the thermometers, recording or signaling instruments (siren, lights) can also be installed in certain places.

Verification of the radiator performance

- For operation control purposes, it is recommended that water and air temperatures at the radiator inlets and outlets be measured and recorded periodically;
- The radiator performance is expressed by the temperatures difference between cold water and cold air during normal operation. This difference must be checked periodically. If an increase in this difference is observed after a long period of normal operation, verify the need for radiator cleaning.
- The accumulation of air inside the radiator can lead to a performance reduction or to its damage. In this case, a deaeration of the radiator and the pipes may solve the problem;
- The water pressure differential can be considered an indicator of the need for cleaning the radiator.
- It is also recommended to measure and record the difference between the water pressure before and after the radiator. Periodically, the newly measured values must be compared to the original value, and an increase of the pressure differential indicates the need for cleaning the radiator.

6.3.8 Vibration

Permissible vibration levels must be obtained directly from the standard regarding the synchronous condenser.

Table 6-1: Standards to evaluate the vibration in coupled synchronous condensers

Application	Measurement in non-rotating parts	Measurement in rotating parts
Turbo synchronous condensers up to 50MW	ISO 10816-3	ISO 7919-3
Turbo synchronous condensers above 50MW	ISO 10816-2	ISO 7919-2
2-pole turbosynchronous condensers for gas turbines	ISO10816-4	ISO 7919-4

6.3.9 Vibration causes

Common causes of vibration are:

- Misalignment between the synchronous condenser and driving equipment;
- Improper fastening of the synchronous condenser to the base, with "loose shims" under one or more of the synchronous condenser feet, and loose fastening bolts;
- Improper or insufficiently rigid base;
- External vibrations from other equipment.



ATTENTION

Operating the synchronous condenser with vibration levels above the values provided in the standard may impair its useful life and/or performance.

6.4 SHUTDOWN

In order to stop the synchronous condenser, proceed as follows:

- Reduce the synchronous condenser load down to 5% to 10% of the rated current;
- Turn off the voltage regulator;
- Switch off the excitation of the synchronous condenser;
- Open the synchronous condenser circuit breaker;
- Activate the synchronous condenser shutdown system;
- Turn on the high-pressure oil injection system (if any) when the synchronous condenser reaches the speed specified in the technical documentation;

After the synchronous condenser stops completely:

- Switch off the high-pressure oil injection system (if any);
- Switch off the oil circulation system of the bearings (if any);
- Switch off the hydraulic unit (if any);
- Shut down the industrial water system (if any);
- Switch off the forced ventilation system (if any);
- Switch on the space heaters. They must be kept ON until the next synchronous condenser operation;
- Make sure that the bearings contain oil before energizing the bearing heaters.



DANGER

Even after the de-excitation, there can be voltage present in the synchronous condenser terminals. Therefore, any job can only be performed after the full stop of the equipment. Failure to observe the points described above is life threatening.



ATTENTION

Terminal boxes of the machine equipped with capacitors must not be opened before full discharge. Discharge time: 30 minutes after the synchronous condenser has been switched off.

7 MAINTENANCE

7.1 GENERAL

A proper maintenance program includes the following recommendations:

- Keep clean the synchronous condenser and associated equipment;
- Measure the winding insulation resistance periodically;
- Measure the temperature of windings, bearings and cooling system periodically;
- Check the wear, operation of the lubrication system and useful life of the bearings;
- Measure the synchronous condenser vibration levels;
- Inspect the cooling system;
- Inspect associated equipment;
- Check all the synchronous condenser accessories, protections and connections, ensuring that they are operating properly.



ATTENTION

The resistors must be de-energized before opening the connection box cover, whenever maintenance is carried out.



ATTENTION

Noncompliance with the recommendations of section 7.1 may cause undesired stoppages of the equipment. The frequency of such inspections depends on local application conditions. Every time that it becomes necessary to transport the synchronous condenser, the shaft must be properly locked to prevent damages to the bearings. Use the device supplied with the synchronous condenser to lock the shaft. If the synchronous condenser requires reconditioning or replacement of any damaged part, consult WEG.

7.2 GENERAL CLEANING

- Keep the frame clean, without external accumulation of oil or dust, in order to facilitate the heat exchange with the environment;
- The inside of the synchronous condenser must also be kept clean, and free from dust, debris and oils;
- For cleaning, use brushes or clean cotton cloths. If the dust is not abrasive, the cleaning must be done with an industrial vacuum cleaner, "aspiring" the dirt from the fan cover and the dust accumulated on the fan blades and on the frame;
- The grounding brush compartment (if any) must be kept clean, without dust accumulation;
- Debris impregnated with oil or moisture can be removed with a cloth soaked in appropriate solvents;
- Clean the terminal boxes when necessary. Terminals and connectors must be kept clean, free of rust and in perfect operating conditions. Avoid the presence of grease or verdigris in the connection parts.

7.3 WINDING INSPECTIONS

Yearly, the windings must be submitted to a complete visual inspection, recording and repairing all and every damage or defect observed.

The winding insulation resistance measurements must be done at regular intervals, especially during humid weather and after prolonged synchronous condenser stoppages. Low values or sudden variations in the insulation resistance must be investigated.

The windings must be submitted to complete visual inspections at frequent intervals, recording and repairing all and every damage or defect observed.

