Technical Data and Specifications

Overload Capability

Short-term overload is designed into transformers as required by ANSI. Basically, dry-type distribution transformers will deliver 200% nameplate load for one-half hour, 150% load for one hour and 125% load for four hours without being damaged, provided that a constant 50% load precedes and follows the overload. See ANSI C57.96-01.250 for additional limitations.

Continuous overload capacity is not deliberately designed into a transformer because the design objective is to be within the allowed winding temperature rise with nameplate loading.

Insulation System and Temperature Rise

Industry standards classify insulation systems and rise as shown below:Fits CE Marked designs 50–750 VA

Insulation System Classification

Ambient	+ Winding Rise	+ Hot Spot	= Temp. Class
40°C	55°C	10°C	105°C
40°C	80°C	30°C	150°C
25°C	135°C	20°C	180°C
40°C	115°C	30°C	185°C
40°C	150°C	30°C	220°C

The design life of transformers having different insulation systems is the same—the lower-temperature systems are designed for the same life as the higher-temperature systems.

Series-Multiple Windings

Series-multiple windings consist of two similar coils in each winding that can be connected in series or parallel (multiple). Transformers with series-multiple windings are designated with an "x" or "/" between the voltage ratings, such as voltages of "120/240" or "240 x 480." If the series-multiple winding is designated by an "x," the winding can be connected only for a series or parallel. With the "/" designation, a mid-point also becomes available in addition to the series or parallel connection. As an example, a 120 x 240 winding can be connected for either 120 (parallel) or 240 (series), but a 120/240 winding can be connected for 120 (parallel), 240 (series) or 240 with a 120 mid-point.

For additional information, please refer to Volume 2, **CA08100003E**.