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UL & ETL

Listing Agencies

- National Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)
 - Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
 - Intertek ETL SEMKO division (ETL)

- Develops standards and test procedures
- Administers the application of the UL & ETL mark
- Focused on product safety and usability
- UL & ETL does not "approve"
- AHJ often use UL & ETL listing as "approved for use"

Standard Listings Relative to Power Generation

- Tanks
 - UL 142 (Steel Aboveground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids)
 - UL 2085 (Protected Aboveground Tanks for Flammable and Combustible Liquids)

Switching Equipment

- UL 1008 (Transfer Switches)
- UL 891 (Dead-Front Switchboard)
- UL 1558 (Metal-Enclosed Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breaker Switchgear)

Generators

- UL 2200 (Stationary Engine Generator Assemblies)

Note: ETL validates (labels and lists) to the UL standards



UL 142 Standard for Base Tanks

• Typical sub-base fuel tank

- Secondary containment (double wall)
- Various heights and capacities
- Various functional connections
- Stub-ups
- Production tested to 3 psi
- Prototype tested to 15 psi





UL 2085 Standard for Tanks



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UL 1008 Standard for Transfer Switch Equipment

Covers transfer equipment

- Rated 600V and 6000A or less
- Operation requirements
- Short Circuit requirements



Switchboards and Switchgear Standards

Switchboards and Switchgear

- Low-Voltage Dead-Front Switchboards UL 891
- Low-Voltage Metal-Enclosed Power Circuit Breaker Switchgear UL 1558
- Medium-Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear ANSI C.37.20.3

These are <u>not functional</u> standards. These <u>are equipment</u> standards.

For example: Coffee pots are UL 1082 Microwave ovens are UL 923 If a microwave is used to make coffee, it doesn't turn it into a UL 1082 coffee pot.

Generators are UL 2200 Switchboards are UL 891 If a generator system internally parallels, it doesn't turn it into a UL 891 switchboard.

UL 891 Standard for Dead-Front Switchboards

- Rated 600 volts
- Front access or front and rear access (shown below)
- Traditionally used for generator paralleling
- Insulated case circuit breakers (limited operations)





UL 1558 Standard Metal-Enclosed Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breaker Switchgear

- Rated 600 volts
- Metal barriers between sections
- Complete compartment isolation
- Power Circuit Breakers



UL 2200 Standard Stationary Engine Generators Assemblies

Scope

- Engine generators
- Safe operation
- Stationary locations
- Ordinary locations
- Rated 600 volts or less



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UL 2200 Standard

- Peace of mind
 - Equipment is listed for intended use.
 - Places importance on entire unit, not just single component.
 - Recognizes that **fuel systems** are vital component.
 - Safety insurance of **product construction**.
 - **<u>Required performance tests</u>** for uniform quality and durability.



UL 2200 Standard

- Safety Assurance of Product Construction
 - Guarding, and labeling of hazardous components.
 - Minimum standards for raw material quality.
 - Corrosion protection and fabrication (enclosures, etc).
 - Assembly standards (i.e., torque specs, etc).
 - Components must be <u>UL recognized</u>.
 - Air filters, controls, battery chargers, switches, etc.



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UL 2200 Standard

- Tests for uniform quality and durability
 - Temperature test
 - Engine, alternator, surfaces and control standards
 - Alternator tests
 - Dielectric voltage withstand, harmonic distortion
 - Enclosure
 - Salt spray, impact
 - Air Flow
 - Blocked inlet test, ignitable fluid spill test



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System Testing

Units tested with enclosures

 Second-party enclosures not UL 2200 verified unless submitted and tested as system

Rain Tests

- No water leakage into electrical boxes
- Water spray at 30-degree angle to enclosure surface

Parallel Testing

- UL2200 scope includes integrated paralleling







UL 2200 Standard Visual Identifiers





NFPA 110 2013 NFPA 37 2010 NFPA 20 2013

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Key NFPA standards for generators

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

- Independent standards organization
- Mission is to reduce fire risks
- Standards developed with the ANSI process
- Standards typically adopted into state statutes
- Require compliance for AHJ approval

