

# IEEE Std. 1531 – 2003

## Overview

Guide for Application and Specification of Harmonic Filters.

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# Objectives

- Review and understand IEEE Standard 1531 – 2003.
- Determine proper sizing of harmonic filter elements according to the Standard recommendations.
- Establish a procedure for harmonic filter components specification.

# Webinar scope

- The IEEE Std. 1531 – 2003 are general guidelines for any (passive) filter design. This webinar will only reference notch – type filters.
  - These are the simplest filters in design.
  - Other filters have design criteria beyond the scope of this webinar.
- This Standard is good for 50/60 Hz design and its harmonic multiples up to 1 kHz. Higher frequency filters have other design considerations.
- This webinar will review only low voltage filters.
- Electrical design (tuning) of the filter is not explored in detail in this webinar.

# Suggested Webinar.

- Electrical design (tuning) of the filter is not explored in detail in this webinar, but there is a fantastic webinar by Chris Duffey on this subject. You may watch it here:

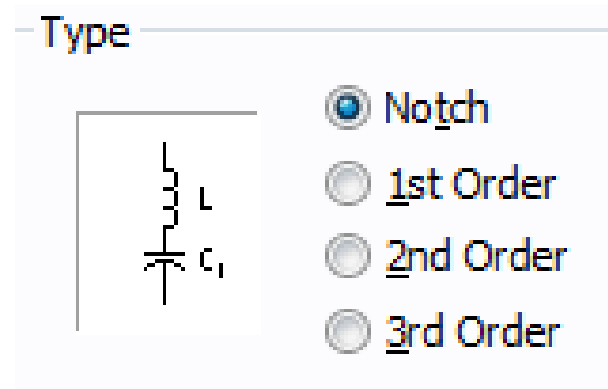
<http://easypower.com/videos/harmonic-notch-filters-video.php>

- Or here:



# Background.

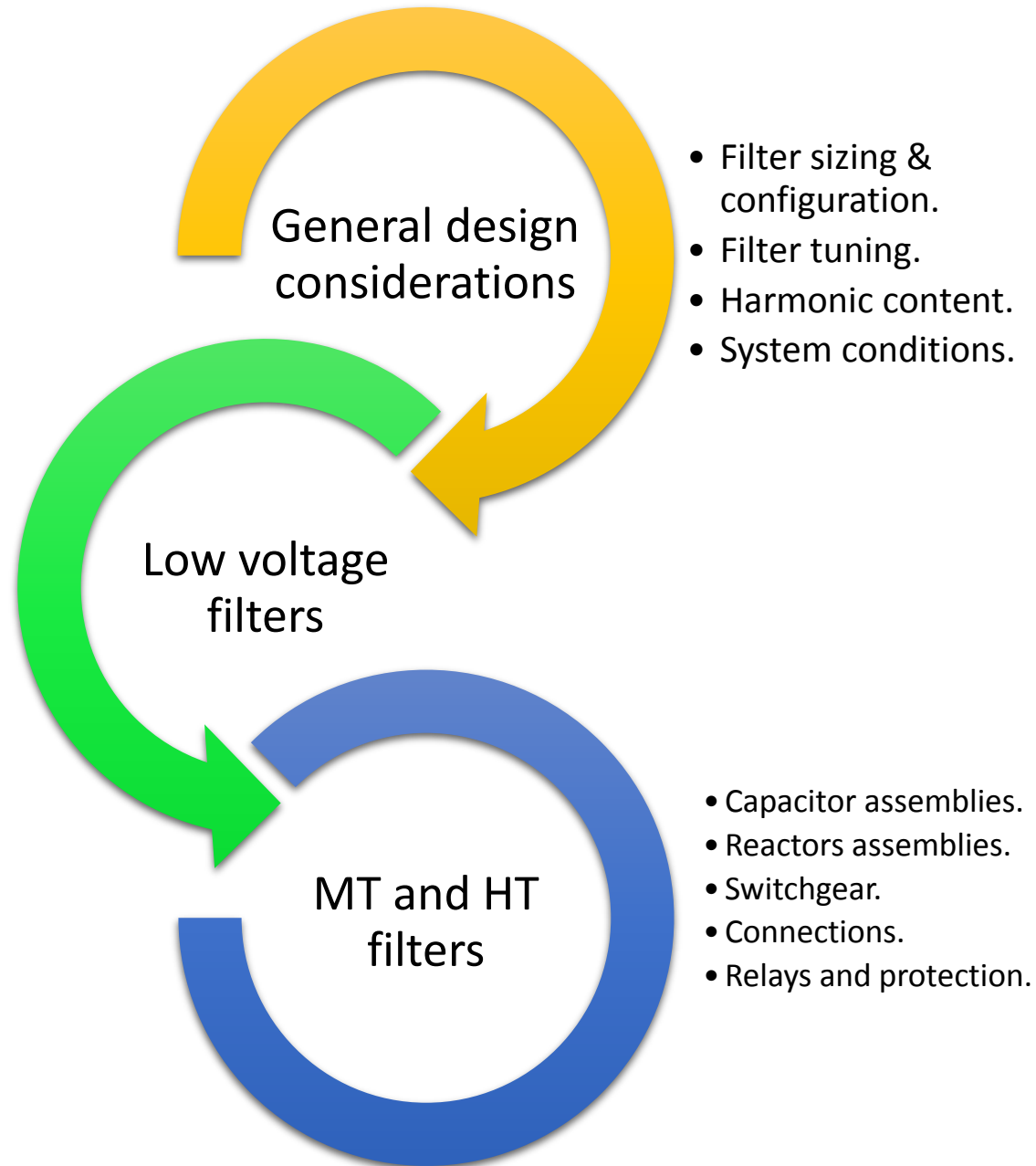
- What is a harmonic filter?
  - A combination of capacitors, inductors, and (sometimes) resistors tuned to a certain frequency, preventing harmonic currents of flowing into the system.
- What type of filters can we construct?
  - Many. Including but not limited to: notch, 1<sup>st</sup> order, 2<sup>nd</sup> order, c-type.
  - Different types of filters have different behaviors and have different applications.



