Introducing DigiTRON 3 from Siemens Subsea

The worlds first compact cost effective 3kV subsea connector has arrived

Our DigiTRON range of connectors have a proven track record to provide trusted quality and reliability.

At Siemens Subsea, we have developed, qualified and manufactured a new DigiTRON connector for single phase long step-out and higher voltage applications.

DigiTRON 3 has extensive commonality with the trusted DigiTRON range, which makes this connector compact, therefore reducing the impact on subsea structures and installations. With an improved design DigiTRON 3 is a subsea connector that has no recorded partial discharge (PD) level @ 1.73Uo(3.1kV) and 2.5Uo(4.5kV), ensuring long term integrity and reliability that minimises operational costs.

Key Features and Benefits

DigiTRON is hand-built and tested at our lead factory for connectivity products. Our world class factory offers cutting edge technology and advanced testing methods to provide the oil and gas industry with the highest quality and most reliable subsea connectors available on the market.

DigiTRON has all the benefits you would expect from world leaders in subsea connectors:

- Compact connector size reduces impact on subsea structures therefore reducing client operating costs.
- A key new addition to our trusted DigiTRON range.
- An onerous manufacturing test program providing quality and reliability.
- Enhanced design and cable management resulting in the connector having no recorded PD levels @ 1.73Uo(3.1kV) and 2.5Uo(4.5kV).
- Common interface with DigiTRON to allow interchangeability on existing structures.
- Modularity shared with DigiTRON and qualification program conducted to the latest industry standards.
- An engineered solution supporting today’s increasing field challenges.

Qualification Data

Based on industry input and combining the requirements of controls and power specifications, we have used industry wide standards, TQP-02 in accordance with SEPS-SP-1001. This combined industry specification, along with our own vigorous testing, has produced excellent results in the tests listed below:

For further information on these please contact ulverstontechnicalcontrols.gb@internal.siemens.com for the full qualification report:

- HV Breakdown Test.
- Turbid Tank Wet Mating Test.
- Flooded Connector Back-End Test.
- Long Term Flooded Connector Back-End Test.
- Flooded Connector Front-End Test.
- Jumper Assembly PD Test.
- Flooded Jumper Assembly PD Test.

The future for DigiTRON 3 - The reliability of the ‘First Away’ connector

DigiTRON 3 has endless capabilities to support the customer’s future subsea connectivity requirements. We understand our clients need for the highest reliability on their fixed assets. The option to implement a triple barrier solution at the umbilical termination combined with having no recorded (PD) at 1.73Uo (3.1kV) gives DigiTRON 3 unprecedented factors of safety and reliability where it’s needed most. We’re offering our clients a common ‘first away’ umbilical terminated connector for all their controls systems.

As well as the increased mechanical and electrical ratings the DigiTRON 3 connector has the capability to become DC qualified. Therefore, DigiTRON 3 will have the capability for DC power across control system, enabling operators to save significantly on installation costs.

Specification

DigiTRON 3 has improved upon the reliable DigiTRON design to allow further qualification for higher voltage applications:

- Qualified to a combination of industry specifications: TR2910 Statforl (controls) & SEPS SP-1001 (power).
- IEC voltage class: 1.8 / 3 (3.6)kV AC.
- Frequency: 50 - 60 Hz.
- Max. Continuous Current rating in Seawater: 30 Amps.
- Minimum breakdown voltage (Uo): 10.8kV.
- Number of contacts (pins): 4.
- Design Life: 30 years.
- Maximum water depth: 4000m.
- Working Temperature: -5°C to +60°C.

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