• Generator related NFPA standards

- 20 Installation of Fire Pumps
- 37 Installation and Use of Stationary Engines
- 54 National Fuel Gas Code
- 58 LP Gas Code
- 70 National Electric Code
- 99 Healthcare Facilities
- 101 Life Safety Code
- 110 Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems





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Applicable Standards

• Life safety code (NFPA 101) requires NFPA 110

- Stair ventilation systems (NFPA 101 7.2.3.12)
- Emergency lighting (NFPA 101 7.9.2.2, 7.9.2.4)
- Required emergency and standby systems must be NFPA 110 compliant (NFPA 101 9.1.3)

NEC references NFPA 110 with fine print notes (FPN)

- Emergency systems (NEC 700.1 Informational Note #3)
- Legally required standby systems (NEC 701.1 Informational Note #2)
- Healthcare code (NFPA 99) requires NFPA 110
 - Type 1 and 2 essential electrical systems (NFPA 99 6.4.1.1.6.1)
 - Type 3 essential electrical systems (NFPA 99 6.4.1.1.6.2)

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NFPA 110 Scope

<u>Guideline for the assembly, installation, and performance</u> of electrical power systems to supply critical and essential needs during outages.

The requirements of the standard are considered necessary to <u>obtain the</u> <u>minimum level of reliability</u> and performance, particularly where <u>life safety needs</u> are involved.

- Level 1 (4.4.1)
 - Where failure could result in loss of human life
 - Correlates with NEC 700 (emergency systems)
- Level 2 (4.4.2)
 - Failure is less critical to human life
 - Hazards or hampers fire rescue
 - Scope similar to NEC 701 (legally required standby)

Note: Optional standby (NEC 702) does not require NFPA 110 compliance

NFPA 110 Fuel

• Fuel options (5.1.1)

Diesel, LP and Natural Gas

• BUT doesn't the fuel need to be on-site for Level 1 applications?

- Most AHJ automatically assume on-site fuel is reliable and NG is unreliable
- What does the standard actually say?

Exception: (5.1.1)

For Level 1 installations in locations <u>where the probability of interruption of</u> <u>off-site fuel supplies is high</u>, on-site storage of an alternate energy source sufficient to allow full output of the EPSS to be delivered for the class specified shall be required...

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Note: NFPA 110 does not assume off-site fuel is unreliable.

Diesel fuel must be maintained to be reliable

- 7.9.1.2

Fuel system design shall provide for a supply of clean fuel to the prime mover.

- 7.9.1.3

Tanks shall be sized so that the <u>fuel is consumed within the storage life</u>, or provisions shall be made to <u>remediate fuel that is stale or contaminated</u> or to replace stale or contaminated fuel with clean fuel.

- 8.3.8

A *fuel quality test* shall be performed at least *annually* using tests appropriated ASTM standards.

Would a customer that is not actively managing and maintaining the on-site diesel be better served with off-site natural gas?



• Optional standby application with 24-hour fuel tank

- Weekly exercise for 20 minutes (using 5% of full-load fuel).
- Two hours of outage each year (assume 50% of full-load fuel).
- Given this scenario, one turn on the fuel tank will take **12.9 years**.

• NFPA 110 Level 1 application with 24-hour tank

- Weekly exercise for 20 minutes (using 5% of full load-fuel).
- Monthly exercise 30 minutes with facility load (assume 40% of full load).
- Typical annual outages 2 hours.
- Every 36 months, 4-hour operation with facility load (extend the outage 2 hours).
- Given this scenario, one turn on the fuel tank will take **<u>5.8 years</u>**.

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Diesel fuel must be maintained to be reliable

– A.7.9.1.2

"Fuel <u>maintenance</u> and testing should <u>begin the day of installation</u> and first fill to establish a benchmark guideline for further comparison."

Diesel failure modes

- Moisture
- Gelling
- Biomass
- Fuel instability / varnishing
- Storage / leakage
- Fuel transfer system
- Running out



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- How much fuel is enough? How much fuel is too much?
 - NFPA 110 A.5.5.3

"Consideration should be given to sizing tanks in order to meet minimum <i>fuel supplier delivery requirements, particularly for small tanks.