# Complimentary material

1. IEEE Std 1036-1992, IEEE Guide for Application of Shunt Power Capacitors.
2. IEEE Std C37.99-2000, IEEE Guide for the Protection of Shunt Capacitor Banks.
3. IEEE Std 18-2002, IEEE Standard for Shunt Power Capacitors.
4. IEEE Std 519-1992, IEEE Recommended Practices and Requirements for Harmonic Control in Electrical Power Systems.

- Capacitors.
- Reactors.
- Contactors.
- Fuses.
- Breakers.
- Connections.



General considerations



# Checklist.

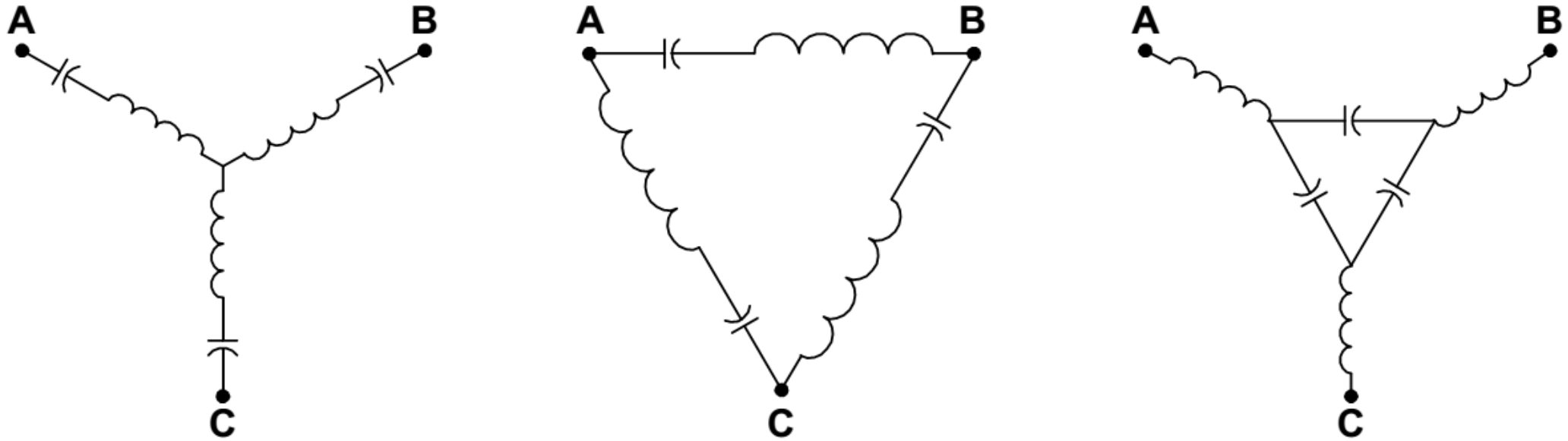
## ✓ Reactive power considerations.

