

Industrial Brush Guide







How To Order National Carbon Brushes

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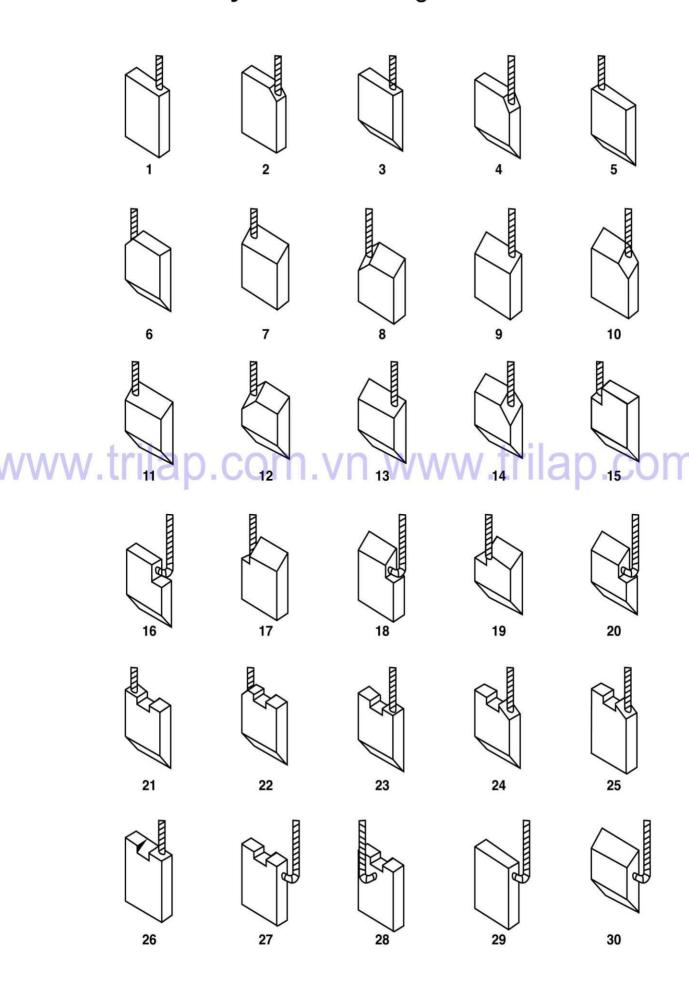
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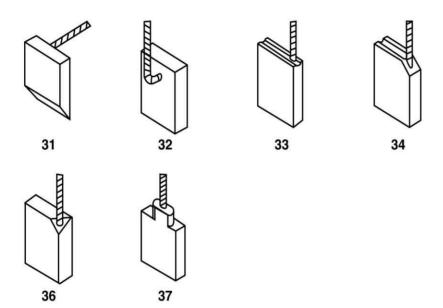
- Step 1. If available, provide the following information:
 - 1. Original equipment part number
 - 2. Motor name plate data
 - 3. Commutator or slip ring
 - 4. Present brush grade usually stamped on the back face of the brush
 - 5. Past or present performance problems
- Step 2. Specify the dimensions of the brush in the sequence:
 thickness x width x length. See page 6 for more details.
 The brush is always a few thousandths smaller than the nominal fractional or metric dimension, according to NEMA tolerances. Best results are obtained with calipers, micrometers rather than a scale or ruler.
- Step 3. Turn to the Brush Styles section of this manual and identify the style number which matches the brush you wish to order.
- Step 4. If you were unable to find the correct brush style in Step 3, our customer service personnel will be able to assist you in specifying the correct design.
- Step 5. Specify the required shaping and machine work as illustrated on page 7.
- Step 6. Specify whether the shunt connection is a Type Q or Type R. See page 8.
- Step 7. Determine the required length of the shunt(s) as illustrated on page 9.
- Step 8. Specify if the shunt is protected by means of flexible insulation or tin plating.
- Step 9. If a PAD is required, refer to Figure 16 on page 9 for instructions.
- Step 10. If a clip is required, refer to Figure 17 on page 10 for instructions.
- Step 11. To specify a terminal, refer to Figures 18 and 19 on page 10.
- Note: While reading this entire manual is not necessary for ordering National Carbon Brushes, we believe that a review of its contents would provide beneficial insight to carbon brush designs. If you have any questions, please call or write.

