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FOR  
BATTERY CHARGER FOR 110 VOLT BATTERY, 200/250 AH  
AT TRCATION SUB- STATION FOR  
25 KV/2X25KV ELECTRIC TRACTION INSTALLATION

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**1.0 Scope**

- 1.1 The specification applies to the design, manufacture, supply and erection & commissioning of battery chargers for charging 110 V, 200/250 Ah lead acid batteries installed at unattended 25 kV/ 2x25 kV traction sub-station. The battery charger shall be designed in such a way to suit charging of 200Ah or 250Ah, 110 V batteries.
- 1.2 The battery charger shall be complete with all parts and accessories necessary for their efficient operation. All such parts and accessories shall be deemed to be within the scope of this specification whether specifically mentioned or not.
- 1.3 The “Make in India” Policy of Government of India shall be applicable.
- 1.4 This specification supersedes specification no. ETI/PSI/24(06/81).

**2.0 Service conditions**

- 2.1 The battery chargers are intended for use in moist tropical climate in India, with following atmospheric conditions:

SN	Description	Value
i.	Maximum ambient air temperature	55 <sup>0</sup> C
ii.	Minimum ambient air temperature	-10 <sup>0</sup> C
iii.	Maximum relative humidity	100% saturation during raining season
iv.	Maximum number of thunder storm days per annum	85 days
v.	Maximum Number of dust storms days per annum	35 days
vi.	Altitude	Not exceeding 2000 meters.

- 2.2 The battery chargers are required for installation in control rooms of unattended 25 & 2x25 kV traction substations. The charger shall also be suitable for effecting quick charge of a discharged battery. The steady super-imposed load on the battery charger shall be maximum 6 Amp. The super- imposed load shall vary depending on type of sub-station and number of lines. The control room cubicles are situated close to the Railway tracks and hence the Panels are subjected to vibrations due to running trains.
- 2.3 The battery charger shall be suitable for operation on 240 Volts single phase, 50 Hz supply obtained from 25 kV /240 Volt, 10 kVA LT supply transformer, the primary of which is connected to the 25 kV switching station bus bars at one end and to earth at the other. The 240V ac supply is, therefore, subject to fluctuations of voltage between 170V and 270Volt.

**3.0 Governing Specification.**

- 3.1 The battery charger and its main component shall comply with the following specifications which shall be applied in manner, altered, amended or supplemented by this specification and the Indian Electricity Rules, where applicable.

i.	Mono crystalline semiconductor rectifier assemblies and equipment.	IS: 4540-1968 IS:6619-1972
ii.	Rectifier transformer	IS:2026-1977
iii.	Mono crystalline semiconductor rectifier cells and stacks.	IS: 3896-1966
iv.	Electrical indicating instruments	IS:1248-1968 IS:2419-1979

v.	Miniature circuit breaker.	IS: 8828-1978
vi.	Specification for HRC fuses	IS:2208
vii.	Specification for wiring	IS:375/1963
viii.	Air break contactor/switch	IS:13947/1993
ix.	Printed circuit board	IS:5421/1981, IS: 5921
x.	Safety code for semiconductor rectifier Equipment	IS:6619
xi.	AC contactors for voltage not exceeding 1000V	IS:2959

3.2 Any deviation from this specification calculated to improve the performance, utility and efficiency of the equipment, proposed by the vendor, will be given due consideration, provided, full particulars with justification thereof, are furnished. In such a case the vendor shall quote according to this specification and the deviations proposed by him shall be quoted as an alternative proposal.

#### 4.0 Rating and other particulars

4.1 The battery charger shall be designed for the following rating and other particulars:

i) Type	Two-rate, mono crystalline semi-conductor Silicon controlled rectifier type, suitable for floor mounting.
ii) Nominal primary voltage.	240V 50 Hz ac, subject to variation from 170 to 270V.
iii) Nominal output voltage.	110 V dc.
iv) Charging characteristics:	
a. Trickle charge	<b><u>Battery charger for 200Ah/ 250AH battery:</u></b> Battery charger for 200Ah/250AH battery, the output voltage of the charger shall be adjustable between 115 to 127 V (2.1 to 2.3 V per Cell) by a potentiometer provided on the PCB for smooth step less control of trickle voltage. In this mode the charger will operate in constant potential mode with current limit.
b. Boost charge:	<b><u>Battery charger for 200Ah &amp; 250Ah Battery:</u></b> Two rate of charging current shall be adjustable between 10 to 30A through the potentiometers provided on PCB. Starting rate of charging shall be run up to 130V (2.35 V/cell) and then with reduced current, finishing rate of charging shall be upto 151V (2.75V/cell). After that the charger shall be back in trickle mode. In trickle mode, if trickle current goes upto 8 to 12 % of the rated current excluding steady load current (super-imposed load) on battery, then the charger shall be change its mode from trickle to boost. In this mode the charger shall be operated in constant current mode.
c. Total current while boost charging	30A continuously for 200 Ah charger 35A continuously for 250 Ah charger Suitable selector switch to select battery type shall be provided for continuous current.