The winding insulation resistance may be increased up to a proper value in points where it is low (due to excessive dust and moisture) by means of dust removal and by drying the winding moisture.

7.4 WINDING CLEANING

In order to obtain a more satisfactory operation and a longer useful life of the insulated windings, it is recommended to keep them free of dirt, oil, metal dust, contaminants, etc.

Therefore, it is necessary to inspect and clean the windings periodically, according to the recommendations of the "Maintenance Plan" of this manual. If reimpregnation is necessary, consult WEG.

The windings may be cleaned with an industrial vacuum cleaner with a non-metallic crevice tool or just a dry cloth. For extreme dirt conditions, it may be necessary to use a proper liquid solvent for cleaning. This cleaning must be quick to prevent prolonged exposure of the windings to the solvent effects.

After being cleaned with solvents, the windings must be completely dried.

Measure the insulation resistance and the polarization index in order to assess the winding insulation conditions. Winding drying time after cleaning varies depending on the weather conditions such as temperature, humidity, etc.



DANGER

Most solvents currently used are highly toxic and/or flammable.

Solvents must not be used in the straight parts of the coils of high-voltage synchronous condensers, because they may affect the protection against corona effect.

7.4.1 Inspections

The following inspections must be carried out after the windings are carefully cleaned:

- Check the insulations of the windings and connections.
- Check if spacers, bindings, slot wedges, bandages and supports are properly fixed;
- Check for breaks, faulty welds, short-circuit between turns and against the frame in the coils and connections. In case any fault is detected, consult WEG.
- Ensure that all cables are properly connected and that terminal fixation components are duly tightened. Retighten, if necessary.

7.4.2 Re-impregnation

If any layer of resin on the windings is damaged during cleaning or inspection, such parts must be corrected with adequate material (in this case, consult WEG).

7.4.3 Insulation resistance

The insulation resistance must be measured after the completion of all of the maintenance procedures.



ATTENTION

Before putting the synchronous condenser back into operation, it is essential to measure the winding insulation resistance and ensure that the measured values meet the specifications.

7.5 COOLING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

- The pipes of the air-air heat exchanger (if any) must be kept clean and unobstructed to ensure a perfect heat exchange. In order to remove the dirt accumulated in the pipes, a rod with a round brush on the tip may be used.
- In case of air-water heat exchangers, periodic cleaning in the radiator pipes is necessary to remove all and any incrustation.



NOTE

If the synchronous condenser has filters in the air inlets and/or outlets, they must be cleaned with compressed air. If the dust is difficult to remove, wash the filters with cold water and neutral detergent and dry them in the horizontal position; In case the filters are impregnated with dust containing grease, it is necessary to wash them with gasoline, kerosene or another petroleum solvent or hot water with P3 additive; All the filters must be dried after the cleaning. Do not twist them; Replace the filter if necessary.

7.6 RADIATOR MAINTENANCE

The degree of dirt in the radiator can be detected by the increase of the temperature at the air outlet. When the temperature of the cold air, under the same operating conditions, exceeds the specified value, it can be assumed that the pipes are dirty.

If corrosion is found in the radiator, it is necessary to provide adequate protection (i.e., zinc anodes, cover with plastic, epoxy or other similar products) in order to prevent further damage to the parts already affected.

The external surface of all the radiator parts must be always kept in good conditions.

Instructions for removal and maintenance of the radiator

In order to remove the radiator for maintenance, use the following procedure:

1. Close all the water inlet and outlet valves after stopping the ventilation;
2. Drain the water through the radiator drain plugs;
3. Remove the heads, keeping the bolts, nuts, washers and seals (gaskets) in a safe place;
4. Brush the inside of the pipes carefully with nylon brushes in order to remove residues. If damages to the radiator tubes are found during the cleaning, they must be repaired;
5. Reassemble the heads, replacing the gaskets, if necessary.

7.7 VIBRATION

Any evidence of increase in the unbalance or vibration of the synchronous condenser must be investigated immediately.



ATTENTION

After torquing or disassembling any machine screw, it is necessary to apply Loctite.

7.8 SHAFT GROUNDING DEVICE

The shaft grounding brush (if any) avoids the circulation of electric current through the bearings, which is detrimental to their operation. The brush is put in contact with the shaft and connected by a cable to the synchronous condenser frame, which must be grounded. Make sure that the brush holder fastening and its connection to the frame have been made correctly.

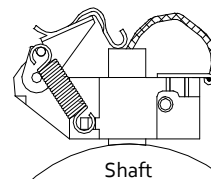


Figure 7.1: Shaft grounding brush

Drying oil is used to protect the synchronous condenser shaft against rust during transportation. In order to ensure the proper operation of the grounding brush, this oil, as well as any residue between the shaft and the brush, must be removed before starting the synchronous condenser. The brush must be constantly monitored during operation, and it must be replaced by another one of the same qualities (granulation) at the end of its useful life.

7.9 EXCITER MAINTENANCE

7.9.1 Exciter

For the good performance of its components, the synchronous condenser exciter compartment must be kept clean. Perform periodic cleaning in the windings following the procedures described in section 7.2 of this manual.

7.9.2 Insulation resistance

Check the insulation resistance of the main and auxiliary exciter windings periodically in order to determine their insulation conditions, following the procedures described in section 4.4.4 of this manual.

