

Medium voltage switchgear

Fuses from 3.6 to 36 kV



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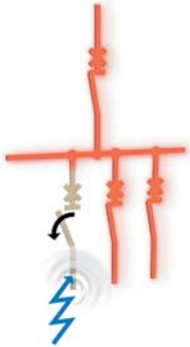
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Direct connection of the Canalis KT busbar trunking on the Masterpact 3200 A circuit breaker.



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Electrical consistency:

Each product complies with or enhances system performance at co-ordination level: breaking capacity, I_{sc} , temperature rise, etc. for more safety, continuity of supply (discrimination) or economic optimisation (cascading).

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Each product complies with global choices in terms of communication protocols (Modbus, Ethernet, etc.) for simplified integration in the management, supervision and monitoring systems.

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Medium voltage switchboard system from 1 to 36 kV



Sepam

Protection relays



Masterpact

Protection switchgear from 100 to 6300 A



Trihal

MV/LV dry cast resin transformer from 160 to 5000 kVA

Evolis

MV vacuum switchgear and components from 1 to 24 kV.

The Technical guide

These technical guides help you comply with installation standards and rules i.e.: The electrical installation guide, the protection guide, the switchboard implementation guide, the technical booklets and the co-ordination tables all form genuine reference tools for the design of high-performance electrical installations. For example, the LV protection co-ordination guide - discrimination and cascading - optimises choice of protection and connection devices while also increasing markedly continuity of supply in the installations.



CAD software and tools

The CAD software and tools enhance productivity and safety. They help you create your installations by simplifying product choice through easy browsing in the Guiding System offers. Last but not least, they optimise use of our products while also complying with standards and proper procedures.



Compact

Protection switchgear system from 100 to 630 A



Multi 9

Modular protection switchgear system up to 125 A



Prisma Plus

Functional system for electrical distribution switchboards up to 3200 A



Pragma

Enclosures for distribution switchboards up to 160 A

Canalis

Prefabricated Busbar Trunking from 25 to 4000 A

PowerLogic

Power management

Training

Training allows you to acquire the Merlin Gerin expertise (installation design, work with power on, etc.) for increased efficiency and a guarantee of improved customer service.

The training catalogue includes beginner's courses in electrical distribution, knowledge of MV and LV switchgear, operation and maintenance of installations, design of LV installations to give but a few examples.



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Fuse range selection

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Motor protection

Our Fusarc CF, Soléfuse, Tépéfuse and MGK fuses make up a broad, consistent and uniform range of high breaking capacity fuses and current limitors. They are all of combined type and are manufactured so that they can be installed both indoors and outdoors (depending on the type).

Merlin Gerin fuses provide protection to medium voltage distribution devices (from 3 to 36 kV) from both the dynamic and thermal effects of short-circuit currents greater than the fuse's minimum breaking current.

Considering their low cost and their lack of required maintenance, medium voltage fuses are an excellent solution to protect various types of distribution devices:

- Medium voltage current consumers (transformers, motors, capacitors, etc.)
- Public and industrial electrical distribution networks.

They offer dependable protection against major faults that can occur either on medium or low voltage circuits.

This protection can be further enhanced by combining the fuses with low voltage protection systems or with an overcurrent relay.

Selection table

Depending on the equipment to be protected and its voltage rating, the table below gives the range of fuses which are best suited to the protection application.

Voltage (kV)	Motors	Power transformers	Capacitors	Voltage transformers
3.6	Fusarc CF MGK	Fusarc CF	Fusarc CF	Fusarc CF
7.2	Fusarc CF MGK	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Fusarc CF
12	Fusarc CF	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Tépéfuse Fusarc CF
17.5		Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Tépéfuse Fusarc CF
24		Fusarc CF	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Tépéfuse Fusarc CF Soléfuse
36		Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Fusarc CF Soléfuse	Tépéfuse Fusarc CF

Soléfuse
(UTE standard;
transformer protection)

MGK
(UTE standard;
motor protection)

Fusarc CF
(DIN standard;
transformer, motor and
capacitor protection)

Tépéfuse
(UTE standard;
voltage transformer protection)

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Key characteristics

The most significant features provided by our range of fuses are as follows:

- High breaking capacity
- High current limitation
- Low I_2t values
- Dependable breaking of critical currents
- Low breaking overvoltage
- Low dissipated power
- No maintenance or ageing
- For indoor and outdoor applications
- With a thermal striker
- Low minimum breaking current values.