4.2 The battery charger shall be equipped with suitable filter circuits on the output side to reduce the ripple factor of output voltage to less than five per cent at maximum current rating, when measured across a resistance load. Superimposed AC to be measured using an oscilloscope. Ripple to be measured at 30A & 35A.

Ripple factor = Superimposed AC rms voltage / D.C. voltage (average).

4.3 The battery charger shall be designed in such a way that input supply variation in the range of 170V to 270 V, the output for both trickle and boost charge condition shall not

result in an increase or decrease by more than +/- 2.5% of the preset value.

- 4.4 During Float charging or Boost charging, voltage across the battery terminal may go higher. The higher output voltage of battery charger may damage the equipment connected across load terminal. A suitable automatic solid state transistorized dropping device shall be implemented in battery charger to maintain output voltage  $110V \pm 5$  Volt DC across load terminal in any case.

## 5.0 Construction

- 5.1 The equipment shall be housed in a suitable cubicle fabricated as angle iron framework fitted with mild steel sheet panels of thickness not less than 1.6 mm. The side and rear panels shall be provided with louvers to provide adequate ventilation. Perforated sheet/ Wire mesh with opening not more than 3 mm shall be provided on the inner side of the louvers for protection against entry of lizards, vermin etc.
- 5.2 The sheet steel as well as other steel works shall be properly treated and then an under coat suitable to serve as base and binder for the finishing coat shall be applied. The exterior, interior and base frame of the panel shall be epoxy powder coated with industrially accepted Siemens gray shade followed by at least 180-degree bake ovening. The finish shall be virtually scratchproof with all metal surfaces coated to a uniform thickness on the powder coat line.

To avoid rusting of the panels during service, the following pre-treatment through seven-tank process shall be ensured prior to painting:

- Degreasing
- Rinsing (Water wash)
- Pickling (Acid pickling)
- Rinsing (Water wash)
- Zinc Phosphating
- Rinsing (Water wash)
- Drying
- ▪ Powder coating & curing

If any painted surface gets damaged during transit, the surface finish shall be restored at site after erection by vendor.

- 5.3 The components of the battery charger shall be appropriately mounted and identified with identification labels. The layout of major components shall permit easy access for maintenance. The charger shall be of robust construction. The assembly shall be such that it will not be affected adversely by the vibrations induced from nearby railway tracks. The clearances and creepage distances shall be in accordance with clause 4 of IS: 6619-1972. The noise level shall be kept to the minimum.
- 5.4 The rectifier transformer shall be double wound, vacuum impregnated, natural air cooled and liberally rated. The core shall be made of low loss silicon steel laminations. The winding shall be of copper with class F insulation.
- 5.5 Chokes shall be of copper winding with class-F insulation and shall be vacuum impregnated.
- 5.6 The rectifier shall be of the half or full wave-controlled bridge connection using silicon thyristors or silicon thyristors and diodes with liberal ratings. The rectifier shall be suitably protected against overloading due to short time heavy currents drawn during closing of the circuit breakers, short circuits, over voltages and against inrush currents when charging full discharged batteries.
- 5.7 The switches, meters and fuses shall be flush mounted on the front panel and shall be purchased from reputed manufacturers. These shall conform to relevant Indian Standards specifications.
- 5.8 The volt meters and ammeters shall be of flush mounted type of accuracy class 2.5 as

per IS: 1248-1968 or latest. Latest analog or digital meter for each with better accuracy shall be provided.

