

The transition impedance in form of a resistor or reactor consists of one or more units that are bridging adjacent taps for transferring load from one tap to the other without interruption or appreciable change in the load current. Normally, reactor type OLTCs use the bridging position as a service position and, therefore, the reactor is designed for continuous loading. Depending on the various winding arrangements and OLTC designs, separate selector switches and changeover selectors (reversing or coarse type) are used in addition. The main components of an OLTC are contact systems for make and break currents as well as carrying currents, transition impedances, gearings, spring energy accumulators and a drive mechanism.