Brush Styles

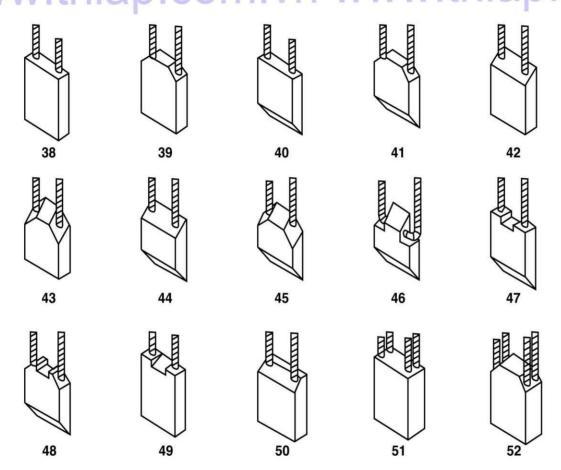
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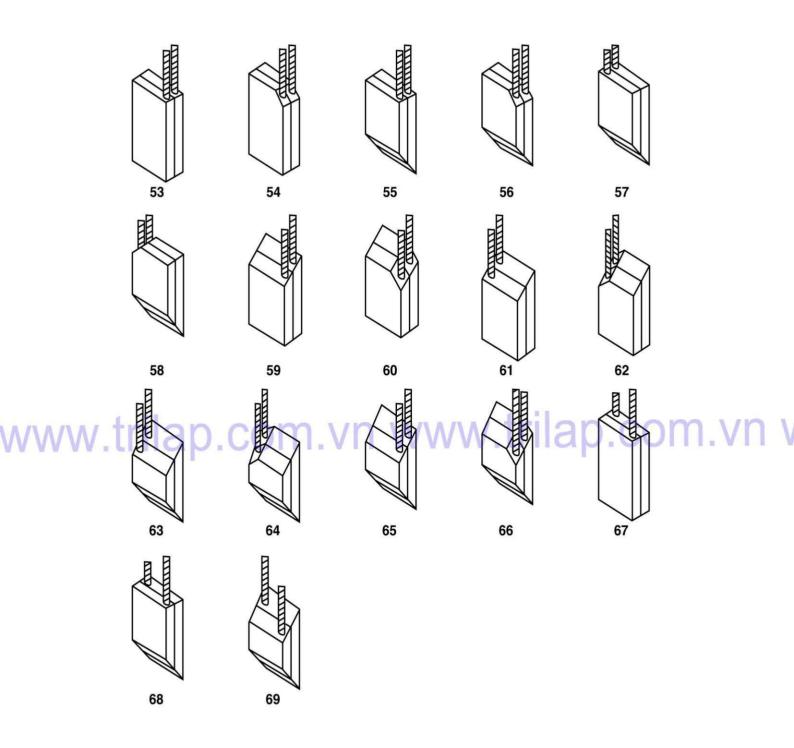
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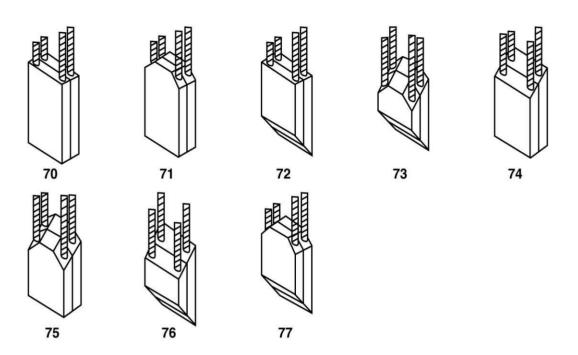
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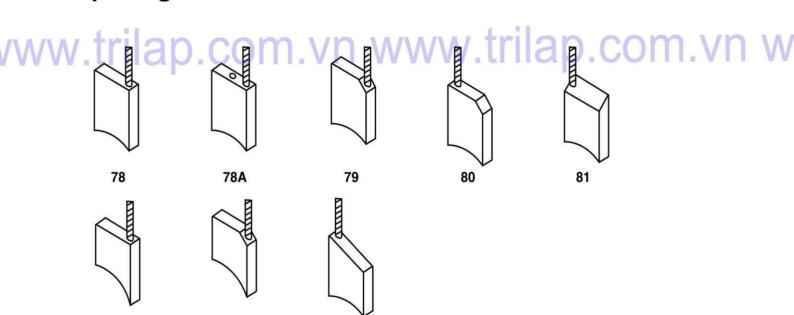
Multiple Wafers with One Shunt Per Wafer