- 5.9 The control wiring inside the charger shall be with 1100 V grade PVC insulated copper cable having a minimum cross-section of 2.5 sq. mm for current carrying, 0.75 sq. mm voltage sensing and 0.5 sq. mm for electronic portion conforming to IS: 694-2010. The size of wire for power circuit shall be as per battery charger rating. The cables shall be suitably supported and provided with identification ferrules the connecting points.
- 5.10 The AC input and the DC output terminals shall be of robust design and shall be suitable for PVC copper cable connections. The polarity of output DC terminals shall be clearly marked.
- 5.11 (i) The battery charger shall be provided with facility for both automatic and manual control—which shall control both Float & Boost functions as to be installed at unattended 25 kV & 2x25 kV switching stations
- (ii) It shall have current limiting facility, if the voltage control is in an automatic mode and shall cause a gradual lowering of the output voltage when the DC load current exceeds the load limiting setting.
- (iii) The charger shall have an adjustable current limiting facility-brought about by changing the charging voltage in gradual manner, also for safe guarding the Battery.
- (iv) Uniform and smooth adjustments of voltage setting (in both manual and automatic modes) shall be provided.
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- (v) During Boost charging Battery Charger shall be constant current mode and operation shall be smooth and stepless.
- (vi) The current limiting characteristics shall be such that any overload or short circuit in the DC system shall not damage the charger, and will lower the output voltage immediately to avoid blowing of any of the charger fuses.  
To prevent any failures of the automation platform creating hazards in the field, it is recommended that fuses blow rather than risk life and high voltage output.
- (vii) A lead acid battery charger should switch to float charge when fully saturated when operating in automatic mode.
- (viii) Soft start feature shall be provided in the system.
- 5.12 Battery Charger shall have feature to communicate on MODBUS with SCADA system for control (ON/OFF) battery charger, status monitoring, faults i.e. Battery charger fail, input mains fail, input fuse fail/MCB trip, output MCB/MCCB trip/fuse fail, DC over voltage, DC under voltage, earth leakage at RCC through SCADA systems. The input and output voltage (Battery terminal and load terminal) of battery charger shall also be communicated to RCC through SCADA.

## 6.0 Fittings and accessories

The following fittings and accessories shall be provided on the battery charger:

- i) LED indication for input ON and out put ON.
- ii) LED indication for trickle status ON/OFF, Boost status ON/OFF
- iii) A double pole miniature circuit breaker along with a backup slide lock type HRC fuse on AC side.
- iv) Two numbers slide lock type HRC fuses/MCB/MCCB of suitable rating on DC side (Battery terminal).
- v) Two numbers slide lock type HRC fuses /MCB/MCCB of suitable rating on DC side (Load terminal)
- vi) Analog or digital voltmeter 0-200 V on DC side.
- vii) Analog or digital ammeter 0-15A/0-45A separately or dual range for

- trickle and boost current
- viii) Analog or Digital voltmeter 0-300 V on AC side.
  - ix) Auto/Manual mode selector switch
  - x) Step less smooth control through potentiometer for trickle voltage adjustment in auto mode.
  - xi) Step less smooth control through potentiometer for Boost charge current adjustment in auto mode.
  - xii) Solid state automatic transistorized dropping device to maintain the load voltage of 110V±5 Volt DC. The rating of transistorized dropping device shall be 10A continuous and 30A for 30 Sec.
  - xiii) Rating and diagram plate.
  - xiv) Two earthing terminals suitable for taking 8 SWG GI wires.
  - xv) RS 485 port for communication with SCADA to control, status and fault alarm display at RCC.
  - xvi) Fuse fail/MCB/MCCB trip LED indication load and battery terminal.

## 7.0 - Type tests

Following type tests shall be carried out on the prototype complete charger.

### 7.1 Tests on complete charger

#### 7.1.1 Visual inspection

The proper layout, mounting, identification, connections and construction shall be checked.

#### 7.1.2 No-load test

The test shall be carried out at input minimum voltage i.e. 170V and maximum input voltage i.e. 270V adjusted through a variac at input side.

#### 7.1.3 Load tests with resistance load.

The test shall be carried out by applying the minimum input voltage i.e. 170 V and maximum input voltage i.e. 270 Volts at input terminal through a variac at input side. An adjustable resistance load shall be connected across the output terminals. Load current shall be adjusted to the set value as nearly as possible at both minimum and maximum input voltage. The tests shall be carried out individually for specific current values specified under trickle and boost charge conditions.

#### 7.1.4 Measurement of ripple factor

Ripple voltage on DC side shall also be measured during the load test (cl. 7.1.3) and the percentage ripple content shall be calculated.