"Consideration also should be given to <u>over-sizing tanks</u>... Where fuel is stored for extended periods of time (e.g., more than 12 months), it is recommended that fuels be periodically pumped out and used in other services and <u>replaced with fresh fuel</u>."

"Prudent disaster management could require much larger on-site temporary or permanent fuel storage, and several <i>moderate-sized tanks can be preferable to a single very large tank."

- Fuel Strategies
 - Strong fuel-maintenance or fuel-exchange programs
 - Minimize diesel -- Bi-fuel generators (diesel and natural gas)
 - Replace diesel -- Natural gas generators

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NFPA 110 Fuel Tank Requirements

- Dedicated tank or minimum draw down for Level 1 (5.5.1)
- Fuel tank must be 133% of required class (5.5.3)

Class	Minimum Time								
Class 0.083	0.083 hr (5 min)								
Class 0.25	0.25 hr (15 min)								
Class 2	2 hr								
Class 6	6 hr								
Class 48	48 hr								
Class X	Other time, in hours, as required by the application, code, or user								

Table 4.1(a) Classification of EPSSs

- Low-fuel level set at 100% of required class (5.5.2)
- Capable of operation after seismic shock (7.11.6)
- Inside tanks generally limited to 660 gal (7.9.5)
- Greater than 660 gal (NFPA 37 6.3.5 and 6.3.6)
 - Dedicated fire-rated rooms
 - Spill containment (curbing)



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NFPA 110 Fuel Piping Requirements

- Comply with NFPA 30, 37, 54, 58 (7.9.1.1)
- Piping protected and supported (NFPA 37 6.8.2)
- Remote shutoff valve (away from generator) required (NFPA 37 5.4.1.3)
- Clearly identify (diagram at generator) all fuel shutoff valves (NFPA 37 10.2.2)
- Solenoid valves shall have manual bypass capability (5.6.3.2.1)
- Flexible fuel line between engine and piping (7.9.3.2)
- All manual valves should indicate open or closed state (7.9.11)
 - Locked open or electrically monitored (not required but good idea)
 - Key must be accessible (NFPA 37 5.4.1.2)



NFPA 110 Diesel Fuel Piping Requirements

Diesel piping requirements

- Piping protected and supported (NFPA 37 6.8.2)
- No galvanized piping (7.9.3.1)
- Fuel supply to engine kept below the engine injectors (7.9.4)
- Fuel fill to terminate outside building (NFPA 37 6.6.3.1)
- Fuel vent to terminate outside building (NFPA 37 6.7.1.1)
- No manifolding vent pipes (NFPA 30 5.7.1.2)
- Tanks should include emergency vents (NFPA 30 4.2.5.2.1)
- Anti-siphon valve (NFPA 37 6.8.3)
- Day-tank pumps powered by the emergency system (7.12.5)



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NFPA Tanks



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NFPA 110 Secondary Containment Components





NFPA 110 Gas Fuel Piping Requirements

Gas piping requirements

- Considerations to pressure regulators, pipe sizing, flexible fuel lines, etc. (7.9.9)
- Tapping ahead of the building's main shutoff (7.9.7)
- Securing shutoff valves (A.7.9.7)



NFPA 110 Propane Requirements

Propane

- On-site fuel
- Considered reliable by AHJ's
- Often configured as dual fuel
- Fuel doesn't degrade
- Fuel level sensing required (5.5.2)
- Dedicated fuel supply for vapor withdrawal (5.5.1.1)
- Cold weather boil-off rate considerations (7.9.9 (9))





NFPA 110 Exhaust

- Flex connection (7.10.3)
- Condensate traps (7.10.3.1)
- Thermal expansion (7.10.3.2)
- **Thimble** (7.10.3.4)
- Acceptable back pressure (7.10.4)
- Heat rejection (blanketing consideration) (7.10.3.7)
- Common chimney requires calculations (NFPA 37 8.2.5.1.1)
- Exhaust clearing area (NFPA 37, 8.2.3.1)
 - Not near building's air intake
 - Not under platforms