Standards

Our fuses are designed and manufactured according to the following standards:

- IEC 60282-1, IEC 60787 (Fusarc CF, Soléfuse, Tépéfuse, MGK)
- DIN 43625 (Fusarc CF)
- VDE 0670-402 (Fusarc CF)
- UTE C64200, C64210 (Soléfuse, Tépéfuse).

Quality assurance system

In addition to being tested in our own laboratories as well as in official laboratories such as the CESI, Les Renardiens and Labein, with their own respective certificates, our fuses are manufactured according to quality guidelines within the framework of the ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Quality System Certification awarded by AENOR (IQ-NET) which provides an additional guarantee for Merlin Gerin products.

Routine testing

During manufacture, each fuse is subject to systematic routine testing, with the aim of checking its quality and conformity:

- **Dimensional control** and weight control
 - **Visual control** of markings, labelling and external appearance
 - **Electrical resistance measurement:** a key point to ensure that fuses have the required performance levels at the end of the production process and to check that no damage has occurred during assembly.
- Measurement of the room temperature resistance of each fuse is therefore carried out in order to check that they are in line with values, according to their rated voltage and rated current.

Certified quality: ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

A major advantage

Schneider Electric has a functional organisation whose main mission is to check quality and monitor compliance with standards in each of its production units. MESA, the only company in Schneider Electric that makes fuses, is certified by AENOR (The Spanish Standards Association), and is certified to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (IQ-NET).

Furthermore, Merlin Gerin annually carries out internal type-testing and breaking testing in order to comply with our annual quality assurance plan, which is available on request to our customers.

- **Seal testing:** in order to test the sealing of our Fusarc CF fuses, they are immersed for 5 minutes in a hot water bath (80°C), in accordance with standard IEC 60282-1.

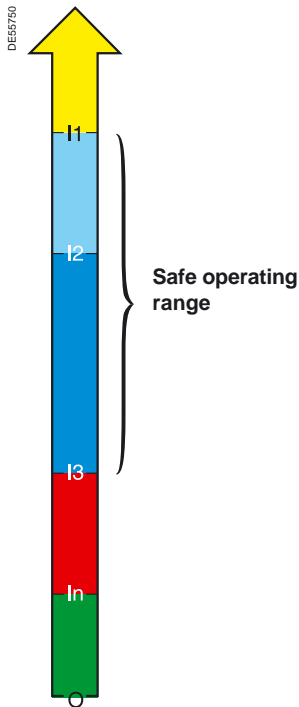


Figure 1: definition of a fuse's operating zone.

Key definitions

Un: rated voltage

This is the highest voltage between phases (expressed in kV) for the network on which the fuse might be installed.

In the medium voltage range, the preferred rated voltages have been set at: 3.6 - 7.2 - 12 - 17.5 - 24 and 36 kV.

In: rated current

This is the current value that the fuse can withstand on a constant basis without any abnormal temperature rise (generally 65 Kelvin for the contacts).

I3: minimum rated breaking current

This is the minimum current value which causes the fuse to blow and break the current. For our fuses, these values are between 3 and 5 times the In value. Comment: it is not enough for a fuse to blow in order to interrupt the flow of current. For current values less than I3, the fuse will blow, but may not break the current. Arcing continues until an external event interrupts the current. It is therefore essential to avoid using a fuse in the range between In and I3.

Overcurrents in this range may irreversibly damage fuse elements, whilst still maintaining the risk of an arc which is not broken, and of them being destroyed.