7.9.3 Diode test

Diodes are components that have great durability and do not require frequent tests. If the synchronous condenser presents any defect indicating diode failure through the voltage regulator or an increase in the field current for the same load condition, then the diodes must be tested according to the following procedure:



NOTE

When testing the diodes, observe the polarity of the test terminals regarding the diode polarity.

1. Loosen the flexible cables of the 6 diodes;
2. With an ohmmeter, measure the resistance of each diode in both directions.

The diode is considered good when it presents low resistance (up to $\pm 100 \Omega$) in its direct direction and high resistance (approximately $1 M\Omega$) in the reverse direction. Defective diodes will have a resistance of 0Ω or greater than $1 M\Omega$ in both directions. In most cases, the test method which uses an ohmmeter is sufficient to identify faults in the diodes. However, in some extreme cases it may be necessary to apply the blocking rated voltage and/or current circulation in order to detect fault in the diodes. Because of all the effort required to perform these tests, in case of doubt, it is recommended replace the diodes.

7.9.3.1 Diode Replacement

To replace any of the diodes, proceed according to the following directions:

1. Replace the damaged diodes by new diodes identical to the original ones, observing the position of each anode diode and each cathode diode;
2. The diodes are already supplied with insulated braided cable and connection terminal;
3. Clean the heatsink disk completely around the diode-mounting hole.
4. Check if the diode thread is clean and free of burs;
5. Apply thermal compound on the contacts;
6. Install the diode in its correct position using a torque wrench, observing the torques recommended in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1: Diode tightening torque

Thread of the diode base (mm)	Torque wrench head (mm)	Tightening torque (Nm)
M12	24	10
M16	32	30
M24	41	60



ATTENTION

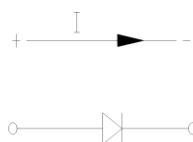
It is of fundamental importance that the torque be respected in order to prevent damages to the diodes during the assembly.

7. After fastening the diodes, connect their ropes.



NOTE

The polarity of the diode is indicated by an arrow on its housing. When replacing the diodes, make sure they are installed in each part of the heatsink disk with the correct polarity.



The current conduction must occur only in the anode-cathode direction, i.e., in the condition of direct polarization.

7.9.4 Varistor test

Varistors are components installed between the two halves of the rectifier bridge disk where the diodes are installed and have the purpose of protecting the diodes against overvoltage. In case of failure of these components, they must be replaced.

In order to test the operation conditions of the varistors, use an ohmmeter.

The resistance of a varistor must be very high ($\pm 20,000$ ohms). In case of visible damage to the varistor or if its resistance is very low, it must be replaced.

7.9.4.1 Varistor replacement

In order to replace any of the varistors, proceed according to the following directions:

1. Replace the damaged varistors by new varistors identical to the original ones, according to the specification of the synchronous condenser manufacturer;
2. To replace the varistor, loosen the screw that fixes it to the heatsink disk and the screw that fixes the varistor connection bridge to the opposite heatsink disk.
3. When removing the varistor, observe carefully how the components were assembled so that the new varistor will be installed in the same way;
4. Before mounting the new varistor, make sure all contact surfaces of the components (heatsink disks, shims, insulators and varistor) are leveled and smooth in order to assure a perfect contact between them;
5. Fix the new varistor by tightening the screw that fastens it to the heatsink disk just enough to allow a good electric connection. Excessive tightening can crack or damage the varistor.
6. Also, tighten the screw that fixes the connection bridge of the varistor to the heatsink disk.

7.10 BEARING MAINTENANCE

7.10.1 Sleeve bearings

7.10.1.1 Bearing data

Dry sump bearings or those that use two oil outlets per bearing do not have an oil level sight glass. It is therefore not necessary to check the oil level.

The characteristic data, such as oil flow, quantity and type, are indicated on the bearing nameplate and must be strictly observed; otherwise, overheating and damages to the bearings may occur.

The hydraulic installation (for bearings with forced lubrication) and oil the supply for the synchronous condenser bearings are responsibilities of the user.

7.10.1.2 Bearing installation and operation

For information on the bill of materials, assembly and disassembly instructions, and maintenance details, refer to the specific installation and operation manual of the bearings.

7.10.1.3 Cooling by water circulation

The sleeve bearings with cooling by water circulation have a serpentine inside the oil tank through which the water circulates.

In order to assure an efficient bearing cooling, the circulating water must have at the bearing inlet a temperature below or equal to the ambient, so that the cooling takes place.

The water pressure must be 0.1 bar and the flow equal to 0.7 l/s. The pH must be neutral.



NOTE

Under no circumstances can water leak into the oil tank because this will contaminate the lubricant.

7.10.1.4 Oil change

Self-lubricated bearings:

The bearing oil change must be done according to the intervals, which depend on the bearing operating temperatures, shown in Table 7-2:

Table 7-2: Oil change intervals

Bearing operating temperature	Bearing oil change intervals
Below 75 °C	20,000 hours
Between 75 and 80 °C	16,000 hours
Between 80 and 85 °C	12,000 hours
Between 85 and 90 °C	8,000 hours
Between 90 and 95 °C	6,000 hours
Between 95 and 100 °C	4,000 hours

Bearings with (external) oil circulation:

The oil of the bearings must be changed every 20,000 hours of operation or whenever the lubricant presents modifications in its characteristics. The oil viscosity and pH must be checked regularly.