#### 7.1.5 Efficiency test

This test can be combined with no load test and load test for which details have been indicated in cl. 7.1.2 and 7.1.3 respectively. For this test, input current, voltage and power on the AC side shall also be recorded at the minimum and maximum output voltages. The efficiency and the power factor shall then be computed from the test results.

#### 7.1.6 Stability test

Test shall be carried out to ascertain that the battery charger satisfies the requirements indicated in cl. 4.3 of this specification. It shall be sufficient to carry out the test at any input voltage, however, 240V AC input voltage shall be preferred for this test. At nominal voltage 240V AC input, the output voltage and current shall be adjusted through resistance load for setting required value. In this condition, note down the output voltage and current in respect of nominal voltage i.e., 240V AC input. Then increase the input supply voltage upto 270V AC by adjusting input manual variac, the

- output voltage and current shall again be noted down. The test shall be separately  
--- carried out for trickle and boost charge condition and percentage increase in charging  
current on account of 270V AC supply voltage shall not exceed 2.5%.
- 7.1.7 Temperature rise test  
The test shall be carried out with charger in boost charge position and output voltage  
set to maximum. A suitable resistance load shall be connected across the output and  
load current shall be adjusted to the maximum rated current under boost charge. The  
ambient temperature, surface temperature of transformer, chokes, SCR and diode base  
etc. shall be recorded every half an hour till such time the temperature is stabilised  
(i.e., the temp. rise will not be more than 1 deg. C between consecutive hourly  
readings). The temp. rise of transformer winding, choke measured by the resistance  
method shall not exceed 50 deg. C. The diode/SCR base temp. rise shall be within the  
prescribed value recommended by the manufacturer.
- 7.1.8 Insulation resistance test  
Insulation resistance shall be measured by using 500 V dc megger between-
- 7.1.8.1 AC input terminals to earth  
7.1.8.2 DC output terminals to earth  
7.1.8.3 Between AC input terminals and DC output terminals.  
These values shall be measured before and after the high voltage test and there  
shall not be any appreciable change in the measured values. The value of  
insulation resistance shall not be less than 50 mega Ohms in any case.
- 7.1.9 High voltage test  
The charger shall successfully withstand the test voltage of 2000 V ac rms 50  
Hz for one minute applied between-
- 7.1.9.1 DC output terminals and earth  
7.1.9.2 AC input terminals and earth.
- 7.1.10 Test 7.1.2 to 7.1.7 shall be carried out separately for manual and auto mode.  
Recreate all failure cases of clause no. 5.12 and check proper functionality.
- 7.1.11 Checking of automatic operation Float to Boost, Boost to Float mode as per  
battery condition.
- 7.1.12 Checking of automatic connection of battery to load in case of mains failure or  
charger trip condition.
- 7.2 Test of rectifier transformer  
Following tests shall be carried out on the rectifier transformer:
- 7.2.1 Measurement of resistance.  
Resistance of primary and secondary windings, shall be measured, preferably with a  
bridge instrument, at ambient temperature and recorded.
- 7.2.2 Open circuit test  
Rated primary voltage shall be applied to the primary of the transformer and the  
primary and secondary voltages and no-load losses shall be recorded keeping  
potentiometer at maximum and minimum positions.
- 7.2.3 Short circuit test  
With the control switches (potentiometer) set to the max. voltages and the secondary  
shorted, suitable voltage shall be applied to primary to pass the maximum rated  
current in the primary and the primary voltage, current and power shall be recorded  
and the full load losses calculated. This shall not exceed the guaranteed value by more  
--- than 10%.
- 8.0 Routine Tests
- 8.1 The proper layout, mounting, identification, connections and construction shall be



checked.

8.2 No load test

The test shall be carried out in accordance with the cl. 7.1.2 except that the tests shall be carried out only the rated input voltage of 240 V ac.

8.3 Load test with resistance load

The tests shall be carried out in accordance with cl. 7.1.3 except that the tests shall be carried out only at the rated input voltage of 240 V ac.

8.4 Insulation resistance tests: Tests shall be carried out in accordance with cl. 7.1.8.

8.5 High voltage test: The tests shall be carried out in accordance with cl. 7.1.9.

8.6 Test 8.2 & 8.3 shall also be repeated in auto mode.

9.0 Technical data and drawings:

9.1 The vendor shall furnish guaranteed performance data, technical and other particulars for the equipment offered in the proforma attached as Annexure - A.