Figure 1 shows the operating ranges of combined type fuses.

I2: critical currents (currents giving similar conditions to the maximum arcing energy). This current subjects the fuse to greater thermal and mechanical stresses. The value of I2 varies between 20 and 100 times the In value, depending on the design of the fuse element. If the fuse can break this current, it can also break currents between I3 and I1.

I1: maximum rated breaking current

This is the presumed fault current that the fuse can interrupt. This value is very high for our fuses ranging from 20 to 63 kA.

Comment: it is necessary to ensure that the network short circuit current is at least equal to the I1 current of the fuse that is used.

Construction

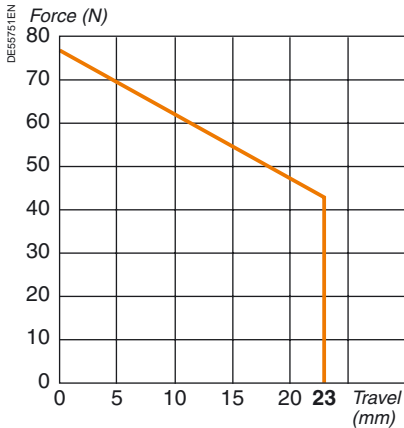


Figure 2: this graph shows the value of the force provided by the striker according to its length of travel.

End contact caps (1)

Together with the enclosure, they form an assembly which must remain intact before, during and after breaking the current. This is why they have to withstand mechanical stresses and sealing stresses due to overpressure caused by arcing. The stability of the internal components must also be ensured over time.

Enclosure (2)

This part of the fuse must withstand certain specific stresses (related to what has already been mentioned):

- Thermal stresses: the enclosure has to withstand the rapid temperature rise that occurs when the arc is extinguished
- Electrical stresses: the enclosure has to withstand the restoring of current after breaking
- Mechanical stresses: the enclosure has to withstand the increase in pressure caused by the expansion of the sand when breaking occurs.

Core (3)

This is a cylinder surrounded by ceramic fins onto which the fuse element is wound. The striker control wire together with the latter are fitted in the cylinder. They are insulated from the fuse elements.

Fuse element (4)

This is the main component of the fuse. It is made from materials with very low resistance and which do not wear over time. Our fuse elements are carefully configured following a lot of testing, to enable us to achieve the required results.

Extinction powder (5)

The extinction powder is made up of high purity quartzite sand (over 99.7%), which is free from any metal compounds and moisture. When it vitrifies, the sand absorbs the energy produced by the arc and forms an insulating compound called *fulgurite* with the fuse element.

Thermal striker (6)

This is a mechanical device which indicates correct fuse operation. It also provides the energy required to actuate a combined breaking device. The striker is controlled by a heavy duty wire which, once the fuse element has blown, also melts and releases the striker. It is very important that the control wire does not cause premature tripping of the striker, nor must it interfere with the breaking process.

The Merlin Gerin limiting fuse, with its thermal striker, is not only capable of indicating and breaking short circuits. It is also capable of this for prolonged overcurrents, and currents causing significant temperature rises in the devices combined with the fuses and the fuses themselves.

The thermal strikers installed in our fuses are of "medium type" and their force/travel characteristics (approximately 1 joule according to standard IEC-60282-1) are shown in figure 2.

- 1 Contact caps
- 2 Enclosure
- 3 Core
- 4 Fuse element
- 5 Extinction powder
- 6 Thermal striker

