

Formulas of power engineering

Cross section

- for direct current and single **phase** alternative current
Einphasen-Wechselstrom
of known current
for three-phase current
 - for direct current and single **phase** alternative current
of known power
for three-phase current
- $$q = \frac{2 \cdot I \cdot l}{\kappa \cdot U} \text{ (mm}^2\text{)}$$
- $$q = \frac{1,732 \cdot I \cdot \cos \varphi \cdot l}{\kappa \cdot U} \text{ (mm}^2\text{)}$$
- $$q = \frac{2 \cdot I \cdot P}{\kappa \cdot U \cdot U} \text{ (mm}^2\text{)}$$
- $$q = \frac{1 \cdot P}{\kappa \cdot U \cdot U} \text{ (mm}^2\text{)}$$

Voltage drop

For low voltage cable network of normal operation, it is advisable of a voltage drop of 3-5%.
On exceptional case, higher values (up to 7%) can be permitted in case of network-extension or in short-circuit.

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 - for single phase alternative current
 - for three-phase current
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u = voltage drop (V)
U = operating voltage (V)
P = power (W)
R_w = effective resistance (Ω/km)
L = Inductance (mH/km)
ωL = induktiver Widerstand (Ω/km) (ω = 2 · π · f at 50 Hz = 314)

q = cross-section (mm²)
I = working current (A = Ampere)
l = length of the line in m
κ (Kappa) = electrical conductivity of conductors (m/Ω · mm²)
κ-copper : 58
κ-Alu : 33

Nominal voltage

The nominal voltage is to be expressed with two values of alternative current U₀/U in V (Volt).
U₀/U = phase-to-earth voltage
U₀ : Voltage between conductor and earth or metallic covering (shields, armouring, concentric conductor)
U : Voltage between two outer conductors
U₀ : U/√3 for three-phase current systems
U₀ : U/2 for single-phase and direct current systems
U₀/U₀ : an outer conductor is earth-connected for A. C.- and Nominal current

Active current

I in (A)

Reactive current

I_w = I · cos φ

Blindstrom

I₀ = I · sin φ

Apparent power (VA)

S = U · I for single phase current (A. C.)
S = 1,732 · U · I for three-phase current

Active power (W)

P = U · I · cos φ for single phase current (A. C.)
P = 1,732 · U · I · cos φ for three-phase current
P = U · I for direct current

Reactive power (var)

Q = U · I · sin φ for single phase current (A. C.)
Q = 1,732 · U · I · sin φ for three-phase current
Q = P · tan φ

Phase angle

φ is a phase angle between voltage and current
cos φ = 1,0 0,9 0,8 0,7 0,6 0,5
sin φ = 0 0,44 0,6 0,71 0,8 0,87

Insulation resistance

$$R_{iso} = \frac{S_{iso}}{l} \cdot \ln \frac{D_a}{d} \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ (M}\Omega \cdot \text{km)}$$

Specific Insulation resistance

$$R_s = \frac{R \cdot 2\pi \cdot l \cdot 10^8}{\ln \frac{D_a}{d_i}}$$

D_a = outer diameter over insulation (mm)
d = conductor diameter (mm)
d_i = inner diameter of insulation (mm)
l = length of the line (m)
S_{iso} = Spec. resistance of insulation materials (Ω · cm)

Mutual capacity (C_B) for single-core, three-core and H-cable

$$C_B = \frac{\xi_r \cdot 10^3}{18 \ln \frac{D_a}{r}} \text{ (nF/km)}$$

Inductance

Single-phase 0,4 · (ln $\frac{D_a}{r}$ + 0,25) mH/km
three-phase 0,2 · (ln $\frac{D_a}{r}$ + 0,25) mH/km

D_a = distance - mid to mid of both conductors
r = radius of conductor (mm)
ξ_r = dielectric constant
0,25 = factor for low frequency

Earth capacitance

$$E_C = 0,6 \cdot C_B$$

Charging current (only for three-phase current)

$$I_{lad} = U \cdot 2 \pi f \cdot C_B \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ A/km je Ader bei 50 Hz}$$

Charging power

$$P_{lad} = I_{lad} \cdot U$$

Leakage and loss factor

G = tan δ · ω C (S) ω = 2 π f
C = Capacity
tan δ = loss factor
S = Siemens = $\frac{1}{\Omega}$

Dielectric loss

D_v = U² · 2 π f · C_B · tan δ · 10⁻⁶ (W/km)
f on 50 Hz
tan δ PE/VPE cables ~0,0005
EPR ~0,005
Paper-single core, three-core, H-cable ~0,003
Oil-filled and pressure cable ~0,003
PVC-cable ~0,05

It should be noted that for the current load of the insulated cables and wires of selected cross-section, the power ratings table is also to be considered.

To estimate the voltage drop of insulated wires and cables for heavy (big) cross-sections of single- and three-phase-overhead line, the active resistance as well as the inductive resistance must be considered.

The formula for single-phase (A. C.):

$$U = 2 \cdot I \cdot l \cdot (R_w \cdot \cos \varphi + \omega L \cdot \sin \varphi) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (V)}$$

Three-phase:

$$U = 1,732 \cdot I \cdot l \cdot (R_w \cdot \cos \varphi + \omega L \cdot \sin \varphi) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ (V)}$$