NOTE

The oil level must be inspected daily, and it must remain in the middle of the oil sight glass.

The bearings must be lubricated with the specified oil, observing the flow rate informed on their nameplate; All threaded holes that are not used must be closed with plugs and no fitting may present leaks. The oil level is reached when the lubricant can be seen approximately in the middle of the sight glass. The use of a larger amount of oil will not damage the bearing; but it can cause leaks through the shaft seals. The oil level must be within a specified range, as indicated by the sight glass. The minimum oil level is one-fourth of the distance from the bottom of the sight glass, and the maximum oil level is three-fourths of the distance from the top of the sight glass. If the equipment does not have oil outlet pipes, contact WEG for guidance on how to ensure the proper oil level at the outlet.



ATTENTION

The care with the lubrication will determine the useful life of the bearings and the safety in the synchronous condenser operation. Therefore, the following recommendations must be observed:

- The selected lubricant oil must be the one with proper viscosity for the operating temperature of the bearings. That must be observed at every oil change or periodical maintenances;
- Never use or mix hydraulic oil with the lubricant oil of the bearings;
- Lack of lubricant, due to incomplete filling or non-monitoring of the level, can damage the bearing shells;
- The minimum oil level is reached when the lubricant can be seen in the lower part of the sight glass with the synchronous condenser stopped.

7.10.1.5 Sealings

Make visual inspection of the sealings, making sure that the dragging marks of the seals on the shaft do not compromise its integrity and checking for cracks and broken parts. Cracked or broken parts must be replaced.

In case of bearing maintenance, in order to assemble the seal, it is necessary to carefully clean the seal contact surfaces and its enclosure and cover the sealing with a non-hardening component (e.g.: Curil T). The two halves of the labyrinth taconite seal must be joined by a garter spring. The drain holes located in the lower half of the seal must be cleaned and unobstructed. Improper installation can damage the sealing and cause oil leakage.



ATTENTION

For further information on the disassembly and assembly of sleeve bearing seals, refer to the specific manual of this equipment.

7.10.1.6 Sleeve bearing operation

The system starts, as well as the first hours of operation, must be monitored carefully.

Before starting, check:

- If the oil inlet and outlet tubes (if any) are clean. Clean the tubes by pickling, if necessary;
- If the used oil complies with the specification on the nameplate;
- The lubricant characteristics;
- The oil level;
- The alarm and trip temperatures set for the bearing.

During the first start, it is necessary to stay alert for unusual vibrations or noises. If the bearing is not running silently and smoothly, the synchronous condenser must be shut down immediately.

The synchronous condenser must operate for several hours until the bearing temperatures stabilize. In case of overheating of the bearings, the synchronous condenser must be shut down for inspection of the bearings and temperature sensors.

Check if there is no oil leak through the plugs, gaskets or shaft end.

7.10.1.7 Sleeve bearing maintenance

The sleeve bearing maintenance includes:

- Periodic checking of the oil level and its lubricating conditions;
- Checking the bearing noise and vibration levels;
- Monitoring of the operating temperatures and retightening of the fastening and assembly screws;
- In order to facilitate the heat exchange with the environment, the frame must be kept clean, without external oil or dust accumulation;
- The NDE bearing is electrically insulated. The spherical seat surfaces of the bearing shell on the frame are covered with insulating material. Never remove this cover;
- The anti-rotation pin is also insulated, and the seals are made of non-conducting material;

Temperature control devices that are in contact with the bearing shell must also be properly insulated.

7.10.2 Protection setting



ATTENTION

The following temperatures must be set on the bearing protection system:

ALARM: 110 °C

TRIP: 120 °C

The alarm temperature must be set for 10 °C above the operating temperature, not exceeding the limit of 110 °C.

7.10.3 Disassembly/assembly of the bearing temperature sensors

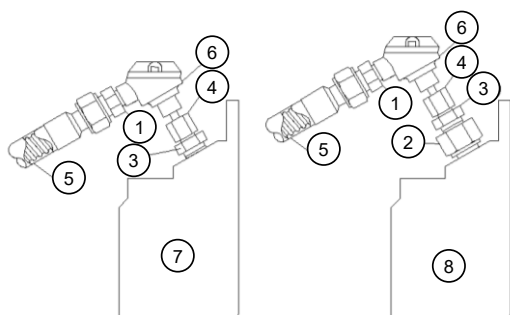


Figure 7.2: Pt100 on the bearings

Figure 7.2 legend:

1. Reduction nipple
2. Insulating adapter
3. Locknut
4. Bulb
5. Flexible metal tube
6. Pt-100 temperature sensor
7. Non-insulated bearing
8. Insulated bearing

Disassembly instructions:

If it is necessary to remove the Pt100 for bearing maintenance, proceed according to the following instructions:

- Remove the Pt100 carefully, locking the locknut (3) and unscrewing just the Pt100 from the bulb (4);
- Parts (2) and (3) must not be disassembled.

Assembly instructions:



ATTENTION

Before assembling the Pt100 on the bearing, check if it does not contain marks of knock or any other damage that may compromise its operation.

- Insert the Pt100 into the bearing;
- Restrain the locknut (3) with a wrench;
- Screw the bulb (4), adjusting it so that the tip of the Pt100 touches the contact surface of the bearing.