- Usually from power flow studies and (of course) EasyPower.
- Keep voltage rise under 2 – 3 %.

## ✓ Harmonic limitations.

- Systems limits as defined per IEEE Std 519-1992.
  - Under 5% for PCC.
  - Under 8% for LV buses.
- Equipment withstand capabilities.
  - Keep fully loaded transformers under 5% I THD (Not really recommended).
    - IEEE Std C57.12.00-2000
    - IEEE Std C57.12.01-1998
  - Capacitor heating capabilities.

# Filter configurations.



**Figure 3—Different configurations that give identical filtering performance**

# Capacitor heating limits.

- IEEE Std 18-2002.
- a) 110% of rated rms [root-mean-square] voltage
- b) 120% of rated peak voltage, i.e., peak voltage not exceeding  $1.2 \times (\text{square root of two}) \times \text{rated rms voltage}$ , including harmonics, but excluding transients
- c) 135% of nominal rms current based on rated kvar and rated voltage
- d) 135% of rated kvar.

\*Capacitors rated for banks are normally not well suited for harmonic filters.

# Capacitor heating limits.

$$\left| 2000 \pi f C \sum_h (h V(h))^2 \right| \leq 1.35 |Q_{\text{rated}}|$$

$$\left| \sum_h (V(h) I(h)) \right| \leq 1.35 |Q_{\text{rated}}|$$

- Considering:
  - No significant DC voltage.
  - Harmonic voltages are smaller than fundamentals.
  - Frequencies no larger than 1kHz.

# Checklist

- ✓ Normal system conditions.
  - Characteristic and un characteristic harmonics.
  - Background and future loads.
  - System voltage variation. +5% normal. +10% unloaded.
  - System frequency.  $\pm 0.1$  Hz.
  - System configurations.
    - Changes in transformers and main feeders.
    - Changes in system source.
  - Loading conditions.
  - System unbalance.

# Checklist

## ✓ Contingency conditions.

- Switching.
  - Avoid simultaneous energization.
  - Transformer energization overvoltages.
  - When switching off/on, give the capacitors time to discharge. 5 min for MV, 1 min for LV.
- Multiples filters on a bus.
  - Current sharing due to impedance differences.
- Unknown harmonic sources.
- System configuration changes.

## ✓ Contingency harmonic filter conditions.

- Keep an eye on not overrating filters when one or more go out.

Low voltage filters





# Capacitors

- Larger than bus rated voltage.