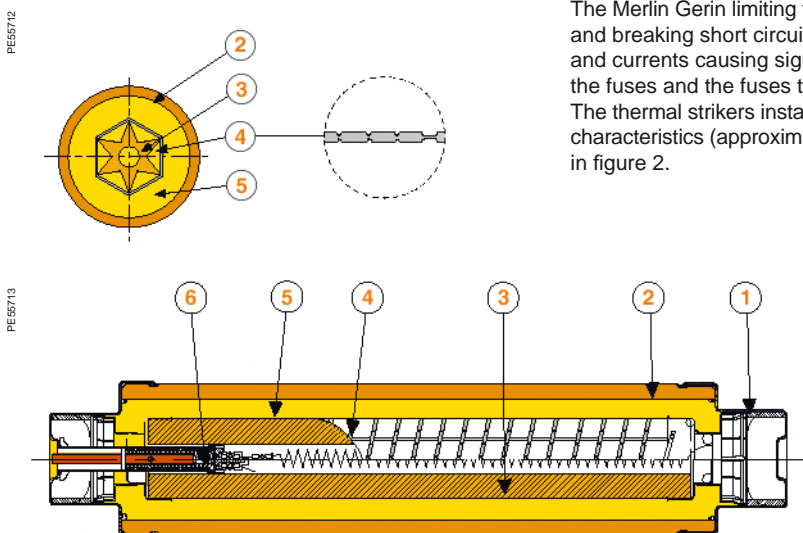


Figure 3: cross sectional diagram of a fuse

MV limiting fuses with thermal striker Construction

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Fusarc CF fuses installed in a CAS 36 cubicle

All Merlin Gerin fuses (type Fusarc CF) are provided of a thermal protection device. In the case of permanent overcurrents lower than I_3 and superior to the rated current (I_n), the fuse mechanical striker acts opening the device associated and avoiding any incidents due to overheatings.

In this way, the fuse not only works as a current limiter but also as a temperature limiter when combined with an external breaking device.

These types of fuses, which integrate a thermal striker, are fully compatible with standard Back UP type fuses.

Figure 1.1 shows thermal protection action zone.

Technical / economic / safety advantages:

The use of a thermal protector in our fuses provides the following advantages:

- Protecting the fuses and their environment from unacceptable temperature rises in installations equipped with a disconnecting switch with the possibility of automatic opening
- Providing a response to unexpected operating conditions, to frequent or longlasting overloads, or to mistakes in selecting the fuse rating, or even concerning restricted ventilation conditions within the installation
- Indicating and protecting against overloads caused by overcurrents below the minimum breaking current (I_3) of the installed fuse and which can cause dangerous operating temperatures
- Reducing operating costs due to destruction of equipment or excess costs caused by loss of quality of service (repair time, staff, etc.).

This thermal protector safety feature, significantly reduces the risk of damage and accidents in installations and therefore increases the power distribution quality of service.

The characteristics of the thermal striker fuse (breaking capacity, fuse curves, limiting values, striker force, etc.) do not vary relative to our fuses without thermal protection.

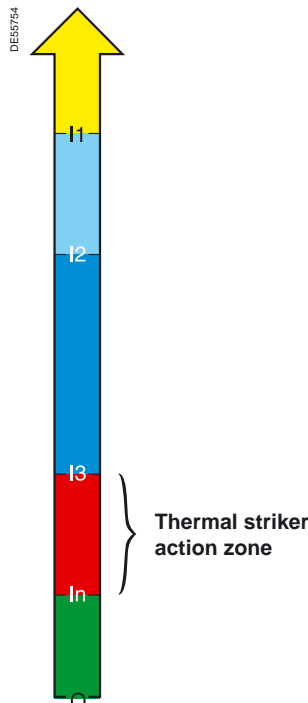
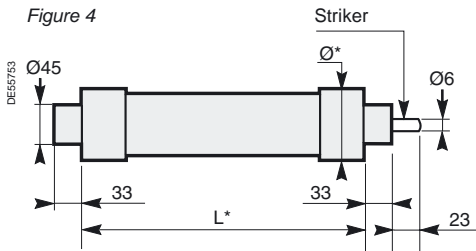


Figure 1.1: thermal protection

Characteristics and dimensions

Dimensions (mm)

Figure 4



* The following page gives the diameter and length of the fuse according to its rating.

* For other dimensions, please contact our sales department.

Fusarc CF

This is Schneider Electric's DIN standard fuse range.