Multiple Wafers With Multiple Shunts Per Wafer



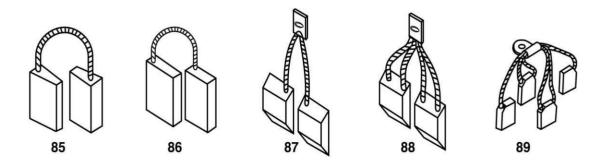
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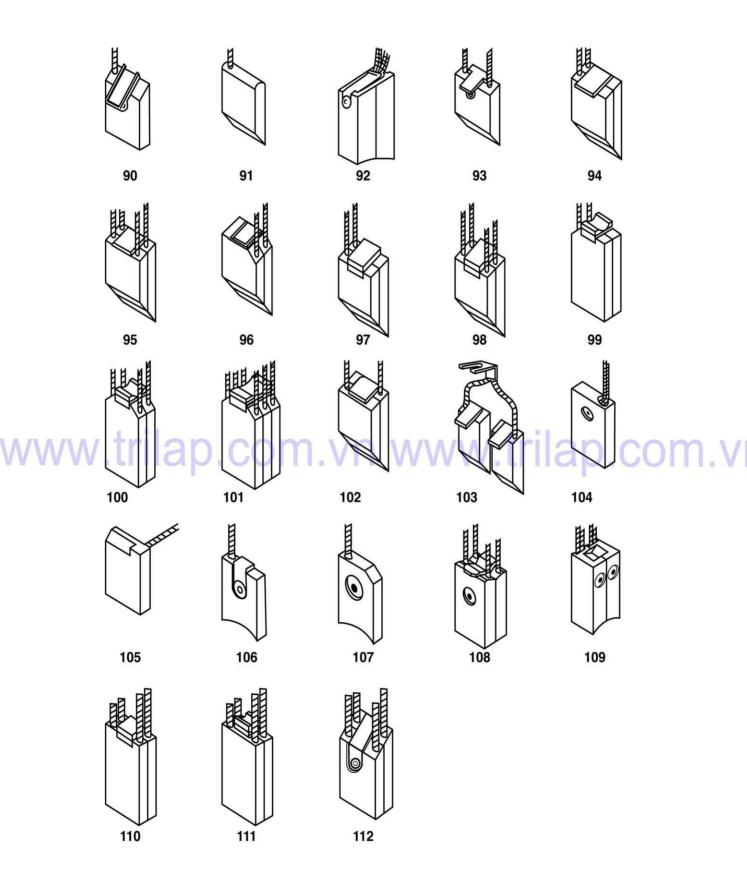
Special Brush Styles

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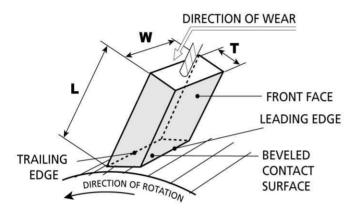
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Common Brush Constructions



Dimensions



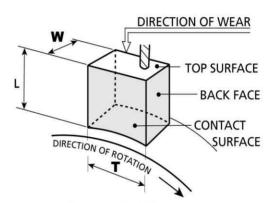


Figure 1. Commutator Brush

Figure 2. Slip Ring Brush

T = Thickness The dimension tangent to the circumference of the collector surface.

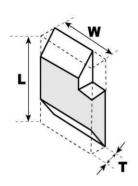
Generally this dimension is smaller than the width for commutator brushes

and larger than the width for slip ring brushes.

- W = Width The dimension which lies parallel to the axis of the collector.
- L = Length The dimension which is reduced by wear of the brush. When specifying, measure the maximum overall dimension of the carbon only.

Refer to Figures 1 and 2.





CONCAVED CONTACT SURFACE

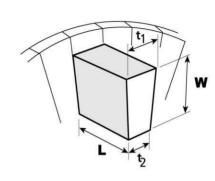


Figure 3.