NOTES

- The assembly of the Pt100 on non-insulated bearings must be done directly on the bearing, without the insulating adapter (2);
- The tightening torque to assemble the Pt100 and the adapters must not exceed 10 Nm.

7.11 TERMINAL BOX

When removing the terminal box cover for the connection/disconnection of power supply cables and accessories, the following precautions must be taken:

- Ensure that, when removing the screws, the cover does not cause damage to the installed internal components.
- If it is necessary to move the box, use only the lifting eye to avoid any type of damage.
- For motors with terminal boards, grounding, and connection pins, make sure that the tightening torques comply with the values specified in Table 7-3.
- Check that the cables do not come into contact with surfaces with sharp edges or corners.
- Take the necessary precautions to preserve the original degree of protection, as indicated on the motor nameplate. Cable entries for power supply and control must always be equipped with components (such as cable glands and conduits) that comply with local standards and regulations.
- Ensure that the pressure relief window, when present, is intact. The sealing gaskets of the terminal box must be in good condition for reuse and correctly positioned to guarantee the degree of protection.
- Check the tightening torques of the terminal box cover fixing screws according to the values in Table 8-1 and Table 8-2.

Table 7-3 Tightening torques for connection elements and current conductors [Nm]

Type of screw and joint	Terminal block		Grounding		Connection pin
	Carbon steel	Stainless steel	Carbon steel	Stainless steel	Brass and electrolytic copper
Screw class	4.8 / 5.8	A2 - 70 A4-70	4.8 / 5.8	A2 - 70 A4-70	3.6 / 4.6
M 3,5	-	-	-	-	0,8
M 4	1 a 1,5	-	1,5 a 3	1,5 a 3	1,2
M 5	3 a 5	3 a 5	3 a 5	3 a 5	2
M 6	5 a 10	5 a 8,5	5 a 10	5 a 8,5	3
M 8	10 a 18	10 a 18	10 a 18	10 a 18	6
M 10	28 a 40	28 a 40	28 a 40	28 a 40	10
M 12	45 a 70	45 a 60	45 a 70	45 a 60	15,5
M 14	75 a 110	75 a 100	-	-	25
M 16	115 a 170	115 a 170	115 a 170	115 a 170	30
M 20	-	-	-	-	52
M 24	-	-	-	-	80
M 30	-	-	-	-	150
M 33	-	-	-	-	197
M 36	-	-	-	-	252

*WPR-6328 PT – TABLE 6 – Tightening Torque for Terminal Board Fixing Screws 1) (Carbon Steel – Class 8.8 / 12.9)

**WPR-6328 PT – TABLE 11 – Tightening Torque for Grounding Screws (Carbon Steel – Class 8.8 / 12.9)

***DIN 46200 – Connection Pins, Current-Carrying Conductors up to 1600 A (Copper)

8 SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER DISASSEMBLY AND ASSEMBLY



ATTENTION

All the repair, disassembly and assembly services must be performed only by properly qualified and trained professionals; otherwise, equipment damage and personal injury may occur. If any further explanations are necessary, consult WEG.

The disassembly and assembly sequence depend on the synchronous condenser model.

Always use proper tools and devices. Any damaged part (cracks, dents on machined parts, faulty threads) must be replaced, avoiding restorations.

8.1 DISASSEMBLY

The following precautions must be taken when disassembling the electric synchronous condenser:

1. Always use proper tools and devices to disassemble the synchronous condenser;
2. Before disassembling the synchronous condenser, disconnect the cooling water and lubrication pipes (if any);
3. Disconnect the synchronous condenser electrical connections and those of the accessories;
4. Remove the heat exchanger and the noise suppressor (if any);
5. Remove the bearing temperature sensors and the grounding brush;
6. In order to prevent damages to the rotor and coil heads, support the shaft on both drive and non-drive ends;
7. In order to disassemble the bearings, follow the procedures described in this manual;
8. The removal of the rotor from the synchronous condenser must be done with a suitable device and with extreme care so that the rotor does not drag on the stator laminated core or coil heads, thus preventing damages.

8.2 ASSEMBLY

To assemble the synchronous condenser, follow the disassembly procedure in the reverse order.



NOTE

When the synchronous condenser is supplied disassembled, an assembly manual is provided with it, describing the procedures for assembly on site.

Always use proper tools and devices to assemble the synchronous condenser;

Any damaged part (cracks, dents on machined parts, faulty threads) must be replaced, always avoiding restorations.



ATTENTION

Installation of the flywheel, if applicable, shall be carried out in accordance with the synchronous condenser assembly manual. If any doubts persist, please consult WEG.

8.3 TIGHTENING TORQUE

Table 8-1 and Table 8-2 shows the tightening torques of the screws recommended for assembling the synchronous condenser.

