

Calculation of Capacitor ratings - kvar

For Industrial / Distribution Networks

In electrical installations, the operating load kW and its average power factor (PF) can be ascertained from electricity bill.

Alternatively it can be easily evaluated by formula

- Average PF = kWh/kVAh
- Operating load kW
= kVA demand x Average PF
- The average PF is considered as the initial PF and final PF can be suitably assumed as target PF.

The required Capacitor kvar can be calculated as shown in example.

Example:

Initial PF 0.85,

Target PF 0.98

$$\begin{aligned} \text{kvar} &= \text{kW} \times \text{Multiplying factor from Table} \\ &= 800 \times 0.417 \\ &= 334 \text{ kvar required.} \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication Factor table

INITIAL PF	TARGET PF									
	0.9	0.91	0.92	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.96	0.97	0.98	0.99
0.4	1.807	1.836	1.865	1.896	1.928	1.963	2.000	2.041	2.088	2.149
0.42	1.676	1.705	1.735	1.766	1.798	1.832	1.869	1.910	1.958	2.018
0.44	1.557	1.585	1.615	1.646	1.678	1.712	1.749	1.790	1.838	1.898
0.46	1.446	1.475	1.504	1.535	1.567	1.602	1.639	1.680	1.727	1.788
0.48	1.343	1.372	1.402	1.432	1.465	1.499	1.536	1.577	1.625	1.685
0.5	1.248	1.276	1.306	1.337	1.369	1.403	1.440	1.481	1.529	1.590
0.52	1.158	1.187	1.217	1.247	1.280	1.314	1.351	1.392	1.440	1.500
0.54	1.074	1.103	1.133	1.163	1.196	1.230	1.267	1.308	1.356	1.416
0.56	0.995	1.024	1.053	1.084	1.116	1.151	1.188	1.229	1.276	1.337
0.58	0.920	0.949	0.979	1.009	1.042	1.076	1.113	1.154	1.201	1.262
0.6	0.849	0.878	0.907	0.938	0.970	1.005	1.042	1.083	1.130	1.191
0.62	0.781	0.810	0.839	0.870	0.903	0.937	0.974	1.015	1.062	1.123
0.64	0.716	0.745	0.775	0.805	0.838	0.872	0.909	0.950	0.998	1.058
0.66	0.654	0.683	0.712	0.743	0.775	0.810	0.847	0.888	0.935	0.996
0.68	0.594	0.623	0.652	0.683	0.715	0.750	0.787	0.828	0.875	0.936
0.7	0.536	0.565	0.594	0.625	0.657	0.692	0.729	0.770	0.817	0.878
0.72	0.480	0.508	0.538	0.569	0.601	0.635	0.672	0.713	0.761	0.821
0.74	0.425	0.453	0.483	0.514	0.546	0.580	0.617	0.658	0.706	0.766
0.75	0.398	0.426	0.456	0.487	0.519	0.553	0.590	0.631	0.679	0.739
0.76	0.371	0.400	0.429	0.460	0.492	0.526	0.563	0.605	0.652	0.713
0.78	0.318	0.347	0.376	0.407	0.439	0.474	0.511	0.552	0.599	0.660
0.8	0.266	0.294	0.324	0.355	0.387	0.421	0.458	0.499	0.547	0.608
0.82	0.214	0.242	0.272	0.303	0.335	0.369	0.406	0.447	0.495	0.556
0.84	0.162	0.190	0.220	0.251	0.283	0.317	0.354	0.395	0.443	0.503
0.85	0.135	0.164	0.194	0.225	0.257	0.291	0.328	0.369	0.417	0.477
0.86	0.109	0.138	0.167	0.198	0.230	0.265	0.302	0.343	0.390	0.451
0.87	0.082	0.111	0.141	0.172	0.204	0.238	0.275	0.316	0.364	0.424
0.88	0.055	0.084	0.114	0.145	0.177	0.211	0.248	0.289	0.337	0.397
0.89	0.028	0.057	0.086	0.117	0.149	0.184	0.221	0.262	0.309	0.370
0.9	0.000	0.029	0.058	0.089	0.121	0.156	0.193	0.234	0.281	0.342
0.91		0.000	0.030	0.060	0.093	0.127	0.164	0.205	0.253	0.313
0.92			0.000	0.031	0.063	0.097	0.134	0.175	0.223	0.284
0.93				0.000	0.032	0.067	0.104	0.145	0.192	0.253
0.94					0.000	0.034	0.071	0.112	0.160	0.220
0.95						0.000	0.037	0.078	0.126	0.186