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ESTIMATION OF QUALIFIED LIFE
OF EA740 SERIES NUCLEAR SWITCH

Switch P/No. EA740-20000 Rev. C, D or E

Date of Qualification Report 2/20/78 and 2/22/79

The Ramco Controls qualification test procedure for the EA740 Nuclear Switch includes thermal aging at 200° F (93° C) and 100% R.H. for 200 hours. The purpose of this report is to provide a corresponding estimated qualified life. As a result of an Engineering study, the lever shaft o ring and the cover gasket were determined to be the switch components most susceptible to thermal aging.

During our Engineering study, the plastic parts and lubricants were reviewed. The plastic parts are all Thermoset plastics and are not considered in this investigation because they have been used for 8 years in our standard switches for industrial applications without detectable deterioration. The lubricant manufacturer was unable to provide thermal aging characteristics for the synthetic lubricants used in these switches, however, our experience indicates that the application of, and proper amount of lubricant, is more critical than the thermal aging characteristics of the lubricants.

The cover gasket material is a complex compound on NBR. (Nitrile-Butadiene Rubber) and Asbestos Fibers. The NBR is approximately 20% of the compound. The finished gaskets are impregnated with a polyester plastic to seal minor pores.

The manufacturer of the material was unable to provide test data regarding the aging characteristics of the material.

It was determined that a conservative approach would be to estimate the life of the NBR alone.

I Aging calculations were made using the Arrhenius equation, as demonstrated in IEEE 382, Ref. 3.

An activation energy of reaction (eV) factor of .958 was used. This factor was derived from an article published by the National Bureau of Standards in 1959 (Ref. 1).

The following chart lists the calculated qualified life for various ambients (based upon stated aging conditions).

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AMBIENT

30° C
35° C
40° C

QUALIFIED LIFE

12.9 Years
7.1 Years
4.0 Years

The lever shaft o ring is an Ethylene Propylene compound and manufactured by Parker Seals.

Parker Seals conducted a very comprehensive aging test and computer study (Ref. 2).

The results of this test were as follows:

1. At temperatures more than 100° F below maximum ratings for the material, seal life appeared to be independent of thermal aging.
2. Predicted seal life for the ambient temperatures of 55 to 75° C ranged from 5 to 15 years.

Conclusion: As a result of the thermal aging study, the lever shaft o ring will not be considered a factor in the qualified life estimation.

Based upon this study, the estimated qualified life of a switch assembly aged at 200° F (93° C) for 200 hours will be based upon the cover gasket estimation of 4 to 7 years for ambients of 35 to 40° C.

This report is based upon the best Engineering information available to us on this date.

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are fulfilled by cutting to length specified on the purchase order and Barton register. Standard length is thirty (30) inches. Anything else is special.

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R1-S344-5	Components for Radiation Environments
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0038.1175.T	Terminal
0068.0004.T	Material Specification

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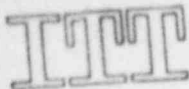
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*Square, Watts, etc.
push button gauges, switches
+ load switches*

Gentlemen:

The following is submitted as evidence of radiation qualification for switches supplied to TVA on the above referenced register. Model 288A indicating switches serial numbers 288-28657 through 28662 are made up of the following part numbers:

Part Number

Description

S401.0110.Z

Low switch assembly, DPDT
radiation resistant wire

S666.0201.Z

External wiring assembly
eight (8) feet long

S666.0203.Z

External wiring assembly
eight (8) feet long

Along with the drawings of the part numbers noted above, are included the sub-assemblies which identify the individual components. In particular, the snap action switch is Barton part number 0068.0004.T. The switch is purchased from Licon Division, Illinois Tool Works, Incorporated, 6615 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois. The Licon switch was tested and the results are published in Barton Document R1-8344-5, which is enclosed. Note that the length of the external wire assemblies, S666.0201.Z and S666.0203.Z, is twenty (20) feet long. This is done to avoid unnecessary inventory at Barton. The customer requirements

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