When designing this range, we paid particular attention to minimise power dissipation. It is increasingly common to use RMU units with SF6 gas as the insulating material. In view of these operating conditions, in which the fuse is inserted inside a hermetically sealed fuse chamber, with virtually no ventilation, these fuses avoid premature ageing of themselves and of the whole device which would otherwise be caused by a non-optimised fuse.

The enclosure in the Fusarc CF range up to 100 A (rated current) is made from crystallised brown porcelain which withstands ultra-violet radiation and can therefore be installed both outdoors and indoors.

Fuses with rated current values greater than 100 A have glass fibre enclosures and are only for indoor installations.

You will find the full list of the Fusarc CF range in the table given on the following page. With rated voltages ranging from 3 to 36 kV and rated currents of up to 250 A, they meet customers' exact requirements in terms of switchgear short-circuit protection.

Time/current fuse curves

These curves show the virtual fusion or pre-arcing time, as a function of the value of the symmetrical component of the intended current. Careful selection and design of fuse elements, together with meticulous industrial control, provides Merlin Gerin customers with precise time-current curves, well above the tolerance limits provided for in standard IEC 60282-1.

When designing our Fusarc CF fuses, we focused on a relatively high fusion current at 0.1 s in order to withstand transformer making currents and at the same time a low fusion current at 10 s in order to achieve quick breaking in the case of a fault. On page 10, we give the time/current characteristics of Fusarc CF fuses.

Current limitation curves

Merlin Gerin fuses are current limiting. Consequently, short circuit currents are limited without reaching their maximum value. These diagrams show the relationship between the presumed short-circuit current and the peak value of the current broken by the fuse. The intersection of these lines with straight lines for I_{max} symmetrical and I_{max} asymmetrical give the presumed breaking current, below which fuses no longer have their limiting capacity.

For example, as shown in the limitation curves on page 10, for a short-circuit whose presumed current is 5 kA, in an unprotected installation, the maximum current value would be 7 kA for symmetrical flow and 13 kA for an asymmetrical case. If we had used a Fusarc CF fuse with a rated current of 16 A, the maximum value reached would have been 1.5 kA.

References and characteristics

Table no. 1

Reference	Rated voltage (kV)	Operating voltage (kV)	Rated current (A)	Max. breaking current I1 (kA)	Min. breaking current I3 (A)	Cold resistance* (mΩ)	Dissipated power (W)	Length (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Weight (kg)						
757372 AR	3.6	3/3.6	250	50	2.000	0.6	58	292	86	3.4						
51311 006 M0	7.2	3/7.2	4	63	20	762	20	192	50.5	1						
51006 500 M0			6.3		36	205	12									
51006 501 M0			10		34	102	14									
51006 502 M0			16		50	68.5	26									
51006 503 M0			20		62	53.5	32									
51006 504 M0			25		91	36.4	35									
51006 505 M0			31.5		101	26	42									
51006 506 M0			40		135	18	46									
51006 507 M0			50		180	11.7	44									
51006 508 M0			63		215	8.4	52									
51006 509 M0			80		280	6.4	68									
51006 510 M0			100		380	5.5	85									
757352 BN			7.2		3/7.2	125	50				650	3.4	88	292	86	3.4
757352 BP						160					1.000	2.2	87			
757352 BQ	200	1.400		1.8		95										
757374 BR	250	2.200		0.9		95		442	5							
51311 007 M0	12	6/12	4	63	20	1143	27	292	50.5	1.2						
51006 511 M0			6.3		36	319	16									
51006 512 M0			10		34	158	18									
51006 513 M0			16		50	106	37									
51006 514 M0			20		62	82	42									
51006 515 M0			25		91	56	52									
51006 516 M0			31.5		101	40	59									
51006 517 M0			40		135	28	74									
51006 518 M0			50		180	17.4	70									
51006 519 M0			63		215	13.8	82									
51006 520 M0			80		280	10	102									
51006 521 M0			100		380	8	120									
757364 CN			12		6/12	125	40				650	5.3	143	442	86	5
757354 CP						160					1.000	3.5	127			
757354 CQ	200	1.400		2.7		172										
51006 522 M0	17.5	10/17.5	10	40	34	203	23	292	50.5	1.2						
51006 523 M0			16		50	132	47									
51006 524 M0			25		91	71	72									
51006 525 M0			31.5		101	51	78									
51006 526 M0			40		135	35	90									
51311 008 M0			17.5		10/17.5	4	40				20	1436	34	367	50.5	1.5
51006 527 M0						6.3					36	402	21			
51006 528 M0						10					34	203	25			
51006 529 M0						16					50	132	46			
51006 530 M0						20					62	103	52			
51006 531 M0						25					91	71	66			
51006 532 M0						31.5					101	51	74			
51006 533 M0						40					135	35	94			
51006 534 M0						50					180	22	93			
51006 535 M0	63	215		19.4		121										
51006 536 M0	80	330		13.5		145										
51006 537 M0	100	450		11		192		86	4.6							