Figure 4. Multi-wafer Brush

Figure 5. Wedge Brush

- Note 1. The size of a brush is defined by the dimensions of the outer edges that will contain the whole brush shape. See Figure 3.
- The thickness of a multi-wafer brush is the total dimension which enters the brush box. Note 2. See Figure 4.
- Note 3. When dimensioning brushes used on flat collectors, refer to Figure 5.
- Note 4. To ensure proper manufacture, it is important to specify dimensions in the sequence:

thickness x width x length x W x

Shaping

Bevels

Description

Top Bevel

Brush top is not at right

angles to brush faces

Bottom Bevel

Contact surface is not at right angles to brush faces

Provide stability to brush Purpose

Typical Angles 0° 5° 20° 25° 30° 35° 40°

location in the brush box

Applies to brush running

in a trailing or leading position

30° 35° 40° (leading brush)

0° 5° 10° 15° 20° 25° (trailing brush)

To Specify Use your National Bevel Gauge or the bevel

chart on page 11 to determine the angle

measurements. If the bevels are parallel, please specify.

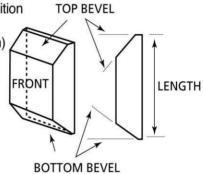
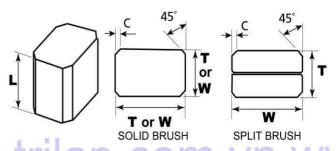


Figure 6. Bevels



Chamfers are obtained by removing material from the side edges of a brush to eliminate the risk of jamming at the internal corners of the brush box. As shown in Figure 7, the standard angle of chamfer is 45 degrees. All National Electrical Carbon brushes are chamfered according to NEMA specifications unless otherwise requested.

Figure 7. Chamfers

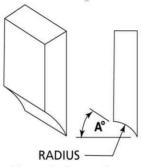


Figure 8. Concaving or Radiusing

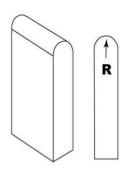


Figure 9. Convexing

It is sometimes necessary to radius the top and/or contact face of a brush. A contact face machined to suit the curvature of the collector is referred to as a concave. See Figure 8. The term convex top applies to brush tops machined to accommodate certain types of brush holder pressure fingers. See Figure 9. When specifying concave and convex surfaces, state the radius of the required curvature. If the radius is not centered, specify the appropriate bevel angle. See the radius chart on page 11.

Special machine work is often required. Figure 10 illustrates several examples.



SHOULDER



PARTIAL TOP BEVEL



BEVELED EDGE



BEVELED CORNER



DUST GROOVES



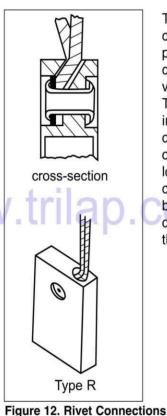




Figure 10

Shunt Connections

The tamped or type Q connection is mechanically strong and of low electrical resistance. Patented by Morganite in 1909, the tamped connection has evolved as the preferred means of shunt attachment for most applications. The cross-sectional view in Figure 11 illustrates the basic construction of this connection. The flexible shunt is secured within the brush structure by tamping a conductive powder between it and the wall of the drill hole. This type of connection is designated with the letter "Q".



The riveted or type R connection is generally preferred to the tamped connection when heavy vibration is encountered. The cross-sectional view in Figure 12 shows this connection to be constructed of a tubular rivet securing a looped shunt against a counterbore machined in the brush material. This type of connection is designated with the letter"R".

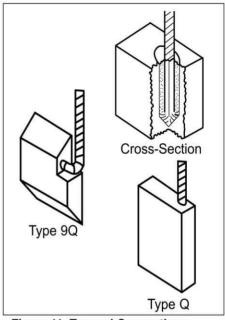
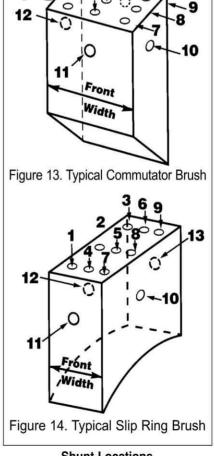


Figure 11. Tamped Connections



Shunt locations by position number are illustrated in Figures 13 and 14. When specifying locations, it is important to orient the brush correctly as follows:

- a. Brushes with top and/or bottom bevels: see Figure 13.
- b. Brushes with a thickness dimension which is greater than the width: see Figure 14. This generally applies to slip ring brushes.
- c. Brushes with a top clip and no top or bottom bevel should be oriented with the clip attachment on the back face. For slip ring brushes the clip attachment should appear on the right side.