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NFPA 110 Equipment Location

- Requires permanent installation (4.4.3)
- Consider potential for flooding (7.2.4, A.7.2.4(3))
- Consider natural and human threats (A.7.2.5)
- Separate room (Level 1) (7.2.1)
- Generator or ATS not installed with electrical service (Level 1, 480V, 1000A) (7.2.3)
- Minimum 36" generator-to-generator separation (7.2.6)
- Adequate ventilation and air flow (7.7)
- Outdoor units require 5' clearance from building (NFPA 37 4.1.4)



NFPA 110 Fire Considerations

- Two-hour fire rating (7.2.1.1)
- Fire-risk evaluation (NFPA 37 11.1)
- Fire protection generalizations (7.11.2)
 - Not Carbon dioxide or halon
 - Not dry chemical
 - Consideration to preaction-type suppression (A.7.11.2)
 - Consider protection against inadvertent operation (NFPA 37 A.11.4.2.1 (4))

• If we have a fire, do we automatically shut off the fuel? (NFPA 37 A.11.4.2.1)

- Is the engine always attended?
- Is the generator system redundant?
- What is the risk of spreading fire or smoke?
- Most generator operations occur during test, when building power is available.

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• Is an outdoor generator a better option?

NFPA 110 Failure Consideration

NFPA 110 7.2.7

"Design considerations shall <u>minimize the effect of the failure</u> of one energy converter on the continued operation of other units."

NFPA 110 8.1.2

"Consideration shall be given to temporarily providing a portable or <u>alternate</u> <u>source whenever the emergency generator is out of service</u>".

Do the above requirements, when combined with fire risk considerations, favor a redundant generator configuration located outside?

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NFPA 110 Construction

Vibration isolators

– Internal pads are OK (A.7.5)

Cooling

- Closed loop required (5.6.7.2)
- Maximum restriction .5" H_20 (7.7.4.1)

Motor dampers / louvers

- Spring open (7.7.5)
- No fire dampers (7.7.2.3)





NFPA 110 Controls

• Controller must be NFPA compliant (5.6.5)

- Operation
- Indication
- Protection
- Remote annunciator required (NFPA 99 6.4.1.1.17 and NFPA 110 table 5.6.5.2)
- Remote manual stop (5.6.5.6)





Control Panels

Table 5.6.5.2 Safety Indications and Shutdowns

		Level 1			Level 2				
Indicator Function (at Battery Voltage)	CV	s	RA	cv	s	RA			
(a) Overcrank	х	х	х	х	х	0			
(b) Low water temperature	x	NA	x	х	NA	Ó			
(c) High engine temperature pre-alarm	x	NA	x	0	NA	NA			
(d) High engine temperature	x	x	x	х	x	0			
(e) Low lube oil pressure pre-alarm	х	NA	x	0	NA	NA			
(f) Lov 'ube oil pressure	х	х	x	x	х	0			
(g) Ove. peed	x	X	x	x	x	Õ			
(h) Low fuel main tank	x	NA	x	0	NA	Ö			
(i) Low coolant level	x	0	x	X	0	x			
(j) EPS supplying load	x	NA	NA	0	NA	NA			
(k) Control switch not in automatic position	x	NA	х	0	NA	NA			
(l) High battery voltage	х	NA	NA	0	NA	NA			
(m) Low cranking voltage	x	NA	X	Ó	NA	0			
(n) Low voltage in battery	x	NA	NA	0	NA	NA			
(o) Battery charger ac failure	x	NA	NA	0	NA	NA			
(p) Lamp test	х	NA	NA	x	NA	NA			
(q) Contacts for local and remote common alarm	х	NA	x	x	NA	x			
(r) Audible alarm silencing switch	NA	NA	x	NA	NA	0			
(s) Low starting air pressure	x	NA	NA	0	NA	NA			
(t) Low starting hydraulic pressure	x	NA	NA	0	NA	NA			
(u) Air shutdown damper when used	x	x	x	x	x	0			
(v) Remote emergency stop	NA	x	NA	NA	x	NA			

CV: Control panel-mounted visual. S: Shutdown of EPS indication. RA: Remote audible. X: Required. O: Optional. NA: Not applicable. Notes:

Item (p) shall be provided, but a separate remote audible signal shall not be required when the regular work site in 5.6.6 is staffed 24 hours a day.
Item (b) is not required for combustion turbines.

