

- 2) Oil lubricated motors are shipped without oil. When storage time exceeds one (1) month, the oil sumps must be filled to the maximum capacity as indicated on the oil chamber sight gauge window. Refer to motor lubrication nameplate or Section IX “Lubrication” for proper oil.

NOTE: Motor must not be moved with oil in reservoir. Drain oil before moving to prevent sloshing and possible damage. With a clean cloth, wipe any excess oil from the threads of the drain plug and the inside of the drain hole. Apply Gasoila^{®†} P/N SS08 or equivalent thread sealant to the threads of the drain plug and replace the plug in the oil drain hole. Refill oil when motor has been moved to the new location.

- G. To prevent moisture accumulation, some form of heating must be utilized. This heating should maintain the winding temperature at a minimum of 5° above ambient. If space heaters are supplied, they should be energized. If none are available, single phase or “trickle” heating may be utilized by energizing one phase of the motor’s winding with a low voltage. Request the required voltage and transformer capacity from Nidec Motor Corporation. A third option is to use an auxiliary heat source and keep the winding warm by either convection or blowing filtered warm air into the motor.

3) Periodic Maintenance

- A. Oil should be inspected monthly for evidence of moisture or oxidation. The oil must be replaced whenever contamination is noted or every twelve months, whichever occurs first. It is important to wipe excess oil from the threads of the drain plug and the drain hole and to coat the plug threads with Gasoila^{®†} P/N SS08 or equivalent thread sealant before replacing the drain plug.
- B. Grease lubricated bearings must be inspected once a month for moisture and oxidation by purging a small quantity of grease through the drain. If any contamination is present, the grease must be completely removed and replaced.
- C. All motors must have the shaft rotated once a month to maintain a lubricant film on the bearing races and journals.

D. Insulation Testing:

Two tests are used to evaluate the condition of the winding insulation. The first of these is the one minute insulation resistance test (IR_1) and the second is the polarization index test (PI), which can also be referred to as a dielectric absorption test. The results of either of these tests can be skewed by factors such as the winding temperature and its relation to the dew point temperature at the time the test was conducted. The PI test is less sensitive to these factors than the IR_1 test, but its results can still be affected significantly. Due to these factors, the most reliable method for evaluating the condition of the winding insulation is to maintain a record of periodic measurements, accumulated over months or years of service, for one or both of these tests. It is important that these tests be conducted under similar conditions of the winding insulation is to maintain a record of periodic measurements, accumulated over months or years of service, for one or both of these tests. It is important that these tests be conducted under similar conditions of winding temperature, dew point temperature, voltage magnitude and duration, and relative humidity. If a downward trend develops in the historical data for either test, or if the readings from both tests drop below a minimum acceptable value, have an authorized electrical apparatus service shop thoroughly clean and dry the winding, and retreat, if necessary.

1. The recommended procedure for the IR_1 test is as follows:

- (1) Disconnect all external accessories or equipment that have leads connected to the winding and connect them to a common ground. Connect all other accessories that are in contact with the winding to a common ground.

⚠ WARNING

Failure to have accessories grounded during this test can lead to the accumulation of a hazardous charge on the accessories.

- (2) Using a megohmmeter, apply DC voltage at the level noted below for 1 minute and take a reading of the insulation resistance between the motor leads and ground.

Rated Motor Voltage	Recommended DC Test Voltage
UP to 1000 (inclusive)	500 VDC
1001 to 2500 (inclusive)	500 to 1000 VDC
2501 to 5000 (inclusive)	500 to 2500 VDC
5001 and up	500 to 5000 VDC

⚠ WARNING

Follow appropriate safety procedures during and after high voltage testing. Refer to the instruction manual for the test equipment. Make sure the winding insulation is discharged before beginning the test. The winding insulation will retain a potentially dangerous charge after the DC voltage source is removed, so use proper procedures to discharge the winding insulation at the end of the test. Refer to IEEE 43™ Standard for additional safety information.

- (3) The reading should be corrected to a 40°C base temperature by utilizing the formula:

$$R_{40C} = K_T R_T$$

Where:

R_{40C} = insulation resistance (in megohms) corrected to 40°C

K_T = insulation resistance temperature coefficient at temperature T°C

R_T = measured insulation resistance (in megohms) at temperature T°C

The value of K_T can be approximated by using the formula:

$$K_T = (0.5)^{(40-T) / 10}$$

Where:

T = the winding temperature in °C that the insulation resistance was measured at

The recommended procedure for the PI test is as follows:

- (1) Perform steps 1 and 2 from the IR_1 test procedure. Heed the safety warnings given in the IR_1 test procedure.
- (2) With DC voltage still being applied by the megohmmeter, taken an additional reading of insulation resistance between the motor leads and ground 10 minutes after the DC voltage was initially applied. To minimize measurement errors, the variation in winding temperature between the 1 minute and 10 minute readings should be kept to a minimum.
- (3) Obtain the polarization index by taking the ratio of the 10 minute resistance reading to the 1 minute resistance reading.

If historical data from previous IR_1 and / or PI tests is available, then a comparison of the present test result to previous tests can be used to evaluate the condition of the insulation. To minimize error, all readings that are compared should be taken at test voltages, winding temperatures, and relative humidities that are similar as possible. If a downward trend in the readings develops over time, have an authorized electrical apparatus service shop thoroughly clean and dry the winding and, if necessary, retreat the winding. Then, repeat the test and re-check results before returning the motor service.

If historical data from previous IR_1 or PI tests is not available, then compare readings from the present test to the recommended minimum values listed below. If the readings from both tests fall below the minimum, have an authorized electrical apparatus service shop thoroughly clean and dry the winding and, if necessary, retreat the winding. Then, repeat the tests and re-check results before turning the motor to service.

The recommended minimum value for the 1 minute insulation resistance reading corrected to 40°C is:

Rated Motor Voltage	Minimum Insulation Resistance
Up to 999 (inclusive)	5 Megohms
1000 and up	100 Megohms

The recommended minimum value for the polarization index is 2.0 if the 1 minute insulation resistance reading corrected to 40°C is above 5000 megohms, however, the polarization index may not be meaningful. In such cases, the polarization index may be disregarded as a measure of insulation condition.

Refer any question to the Nidec Motor Corporation Product Service Department.

For more information, refer to the IEEE 43™ Standard.