Table 8-1: Screw tightening torque for metal/metal parts

Material / Resistance class		Carbon Steel / 8.8 or above		Stainless steel / A2 – 70 or above	
% Yield Strength		70%		70%	
Lubricant		Dry	Molycote 1000	Dry	Molycote 1000
Diam	Pitch (mm)	Screws tightening torque (Nm)			
M4	0,7	2,1	1,8	1,8	1,3
M5	0,8	4,2	3,6	3,6	2,7
M6	1	8	6	6,2	4,5
M8	1,25	19,5	15	15	11
M10	1,5	40	29	30	22
M12	1,75	68	51	52	38
M14	2	108	81	84	61
M16	2	168	126	130	94
M18	2,5	240	174	180	130
M20	2,5	340	245	255	184
M22	2,5	470	335	350	251
M24	3	590	424	440	318
M27	3	940	621	700	466
M30	3,5	1170	843	880	632
M33	3,5	1730	1147	1300	860
M36	4	2060	1473	1540	1105
M42	4,5	3300	2359	2470	1770
M48	5	5400	3543	4050	2657

Table 8-2: Screw tightening torque for metal/isolated parts

Material / Resistance class		Carbon Steel / 8.8 or above		Stainless steel / A2 – 70 or above	
% Yield Strength		40%		40%	
Lubricant		Dry	Molycote 1000	Dry	Molycote 1000
Diam	Pitch (mm)	Screws tightening torque (Nm)			
M4	0,7	1	1	1	0,8
M5	0,8	2	2	1,7	1,5
M6	1	4,4	3	3,4	2,6
M8	1,25	10,7	7,5	8,3	6,3
M10	1,5	21	15	16,5	12,5
M12	1,75	37	26	28	22
M14	2	60	42	46	35
M16	2	92	65	72	54
M18	2,5	132	90	100	74
M20	2,5	187	126	140	105
M22	2,5	260	172	190	143
M24	3	330	218	240	182
M27	3	510	320	390	266
M30	3,5	640	433	480	360
M33	3,5	950	590	710	490
M36	4	1130	758	840	630
M42	4,5	1800	1213	1360	1010
M48	5	2970	1822	2230	1518



NOTE

The resistance class is normally indicated on the head of hex bolts.

8.4 AIR GAP MEASUREMENT

After disassembling and assembling the motor, it is necessary to measure the air gap in order to check the concentricity between rotor and stator.

Measure the air gap between the metal support of the shaft seal the motors, measure shaft at four shaft equidistant points (45°, 135°, 225° and 315°).

The difference between the air gap measurements at two diametrically opposed points should be less than 10% of the average air gap



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The bearing can only be closed after completion and projected from the air gap

For the single bearing:

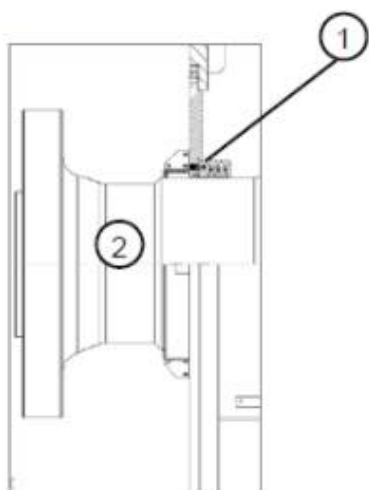


Figure 8.1: DE shaft seal

Legend of Figure 8.1

- 1. DE shaft seal
- 2. Motor shaft

8.5 SPARE PARTS

- Bearing shell for DE and NDE bearings (sleeve bearings);
- Labyrinth taconite seal for DE and NDE bearings (sleeve bearings);
- Temperature sensor for DE and NDE bearings;
- Space heater;
- Diodes set;
- Varistors set;
- Lubricant for the bearings;
- Grounding brush (if any);

The spare parts must be stored in clean, dry, well-ventilated environments and, if possible, at constant temperature.

9 MAINTENANCE PLAN

The maintenance plan described in Table 9-1 is only referential, and the intervals between each maintenance intervention may vary according to the synchronous condenser location and operating conditions.

For associated equipment, such as the water supply unit or control and protection system, it is necessary to refer to their specific manuals.

Table 9-1: Maintenance plan

	Weekly	Monthly	3 months	6 months	Annual	3 to 5 years	Notes
STATOR							
Stator visual inspection.					x		
Inspection of cleanliness.						x	
Visual inspection of the slot wedges.						x	During the disassembly/assembly of the synchronous condenser.
Visual inspection of the stator terminals.					x		
Visual inspection of the winding insulation.				x			
Measurement of the winding insulation resistance.					x		
Inspection of the synchronous condenser air gap.							3 to 5 years – After reassembling the synchronous condenser.
ROTOR							
Inspection of cleanliness.					x		
Visual inspection.						x	
Visual inspection of the slot wedges.						x	During the disassembly/assembly of the synchronous condenser.
Measurement of the winding insulation resistance.					x		
Visual inspection of the shaft (wear, incrustations, magnetic center, position of the indicator needle of the magnetic center).						x	During the disassembly/assembly of the synchronous condenser.
MAIN AND AUXILIARY EXCITER (PMG)							
Inspection of cleanliness.					x		
Diode and varistor tests.					x		
Winding inspections.					x		
Inspection of the air gap.					x		
Measurement of the winding insulation resistance.					x		
BEARINGS							
Inspection of noise, vibration, oil flow, leaks and temperature.	x						
Lubricant quality control.				x			
Inspection of the bearing shell and shaft journal (sleeve bearing).						x	During the disassembly/assembly of the synchronous condenser.
Lubricant change.							Period indicated on the bearing nameplate.
Recalibration of proximity sensors.							When the bearing is disassembled.
Inspection of the internal connections of the high-pressure system (jacking).							When the bearing is disassembled.
AIR-WATER HEAT EXCHANGER							
Inspection of the radiators, pipes, head box and water leak sensor.					x		
Inspection of the water drip pan.					x		
Inspection of the internal coating of the heads and head box.					x		
Cleaning the radiators.					x		
Inspection of the gaskets of the radiator heads.					x		Replace whenever necessary.
AIR-AIR HEAT EXCHANGER							
Cleaning of the ventilation ducts.					x		
Inspection of the ventilation.					x		
Inspection and replacement of the filters, if necessary.							Every 2 months

* In case the insulation resistance is lower than 100MOhms. consult WEG for further instructions.