3. Item (r) or (s) shall apply only where used as a starting method.

4. Item (j): EPS ac ammeter shall be permitted for this function.

5. All required CV functions shall be visually annunciated by a remote, common visual indicator.

6. All required functions indicated in the RA column shall be annunciated by a remote, common audible alarm as required in 5.6.5.2(4).

7. Item (h) on gaseous systems shall require a low gas pressure alarm.

8. Item (b) shall be set at 11°C (20°F) below the regulated temperature determined by the EPS manufacturer as required in 5.3.1.

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NFPA 110 Starting

- Block and battery heaters (5.3.1)
- Enclosure heated to 40 F (Level 1) (7.7.6)
- Engine-driven charging alternator (5.6.3.6)
- Battery charger (5.6.4.6)
 - Charge time 24 hrs
 - Float equalize type
 - Indication (volts and amps)
- Batteries (5.6.4)
 - Lead acid or Nicad
 - Capable of 2 x 45 sec of cranking



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NFPA 110 Testing – Commissioning

- Acceptance testing required (7.13.4.1)
 - Cold start initiated
 - Start-up time recorded
 - Operating parameters recorded
 - Building load for 1.5 hrs
 - Full load test
 - 30% (30 min), 50% (30 min), 100% (60 min)
 - At rated PF unless factory tested

Design points

- Method / connections for load bank testing
- Load bank circuits need automatic disconnect capability (8.4.2.2)



NFPA 110 Testing – Operational

• Operational testing required (8.4)

Weekly

- Preventative maintenance (8.1.1 and suggested schedule A.8.3.1)
- Inspect cranking batteries (8.3.7)
- Testing based on manufacturer recommendations (8.1.1)

Monthly

- Exercise generator with load (8.4.2)
- Operate all transfer switches monthly (8.4.6)

Annually

- Generator 1.5 hr load test (if monthly, test 30% of full load) (8.4.2.3)
- Exercise breakers between generator and transfer switches (Level 1 only) (8.4.7)
- Fuel tested to ASTM standards (8.3.8)

Every 36 months

- Generator run with building load for a period of 4 hours (Level 1 only) (8.4.9)



Maintenance Schedule

		Pro	cedure			Frequency				
		X — Act R — Rej	ion slace, if nee	W – Weekly S – Semiannually M – Monthly A – Annually Q = Quarterly Nos. indicate hours						
Component (as applicable)	Visual Inspection	Check	Change	Clean	Test	Level 1	Level 2			
1. Fuel										
(a) Main supply tank level		x				W	М			
(b) Day tank level	х	x				w	M			
(c) Day tank float switch	X				Х	w	Q			
(d) Supply or transfer pump operation	x				Х	w	Q			
(e) Solenoid valve operation	x				Х	W	Q			
(f) Strainer, filter, dirt leg, or combination				х		Q	Q			
(g) Water in system		x		x		W	Q			
(h) Flexible hose and connectors	Х		R			w	м			
(i) Tank vents and overflow piping unobstructed		х			х	A	A			
(j) Piping	Х					A	Α			
(k) Gasoline in main tank (when used)			R			A	A			
2. Lubrication System										
(a) Oil level	Х	X				W	М			
(b) Oil change			R			50 or A	50 or A			
(c) Oil filter(s)			R			50 or A	50 or A			
(d) Lube oil heater		x				w	М			
(e) Crankcase breather	х		R	x		Q	s			
3. Cooling System										
(a) Level	х	x				w	М			
(b) Antifreeze protection level					х	s	Α			
(c) Antifreeze			R			A	A			
(d) Adequate cooling water to heat exchanger		x				w	м			
(e) Rod out heat exchanger				x		A	A			
(f) Adequate fresh air through radiator		х				w	м			
(g) Clean exterior of radiator				x		A	A			
(h) Fan and alternator belt	х	х				М	Q			
(i) Water pump(s)	Х					w	Q			
(j) Condition of flexible hoses and connection	x	х				w	м			
(k) Jacket water heater		х		1.1		w	М			
(l) Inspect duct work, clean louvers	х	X		х		Α	A			
(m) Louver motors and controls	x			Х	х	A	А			
4. Exhaust System										
(a) Leakage	х	X				w	М			
(b) Drain condensate trap		X				W	м			