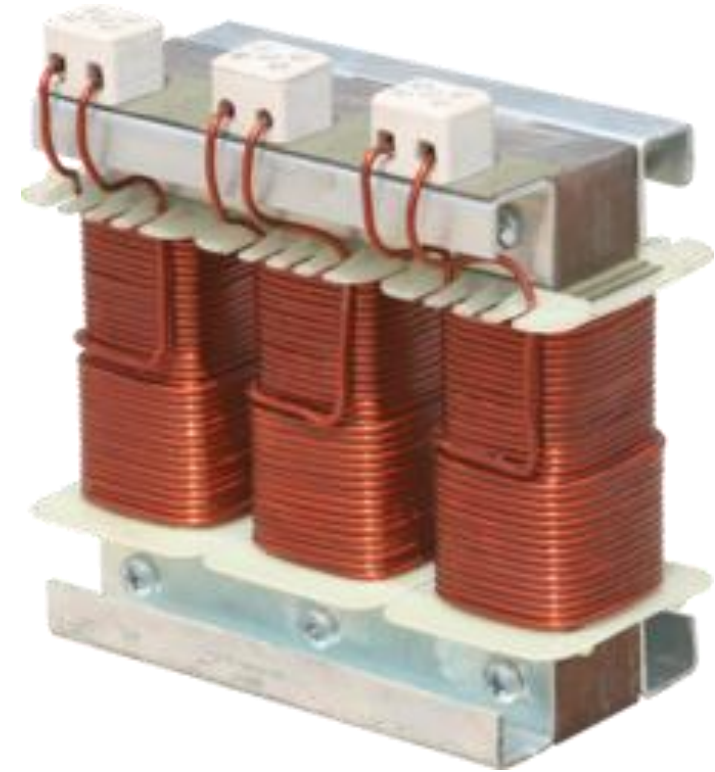


60 Hz			
480 V		525 V	
$Q_n$ (kvar)	$I_n$ (A)	$Q_n$ (kvar)	$I_n$ (A)
5,0	6,0	6	6,6
7,5	9,0	9	9,9
10,0	12,1	12	13,2
12,5	15,1	15	16,5
15,0	18,1	18	19,8
20,1	24,1	24	26,4
25,1	30,1	30	33

- Must have discharge means as to reduce the capacitor voltage to less than 50 V within a minute of de-energization.
  - IEEE Std 18-2002.
  - Article 460-6 of NFPA 70-2002

# Reactors

- Dry-type iron core.
- Detuned reactors.
- Core.
- Windings.
- Clamping.
  - Noisy reactor/filter? Check for clamping.
- Author's experience:
  - Detuning factor for LV filters is typically 7%



$$h = \sqrt{\frac{1}{DT}} \approx 3.78$$

# Reactor specification

- Largely manufacturer responsibility.
- You should provide current harmonic spectrum (EasyPower!).
  - Coil loss.
  - Core loss.
  - Gap loss.

$$P_c = \sum [I(h)^2 R_{ac}(h) + P_{eddy}(h) + P_{stray}(h)]$$

# Reactor protection.

- The main failure for reactors is overheating.
- Installing a thermistor or thermal cutout near the reactor's hot spot is recommended.
- Thermal imaging needed.

# Tolerance

- Per IEEE Std 18-2002 capacitors should have a -0% to +10% tolerance.
- Care should be exercised because capacitor & reactor tolerance.
- An improperly tuned filter WILL bring more problems than it is intended to solve.

$$f_{\text{tuned}} = f_{\text{nominal}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 + t_r)(1 + t_c)}} \right)$$

F nom		4.7																					
F tuned		Tr																					
		-10%	-9%	-8%	-7%	-6%	-5%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
Tc	0%	4.95	4.93	4.90	4.87	4.85	4.82	4.80	4.77	4.75	4.72	4.70	4.68	4.65	4.63	4.61	4.59	4.57	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	
	1%	4.93	4.90	4.88	4.85	4.82	4.80	4.77	4.75	4.72	4.70	4.68	4.65	4.63	4.61	4.59	4.56	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	
	2%	4.91	4.88	4.85	4.83	4.80	4.77	4.75	4.73	4.70	4.68	4.65	4.63	4.61	4.59	4.56	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.44	
	3%	4.88	4.85	4.83	4.80	4.78	4.75	4.73	4.70	4.68	4.65	4.63	4.61	4.59	4.56	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.44	4.42	
	4%	4.86	4.83	4.80	4.78	4.75	4.73	4.70	4.68	4.66	4.63	4.61	4.59	4.56	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.43	4.41	4.39	
	5%	4.83	4.81	4.78	4.76	4.73	4.71	4.68	4.66	4.63	4.61	4.59	4.56	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.43	4.41	4.39	4.37	
	6%	4.81	4.79	4.76	4.73	4.71	4.68	4.66	4.64	4.61	4.59	4.57	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.43	4.41	4.39	4.37	4.35	
	7%	4.79	4.76	4.74	4.71	4.69	4.66	4.64	4.61	4.59	4.57	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.43	4.41	4.39	4.37	4.35	4.33	
	8%	4.77	4.74	4.72	4.69	4.66	4.64	4.62	4.59	4.57	4.55	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.43	4.41	4.39	4.37	4.35	4.33	4.31	
	9%	4.75	4.72	4.69	4.67	4.64	4.62	4.59	4.57	4.55	4.52	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.44	4.41	4.39	4.37	4.35	4.33	4.31	4.29	
	10%	4.72	4.70	4.67	4.65	4.62	4.60	4.57	4.55	4.53	4.50	4.48	4.46	4.44	4.42	4.39	4.37	4.35	4.33	4.31	4.29	4.27	
	11%	4.70	4.68	4.65	4.63	4.60	4.58	4.55	4.53	4.51	4.48	4.46	4.44	4.42	4.40	4.37	4.35	4.33	4.31	4.29	4.27	4.25	
	12%	4.68	4.66	4.63	4.61	4.58	4.56	4.53	4.51	4.49	4.46	4.44	4.42	4.40	4.38	4.35	4.33	4.31	4.29	4.27	4.25	4.23	
	13%	4.66	4.63	4.61	4.58	4.56	4.54	4.51	4.49	4.47	4.44	4.42	4.40	4.38	4.36	4.34	4.31	4.29	4.27	4.25	4.23	4.22	
	14%	4.64	4.61	4.59	4.56	4.54	4.52	4.49	4.47	4.45	4.42	4.40	4.38	4.36	4.34	4.32	4.30	4.28	4.26	4.24	4.22	4.20	
	15%	4.62	4.59	4.57	4.54	4.52	4.50	4.47	4.45	4.43	4.40	4.38	4.36	4.34	4.32	4.30	4.28	4.26	4.24	4.22	4.20	4.18	