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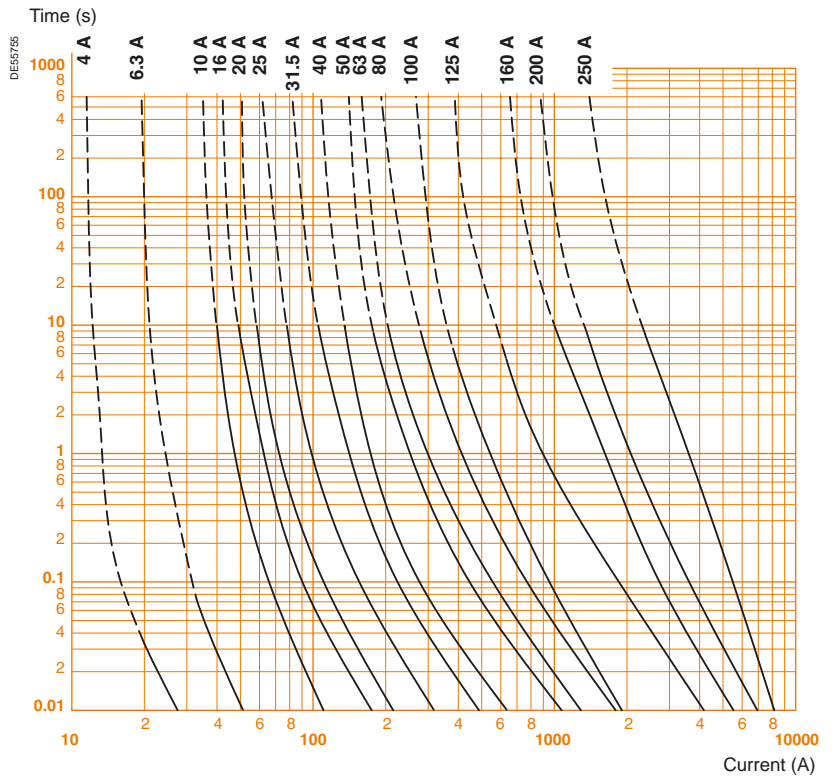
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51108 807 M0	24	10/24	10	40	36	485	26	367	50.5	1.5		
51108 808 M0			16		50	158	58		55	2.2		
51108 813 M0			20		62	123	67		76	3.9		
51108 814 M0			25		91	85	76					
51108 809 M0			31.5		101	61	93					
51108 810 M0			40		135	42	115	442	50.5	1.7		
51311 009 M0			4		20	1436	34					
51006 538 M0			6.3		36	485	25					
51006 539 M0			10		34	248	31					
51006 540 M0			16		50	158	58					
51006 541 M0			20	62	123	67						
51006 542 M0			25	91	85	79						
51006 543 M0			31.5	101	61	96	292				50.5	1.2
51006 544 M0			40	135	42	119						
51108 915 M0			6.3	38	484	26						
51108 916 M0			10	40	248	35						
51108 917 M0			16	60	158	64						
51108 918 M0			20	73	123	84	76	3.2				
51108 919 M0			25	100	88	79						
51108 920 M0			31.5	112	61	90						
51108 921 M0	40	164	45	120	442	76	4.5					
51108 922 M0	50	233	30	157								
51108 923 M0	63	247	23	177								
51006 545 M0	50	180	31.5	136								
51006 546 M0	63	215	22.8	144								
51006 547 M0	80	330	18	200	86	5.7						
51006 548 M0	100	450	13.5	240								
51311 010 M0	36	20/36	4	20	20	2109	51	537	50.5	1.9		
51006 549 M0			6.3		36	750	39					
51006 550 M0			10		34	380	50					
51006 551 M0			16		50	252	98					
51006 552 M0			20		62	197	120					
51006 553 M0			25		91	133	133		55	3.1		
51006 554 M0			31.5		101	103	171					
51006 555 M0			40		135	70	207					
51006 556 M0			50		200	47	198		86	6.5		
51006 557 M0			63		250	35	240					