Shunt Locations

To determine the length of the brush shunts measure the distance from the extreme top of the brush to the center of the hole or slot in the terminal.

See Figure 15.

Figure 15. Shunt Length

Flexible shunts are normally left bare to permit maximum flexibility and cooling capacity. Nevertheless, certain machines have their brush gear mounted in a manner that risks the brush shunts grounding on the frame. For these applications flexible insulation would be specified to provide protection. When brushes are used where corrosive gases are present, tin-plated shunts should be specified to provide some measure of protection.

Shunt cable will be sized to match the capacity of the brush grade.

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Construction

Composite material consisting of a hard top bonded to a resilient bottom and cemented to the brush top.

Functions

- Distribute spring pressure uniformly over a multi-wafer brush.
- Permit controlled relative movements between wafers of a multi-wafer brush.
- Dampen vibration transmitted from the collector surface.
- Insulate the brush holder pressure device from the brush top.
- Protect against mechanical indentation of the brush top.

To Specify

Measure the width & length of the Pad and designate the style.

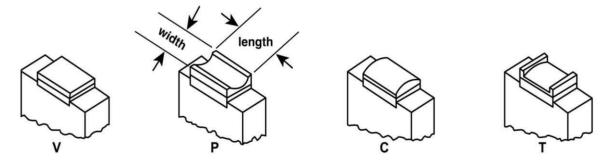


Figure 16. Pad Styles

Clips

Construction Generally of electro-tin plated cold rolled steel or stainless steel.

Functions

- Protect against mechanical indentation of the brush top.
- Locate the pressure finger on the brush top.
- Provide a bridge over the two or more parts of a multi-wafer brush.
- Provide a lifting clip for removal from the brush gear.
- Provide an attachment for shunts.

To Specify

Measure the width of the clip and designate the type. If EXTENDED A type, specify the length extended beyond the carbon.

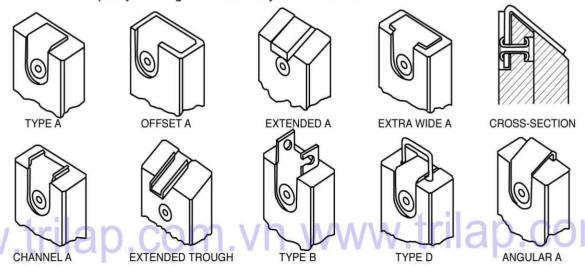


Figure 17. Clips

Terminals

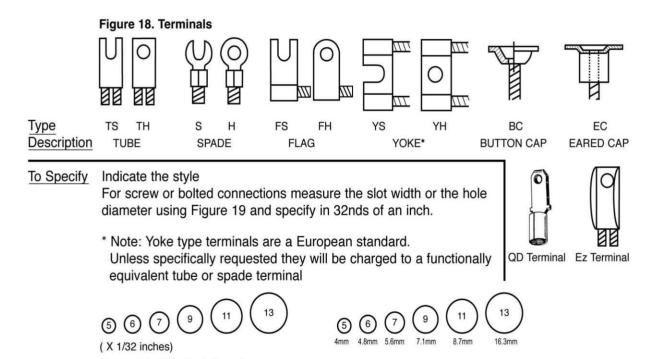
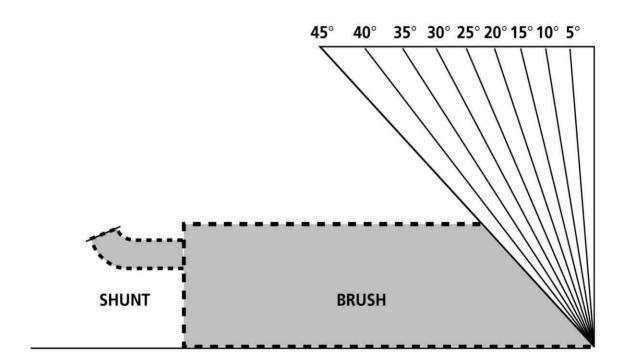