Low-voltage (any) harmonic filters are often tuned below the nominal frequency; e.g., a 5th harmonic filter may be

tuned to the 4.7th harmonic. The reasons for this practice include the following:

- a) Capacitors with metalized film construction lose capacitance as they age, resulting in a gradual increase in tuning frequency when used in harmonic filters. Using capacitor manufacturers' aging tables, a harmonic filter tuned at 6% below its rated frequency will still exhibit acceptable tuning at the end of its 20 yr life. (Nonmetalized electrode capacitors have fairly stable capacitance. Refer to the manufacturers' aging tables.)
- b) Tuning a harmonic filter more sharply than required to attain the desired performance unnecessarily stresses the components and generally makes the harmonic filter more prone to overload from other harmonic sources.
- c) The manufacturing tolerance of the harmonic filter reactor may result in a tuning frequency higher than nominal.
- d) Operation of capacitor fuses on failed capacitor units or elements will result in an increase in tuning frequency.

# How much detuning?

- Filters are tuned a little farther (to the left!) from their intended harmonic for many reasons.
- Medium voltage filters can be tuned around 92 – 94% of their nominal harmonic.
  - Fifth harmonic: 4.7, 4.6
- Low voltage filters should be detuned further from their intended harmonic so they don't absorb as much current.
  - Fifth harmonic: 3.78



# Contactors

- IEC or NEMA rated. UL-Listed, CSA-certified.
- Rating:
  - Maximum system voltage. (harmonic overvoltage)
  - Maximum continuous current (fundamental and harmonic).
  - Number of switching operations.
    - Contactors FOR FILTERS can be sized with the manufacturers inductive ratings.
  - Capacitor switching duty.

# Fuses

- UL-Listed Class J or T.
- CSA rated HRC-1.
- Rated currents must be at least X2 the capacitor rated current.
- Voltage rating should be at least equal to the system bus voltage.
- Internal capacitor fuses **should not** be used as a means of primary protection.
- In filters with more than one capacitor per reactor, each capacitor should be individually fused.

# Fuses

- Must be located before the main disconnecting device and before the contactors.
- Phase load or thermal overload devices shall not replace fuses.

# Circuit breakers

- Maximum system voltage.
- Harmonic spectrum.
- Interrupting rating.
- Fault limiting.
- Frequency of operations.

Connections and building.

# Point of connection.

- Individual load.
  - A) The need to oversize distribution equipment is eliminated.
  - b) System losses are minimized.
  - c) Voltage distortion at the point of utilization is minimized.
  - d) The harmonic filter can be sized specifically for the load.
  - e) The harmonic filter can be switched on and off with the load.
- Distribution bus.
  - Recommended where power factor is the main concern.
  - PCC It can draw large amount of harmonic current from the source.
  - Watch for overvoltage!
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