

SPE System

Power Source for Meter Testing



The SPE System is an electronic voltage- and current power source and a meter supply unit (phantom load) for testing electricity meters or for testing other devices which use current or voltage.

In addition to the generation of standard test values, the meter test equipment offers the following options:

- Addition of harmonics to the voltage and current paths up to 40 % of the fundamental wave
- Generation of ripple control signals up to 10 % of the fundamental wave of the voltage path
- Generation of test values synchronous to network frequency for examinations of extremely network sensitive measuring instruments
- Generation of unsymmetrical test values of polyphase test systems

The cabinet is equipped with the following components

- Control unit STE 10
- Power source SPE 120.3 with digital voltage and current amplifier
- Digital electronic reference meter SRS 121.3 or other types (Option)

Principal Characteristics

- Voltage and current ranges:
 - Voltage: 30 V up to 300 V
 - Current: 1 mA up to 120 A
- Output power: 300 VA or 600 VA per phase
- Power efficiency: > 85 %
- Operation of the SPE System over RS 232 C serial line interface

Further Characteristics

The generators create the nominal values for the amplifiers with extremely high accuracy and stability. The amplifiers use the pulse-width modulation principle, this implies a high working efficiency and therefore very low heat losses. The construction of the SPE System is very compact.

SPE System Technical Data

Auxiliary voltage: 3 x 230 / 400 V \pm 15 %,
50 (60 Hz) \pm 5 %, (other voltages or frequencies on demand)
Housing: One 19" cabinet
Dimensions: 553 x 780 x 1024 mm

Control Unit STE 10

The STE 10 protect the meter test equipment SPE System in case of interrupts or over voltage of the mains supply. Further the STE 10 contains the RS 232 C interface to control the power amplifiers and some other necessary functions for the control of a complete meter test equipment.

The STE 10 is placed in a 19"-rack with 3 height units and its functions are the followings:

- Central On/Off switch
- Emergency On/Off
- Protection against U/I short circuit in the output circuits
- Network surveillance system
- Generation of tariff unit control signals (optional)
- Control of dosage function (optional available)

Power Source SPE 120.3

The SPE 120.3 is a three-phase computer controlled voltage and current source, designed for used in meter test systems and in the laboratory. It is in two performance steps with 300 VA and 600 VA output power available. The models are housed within a 19"-plug-in unit, 6 or 9 height modules, depending on output power.

The SPE 120.3 creates a three-phase network, using a base of electronically generated sine waves. The network is completely independent of the supply voltage, and the use of a voltage stabiliser at the entry point is not necessary. The amplifiers are of pulse-width modulation type.

This unit is fully described in the SPE 120.3 data sheet

Reference Standard (Option)

The electronic system reference standards are precision measurement units for all AC values, which are used in the measurement of energy. The wide measurement range, the high precision, and the extremely low effect of disturbance factors, are the striking characteristics of the reference standards. This makes it the ideal measurement unit for verification of electricity meters in the test area.

This reference standard is operated completely via the RS 232 C serial line interface.

According to the system required, one of the following reference standards may be used:

- SRS 121.3 (three phase, 0.05 %)
- SRS 400.3 (three phase, 0.02 %)
- SRS 200.3-200 A (three phase, 0.02 %)
- PRS 400.3 (three phase, 0.02 %)
- K2006 (three phase, 0.01 %)

Each of these units is fully described in its own data sheet.