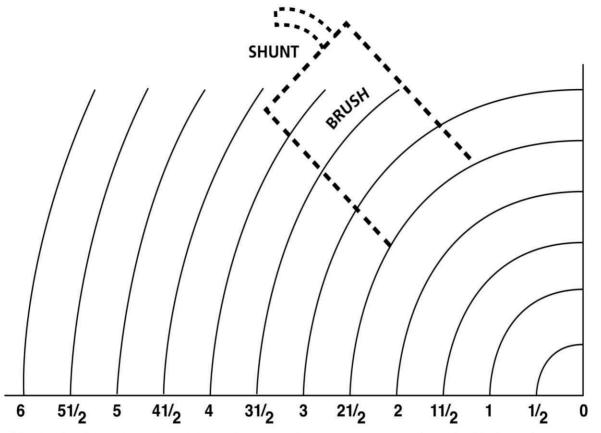
Figure 19. Terminal Openings

Example: 9S45 = 9/32 Slotted Terminal Bent 45°

Bevel Chart



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Note: Slip ring brushes, where the thickness is greater than or equal to the width, should always be pre-radiused to match the slip ring contour. If no radius is specified, A 6" radius will be supplied.

SYMPTOMS

	STWIFTOWS													
	M THREADING AND GROOVING OF COMMUTATOR O	R SLIP	RING											
	L EXCESSIVE COMMUTATOR WEAR - SURFACE BLACE	CKEN	ED											
	K COPPER DRAGGING													
	J EXCESSIVE COMMUTATOR OR SLIP RING WEAR -	BRIGH	IT SUF	RFACE	/FILM	STRIF	PING							
	I UNEQUAL BRUSH WEAR									1				
	H RAPID BRUSH WEAR - WHILE COMMUTATION GOO	טט							1					
	G SHUNTS BURNED OUT OR DISCOLORED							1						
	F BRUSHES AND BRUSH HOLDERS TOO HOT E COMMUTATOR - SLIP RING - TOO HOT						1							
		AL ITAT	OB.			1								
	D SPARKING VICIOUS AND TRAILING AROUND COMM	IUTAT	OH		1									
	C EXCESSIVE BRUSH VIBRATION			1										
	B SPARKING AT THE ENTERING EDGE		1											
	A SPARKING AT THE LEAVING EDGE	í												
PROBABI	LE CAUSE OF TROUBLE	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	Τ	J	K	L	М
INTERPOL	E FIELD TOO STRONG		•	•				•						
INTERPOL	E FIELD TOO WEAK	•		•				•				•		
INTERPOL	E AIR GAP TOO SMALL		•	•				•						
INTERPOL	E AIR GAP TOO LARGE	•		•				•				•		
AIR GAPS	UNEVEN (BEARINGS WORN)	•	•							•				
OVERLOAI	O OF MACHINE	•				•	•	•		•	•			
VIBRATION	FROM EXTERNAL CAUSES, i.e.,													
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OIL AND DI	RT ON COMMUTATOR OR SLIP RING	•							•	•				•
RESISTAN	CE BETWEEN BRUSHES													
AND	BRUSH ARMS NOT UNIFORM						•	•		•				
GRAINS OI	F ABRASIVE IN THE BRUSH CONTACT FACE									•	•			•
FAULTS IN A	RMATURE WINDING OR EQUALIZER CONNECTIONS	•			•		•							
HIGH MICA		•		•	•								•	
COMMUTA	TOR OR SLIP RING ECCENTRIC	•							•				•	
COMMUTA	TOR RISER CONNECTIONS OPEN CIRCUITED	•	•	•	•									
HIGH OR L	OW COMMUTATOR SEGMENTS	•		•	•								•	
COMMUTA	TOR LOOSE	•		•	•								•	
FLATS ON	COMMUTATOR OR SLIP RING	•		•	•								•	
BRUSH PR	ESSURE TOO LOW	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BRUSH PR	ESSURE TOO HIGH					•	•		•		•	•		•

NOTE: The time factor is important. If consulting a National Application Engineer, state whether the trouble is new, or of long standing.