** Operating intervals vary depending on the application. Contact technical support to confirm the recommended timelines.

	Weekly	Monthly	3 months	6 months	Annual	3 to 5 years	Notes
TERMINAL BOXES AND GROUNDING TERMINALS							
Internal cleaning of the terminal boxes.					x		
Retightening of the screws.					x		
Visual inspection of the components.					x		
PROTECTION AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT							
Operation test.					x		
Recording of the values.	x						
Disassembly and recalibration.					x		
COUPLING							
Inspection of the alignment.					x		Check after the first week of operation.
Inspection of the fastening screws.					x		
COMPLETE SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER							
Inspection of noise and vibration	x						
Monitoring of operating temperatures	x						
Drainage of condensed water			x				
Retightening of bolts					x		
Cleaning of the external part of the synchronous condenser					x		
Retightening of electrical and grounding connections					x		
Inspection of the rotor ground-fault brush device (if applicable).		x					
Inspection of the shaft grounding brush		x					
Inspection and confirmation of the tightening torque of the main connection terminals of the synchronous condenser					x		
Inspection and retightening of CT and VT connections					x		
Inspection of the functionality of the space heaters and verification of the interlock system				x			
FLYWHEEL COMPARTMENT (IF APPLICABLE)							
Inspection of cleanliness.					x		
Visual inspection.					x		
FLYWHEEL SHAFT (IF APPLICABLE)							
Inspection of cleanliness.					x		
Visual inspection.					x		
Visual inspection of the shaft (wear, deposits, etc.).						x	During the disassembly/assembly of the synchronous condenser

10 ABNORMALITIES, CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS



NOTE

The instructions of Table 10-1 present only a basic list of abnormalities, causes and corrective actions. In case of questions, consult WEG.

Table 10-1: Basic list of abnormalities, causes and corrective actions

ABNORMALITY	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CORRECTION
The synchronous condenser will not excite or build up voltage.	▪ Tripped protection	▪ Verify the signalization of a tripped protection in the main panel and in the regulator modules
	▪ Excitation switch, if it exists, is not working	▪ Verify the excitation switch
	▪ Interruption in the power supply circuit of the voltage regulator	▪ Check the power supply circuit of the voltage regulator
	▪ Driving speed is not correct	▪ Measure the synchronous condenser speed and adjust it if necessary
		▪ Check if the underfrequency protection has tripped
	▪ Interruption in the main excitation circuit	▪ Measure all the rotating diodes; change defective diodes or all the set
		▪ Check connection between main rotor and diode set
	▪ Defective relay or another component of the regulator	▪ Change to manual mode ▪ Replace the voltage regulator
Synchronous condenser will not excite up to the rated voltage	▪ Voltage reference parameterized at a low value	▪ Readjust the parameterization
	▪ Defective diode protection varistor	▪ If defective, replace it or if there are no replacement parts, remove it temporarily
	▪ Defective rotating rectifiers	▪ Measure individually all the rotating diodes; replace defective diodes; if necessary, replace the entire set
		▪ Check if the function U/F of the voltage regulator is actuating
		▪ If the U/F function is parameterized above the rated frequency, readjust it to -5% below
	▪ Speed below the value adjusted for the U/F function of the voltage regulator	▪ Measure speed and adjust it
Without load, the synchronous condenser excites up to the rated voltage, but it collapses with load	▪ Voltage reference parameterized at a low value	▪ Readjust the voltage reference parameterization.
	▪ Voltage remote adjustment below the rated value	▪ Readjust the correct value in the remote pushbuttons
	▪ Power supply of the voltage regulator below the desired value, resulting in an output voltage lower than the necessary	▪ Check if the connections are according to the voltage regulator manual
	▪ Rotating diodes are defective	▪ Measure individually all the rotating diodes; replace defective diodes; if necessary, replace the entire set
	▪ Protection trip: overcurrent, over-excitation, overvoltage	▪ Check if the parameters are not adjusted to trip in normal operation conditions
	▪ Exciting current limit function actuation	▪ Verify the values adjusted for the actuation of the protections and also the parameterization
	▪ Steep drop in speed with or without the actuation of the U/F function	▪ Check the turbine speed control
		▪ Check parameterization of the U/f function

ABNORMALITY	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CORRECTION
Without load the synchronous condenser excites through overvoltage	▪ For momentary overvoltage with immediate shutdown: opening of the signal transformer circuit	▪ Check the fuses and the connection cables
	▪ In remote mode: Error in the adjustment through remote pushbuttons, with shutdown after a certain delay (adjusted also in the parameterization)	▪ Readjust the reference voltage value
	▪ In manual mode: Error in the parameterization of the reference voltage. There will not be actuation of the protection	▪ Readjust the reference voltage value
	▪ In local mode: Error in the parameterization of the reference voltage with shutdown after a certain delay (also adjusted in the parameterization)	▪ Readjust the reference voltage value
Oscillations in the synchronous condenser voltage	▪ Manual mode: Stability not adjusted properly	▪ Adjust the voltage regulator parameterization
	▪ Automatic mode: Stability not adjusted properly	▪ Adjust the voltage regulator parameterization
	▪ Load oscillation	▪ Check the cause of the oscillations
	▪ Oscillations in the turbine speed	▪ Check the turbine speed control