9.2 The vendor shall indicate their compliance or otherwise against each clause and sub-clause of the technical specification. The vendor shall for this purpose enclose a separate statement, if necessary, indicating the annexure and clause reference and compliance or otherwise. Wherever the vendor deviates from the provisions of the clause, he shall furnish his detailed remarks. Any clause or sub-clause of the specification not included in the statement shall be deemed to have been accepted by the vendor.

9.3 Successful vendor shall be required to submit the following detailed dimensioned drawings for the equipment offered as per Railways standard size of 210 mm x 297 mm or any integral multiple thereof for approval by the purchaser along with soft copy:

- i. Outline general arrangement drawing (in three views) along with mounting dimensions.
- ii. Schematic diagram of connections along with technical details of components.
- iii. Cross –sectional views (showing location of major components).
- iv. Table of guaranteed and other technical particulars.

After approval, six copies of approved drawings along with 2 sets of reproducible copies shall be supplied to the purchaser.

9.4 Successful vendor shall also be required to furnish the design calculations for the rectifier transformer rating, rectifier ratings and filter circuits for approval by the purchaser.

**Annexure – A** to Specification No. TI/SPC/PSI/200-250CHGR/0210**SCHEDULE OF GUARANTEED PERFORMANCE, TECHNICAL AND OTHER PARTICULAR**

S. No.	Description	Unit of measurement	Remark
1.	Name of manufacturer		
2.	Country of origin		
3.	Standard governing specification		
4.	Manufacturer's type designation.		
5.	Rated primary voltage		
6.	Nominal output voltage.		
7.	Designed capacity for charging battery of		
8.	Rated output: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. At trickle charge for constant voltage varying from 115V to 127V for 200Ah/250Ah battery charger.</li> <li>b. At boost charge for charging current varying from 10 Amp to 35 Amp for 200 Ah / 250 Ah battery charger.</li> <li>c. 30A continuously total current for 200 Ah charger, 35A continuously total current for 250 Ah charger,</li> </ul>		
9.	Declared values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No load loss of complete charger under <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Trickle</li> <li>ii. Boost.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Full load loss of complete charger under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Trickle</li> <li>ii. Boost</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Overall efficiency of charger at full load under <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Trickle</li> <li>ii. Boost.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Variation in maximum charging voltage and current to battery terminal and load terminal</li> </ul>		

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	<p>with 10 % increase in supply voltage under</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Trickle</li> <li>ii. Boost</li> </ol> <p>e. Percentage ripple content in output voltage at full load with resistance load connected under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Trickle</li> <li>ii. Boost.</li> </ol>		
10.	Thickness of sheet steel for charger cubicle.		
11.	Overall dimensions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Height</li> <li>b. Width</li> <li>c. Depth</li> </ol>		
12.	Total weight		
13.	Rectifier transformer particulars: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Name of manufacturer.</li> <li>b. Governing specification <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Rated input voltage.</li> <li>ii. Rated kVA</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Type of winding.</li> <li>d. Type of impregnation of the winding conductors.</li> <li>e. Type of cooling</li> <li>f. Class of insulation</li> <li>g. Iron loss at 100% rated input voltage.</li> <li>h. Copper loss at full load.</li> <li>i. Maximum temp. rise on boost charge. (35 A) over ambient.</li> </ol>		
14.	Rectifier particulars. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Name of manufacturer.</li> <li>b. Governing specification</li> <li>c. Manufacturer's type designation.</li> <li>d. Total no. of rectifier cells used.</li> <li>e. Method of connections.</li> <li>f. Repetitive peak inverse voltage.</li> <li>g. Rated average forward current.</li> <li>h. Temperature rise over ambient on boost charge.</li> </ol>		

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15.	Devices used for protection of rectifier cells against: i. Over current ii. Over voltage.		
16.	Type of smoothing filter.		
17.	Ammeter particulars. a. Name of manufacturer. b. Governing specification c. Dial size and range/ Digits d. Accuracy class. e. Type of mounting.		
18.	Voltmeter particulars: a. Name of manufacturer b. Governing specification c. Dial size and range/ Digits i. For AC ii. For DC. d. Accuracy class i. For AC ii. For DC j. Type of mounting.		
19.	Fittings and accessories: A Miniature circuit breaker. i) Make ii) Rating iii) No. of poles iv) Governing specification a. Slide lock type fuses/MCB/MCCB i) Make ii) Rating b. Rotary control switches: i. Make ii. Rating. iii. Type designation.		