	Maintenance Log						1	W - Weckly S - Semiannual							
	Performed by							M — Monthly A — Annually Q — Quarterly Nos. indicate how							
	Ser	vice												Ι	
	Frequency		Dat	e											
Component	Level 1	Level 2	Fill	in Aj	pprop	riate	Read	lings							
. Fuel														Τ	
(a) Main supply tank level	W	М												Ι	
(b) Day tank level	W	М												Τ	
(c) Day tank float switch	W	Q								-				Τ	
(d) Supply or transfer pump operation	W	Q												Τ	
(e) Solenoid valve operation	W	Q												Τ	
(f) Strainer, filter, dirt leg, or combination	Q	Q												T	
(g) Water in system	w	Q												Т	
(h) Flexible hose and connectors	Α	A												T	
(i) Tank vents and overflow piping unobstructed	А	A												T	
(j) Piping	A	A												T	
(k) Gasoline in main tank (when used)	Α	A												T	
2. Lubrication System														T	
(a) Oil level	W	М				-					-	+		1	
(b) Oil change	50 or A	50 or A												1	
(c) Oil filter(s)	50 or A	50 or A												1	
(d) Lube oil heater	W	M									\square			1	
(e) Crankcase breather	Q	s												T	
3. Cooling System														T	
(a) Level	w	М												T	
(b) Antifreeze protection level	S	A												1	
(c) Antifreeze	Α	Α												T	
(d) Adequate cooling water to heat exchanger	w	М												1	
(e) Rod out heat exchanger	Α	Α												1	
(f) Adequate fresh air through radiator	W	М												T	
(g) Clean exterior of radiator	Α	Α												1	
(h) Fan and alternator belt	М	Q												1	
(i) Water pump(s)	w	Q												T	
(j) Condition of flexible hoses and connection	W	М												Ī	
(k) Jacket water heater	W	М												1	
(l) Inspect duct work, clean louvers	Α	A												1	
(m) Louver motors and controls	A	Α								1		\top	1	1	
4. Exhaust System														Ť	
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FIGURE A.8.3.1(a) Suggested Maintenance Schedule for Emergency Power Supply Systems.

FIGURE A.8.3.1(b) Sample Maintenance Log - Routine Maintenance, Operation, and Testing (RMOT).

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NFPA 110 Performance Requirements

- Start and Load in 10 seconds (type 10) (4.4.4)
- Run for the classed time (4.4.4)
- Batteries capable of 2 cranking cycles (5.6.4.4)
- Voltage dip acceptable to load (5.6.9.8(3))
- Frequency dip matches spec (5.6.9.8(4))



• Fault current capable (PMG) and selective coordination (6.5.1)

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NFPA 110 On-site Requirements

- Two sets of manuals (Level 1 only) (8.2.2)
- Tools and testing devices for maintenance (8.2.3)
- Spare parts (8.2.4)
- Training (NFPA 37 10.3)
- Documentation (8.3.4)
 - Inspections
 - Tests
 - Operations
 - Repairs



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NFPA 20 Fire Pumps

- Meet NFPA 110 Level 1, Type 10 requirements (9.6.2.1)
- Run time of 8 hours minimum (9.6.2.3)
- Maximum voltage dip is 15% during normal motor start (9.4)
- Generator sized for normal starting and running (9.6.1.1)
- Support an across-the-line start (mechanical backup) (A.9.6.5)
- Breaker tap ahead not required (9.6.1.2)

- Transfer switch that is fire pump listed (10.1.2.1)
- Transfer switch must be in the pump room (9.6.4)



LOOKING BACK

- UL compliance facilitates AHJ approval
- UL 2200 covers generators including
 - Enclosures and internal paralleling capabilities
- NFPA compliance is mandated by state statute
- NFPA 37 and 110 bring up some interesting points
 - Fuel reliability
 - Diesel fuel must be maintained
 - Refueling contingency planning should be considered
 - Bi-fuel (diesel and natural gas) technology minimizes fuel and maximizes run time
 - Code does not preclude natural gas solutions (discuss with AHJ)

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Questions?

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