11 DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

EU Declaration of Conformity

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The manufacturer declares under sole responsibility that:

WEG synchronous and asynchronous motors, WEG generators and their components used for following lines:

M..., W60, WGM, G...S and AN10

when installed, maintained and used in applications for which they were designed, and in compliance with the relevant installation standards and manufacturer's instructions, comply with the provisions of the following relevant European Union harmonization legislation, wherever applicable:

Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU*

Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC**

EMC Directive 2014/30/EU (electric motors are considered inherently benign in terms of electromagnetic compatibility)

The fulfilment of the safety objectives of the relevant European Union harmonisation legislation has been demonstrated by compliance with the following standards, wherever applicable:

**EN 60034-1:2010 + AC:2010/ EN 60034-3:2008 / EN 60034-5:2001 + A1:2007/ EN 60034-6:1993/
EN 60034-7:1993 + A1:2001/ EN 60034-8:2007 + A1: 2014/ EN 60034-9:2005 + A1:2007/
EN 60034-11:2004/ EN 60034-12:2002 + A1:2007/ EN 60034-14:2004 + A1:2007/
EN 60204-1:2018 and EN IEC 60204-11:2019**

CE marking in: **1998**

* Electric motors designed for use with a voltage rating higher than 1000V are not considered under the scope.

** Low voltage electric motors are not considered under the scope and electric motors designed for use with a voltage rating higher than 1000V are considered partly completed machinery and are supplied with a

Declaration of Incorporation:

The products above cannot be put into service until the machinery into which they have been incorporated has been declared in conformity with the Machinery Directive.

A Technical Documentation for the products above is compiled in accordance with part B of annex VII of Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

We undertake to transmit, in response to a reasoned request by the national authorities, relevant information on the partly completed machinery identified above through WEG authorised representative established in the European Union. The method of transmission shall be electronic or physical method and shall be without prejudice to the intellectual property rights of the manufacturer.

Signed for and on behalf of the manufacturer:
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12 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

12.1 PACKAGE

Electric synchronous condensers are supplied in cardboard, polymer, wood or metallic material packages. These materials are recyclable or reusable and must be properly disposed according to the current regulations of each country. All the wood used in the packaging of WEG synchronous condensers comes from reforestation and receives anti-fungal treatment.

12.2 PRODUCT

Electric synchronous condensers, under the constructive aspect, are manufactured mainly with ferrous metals (steel, cast iron), nonferrous metals (copper, aluminum) and plastic.

The electric synchronous condenser, in general, is a product that has a long useful life; however, when it must be disposed, WEG recommends that the materials of the packaging and of the product be properly separated and sent for recycling.

The non-recyclable materials must be properly disposed according to the environmental regulations, i.e., in industrial landfill, co-processed in cement kilns or incinerated. The service providers for recycling, disposal in industrial landfills, co-processing or incineration of waste must be properly licensed by the environmental agency of each state to carry out these activities.

12.3 HAZARDOUS WASTE

Grease and oil waste used to lubricate the bearings should be disposed, according to the instructions of the relevant environmental agencies, because its improper disposal can cause impacts to the environment.

13 SERVICE NETWORK

To consult the Service Network, access the website www.weg.net.

14 WARRANTY TERM

These products, when operated under the conditions stipulated by WEG in the operating manual for such product, are warranted against defects in workmanship and materials for twelve (12) months from start-up date or eighteen (18) months from manufacturer shipment date, whichever occurs first.

However, this warranty does not apply to any product which has been subject to misuse, misapplication, neglect (including without limitation, inadequate maintenance, accident, improper installation, modification, adjustment, repair or any other cases originated from inadequate applications).

The company will neither be responsible for any expenses incurred in installation, removal from service, consequential expenses such as financial losses nor transportation costs as well as tickets and accommodation expenses of a technician when this is requested by the customer.

The repair and/or replacement of parts or components, when effected by WEG within the Warranty period do not give Warranty extension, unless otherwise expressed in writing by WEG.

This constitutes WEG's only warranty in connection with this sale and is in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, written or oral.

There are no implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose that apply to this sale.

No employee, agent, dealer, repair shop or other person is authorized to give any warranties on behalf of WEG nor to assume for WEG any other liability in connection with any of its products.

In case this happens without WEG's authorization, Warranty is automatically cancelled.

LIABILITY

Except as specified in the foregoing paragraph entitled "Warranty Terms for Engineering Products", the company shall have no obligation or liability whatsoever to the purchaser, including, without limitation, any claims for consequential damages or labor costs, by reason of any breach of the express warranty described therein.

The purchaser further hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the company harmless from any causes of action (other than cost of replacing or repairing the defective product as specified in the foregoing paragraph entitled "Warranty Terms for Engineering Products"), arising directly or indirectly from the acts, omissions or negligence of the purchaser in connection with or arising out of the testing, use, operation, replacement or repair of any product described in this quotation and sold or furnished by the company to the purchaser.



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