SYMPTOMS

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SPRING PRESSURE UNEQUAL	•					•	•		•				
BRUSH GRADE UNSUITABLE FOR MACHINE AND DUTY	•			•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
BRUSH ARC OF CONTACT EXCESSIVE	•	•	•										
BRUSH ARC OF CONTACT INSUFFICIENT	•	•	•										
BRUSH SHUNT CONNECTION FAULTY							•		•				
BRUSH SHUNT TOO SHORT OR TOO STIFF	•				•		•		•				
IMPERFECT BRUSH BEDDING	•	•			•				•				
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BRUSHES TOO LOOSE IN BRUSH HOLDER (HOLDERS WORN)	•					•			•				
TERMINAL CONNECTIONS LOOSE OR DIRTY					•	•	•		•				
BRUSH HOLDER MOUNTED TOO FAR FROM													
COMMUTATOR OR SLIP RING	•								•				
INCORRECT BRUSH POSITION	•	•	•									•	
UNEQUAL BRUSH HOLDER SPACING OR ALIGNMENT	•	•	•	•			•		•				
HUMIDITY OF ATMOSPHERE LOW								•		•			
HUMIDITY OF ATMOSPHERE EXCESSIVE											•		•
DUSTY ATMOSPHERE								•		•			•
GAS OR ACID FUMES IN ATMOSPHERE	•						•	•					•
LONG PERIODS AT LOW OR STEADY LOADS											•		•
SILICONE CONTAMINATION								•					
FUMES FROM OILS WITH HIGH PRESSURE ADDITIVES											•		

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	•				•			•			RENEW BEARINGS AND REALIGN MACHINE	
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					•						REPAIR RISER AND EQUALIZER CONNECTION	
		•		•				•			TIGHTEN COMMUTATOR, TURN, OR REGRIND	
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ADJUST BRUSH PRESSURE (FOR SPRING FORCE)

TO THAT RECOMMENDED FOR THE MACHINE

SYMPTOMS

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	•				•		•		•		ADJUST HOLDERS TO CORRECT POSITION	
	•				•				•		CORRECT SPACING AND ALIGNMENT OF HOLDERS	
		•						•		•	HUMIDIFY THE COOLING AIR OR DRAW AIR FROM NORMAL HUMIDITY SO	URCE
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	•	•						•		•	CHANGE BRUSH GRADE, ASK FOR OUR RECOMMENDATION	

Calculating Brush Current Density

The proper Brush Current Density or APSI (amps per square inch) depends on the brush grade. Each grade has a range of current density where minimum commutator wear and optimum brush life will result.

To calculate the current density you need to know or measure: the <u>operating</u> current in amps, the number of brushes and the brush thickness and width. Brush $T \times W =$ the cross sectional area. Brushes that contact the commutator at an angle do have more contact area than the product if their $T \times W$, but it is usually not a significant difference so the easier to calculate cross sectional area is used.

Note: Customer Service or Application Engineering can help with grade selection as the operating APSI are calculated.

Metric and Decimal Equivalents

Metric								
mm	inches							
1	0.03937							
4	0.157							
8	0.315							
10	0.394							
12	0.472							
12.5	0.492							
16	0.630							
20	0.787							
25	0.984							
32	1.260							
40	1.575							
50	1.969							

Fraction	Decimal inches
1/16	.0625
1/8	.125
3/16	.1875
1/4	.250
5/16	.3125
3/8	.375
7/16	.4375
1/2	.500
9/16	.5625
5/8	.625
11/16	.6875
3/4	.750
13/16	.8125
7/8	.875
15/16	.9375
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Brush Specification Form

Company			
Location			
Application / Service			
Motor Manufacturer			
Model #			
Serial # or ID #			
Type or Frame			
	Nameplate	Operating	Brush # now in use
HP=(kw)	Rating	Value	Brush Thickness
RPM			Brush Width
Volts			Brush Lg. New/Worn?
VOITS			#Br. per arm or ring Total=
Amps			Grade in use / wanted /
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Triple □		None	Bottom Radius
			Comm/Slip Ring Dia.
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