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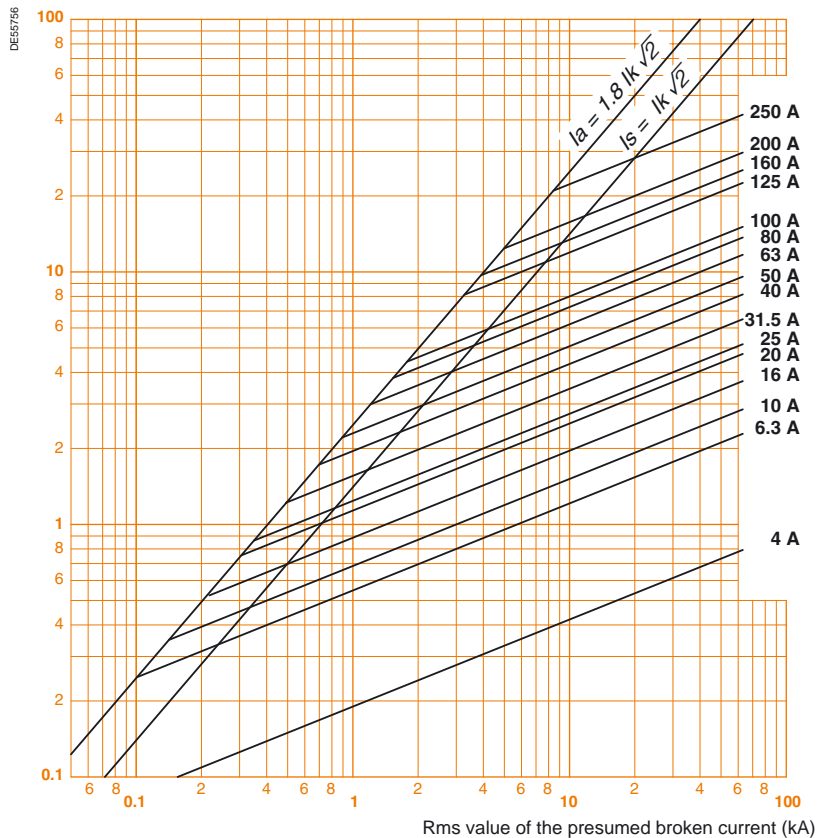
Fuse and limitation curves

Time/current characteristics curves 3.6 - 7.2 - 12 - 17.5 - 24 - 36 kV



Current limitation curves 3.6 - 7.2 - 12 - 17.5 - 24 - 36 kV

Maximum value of cut-off current (kA peak)



The diagram shows the maximum limited broken current value as a function of the rms current value which could have occurred in the absence of a fuse.

References and characteristics

The Soléfuse range of fuses is manufactured according to UTE standard C64200. The rated voltage varies from 7.2 to 36 kV. They can be supplied with or without a striker and their weight is of around 2 kg.

They are mainly intended to protect power transformers and distribution networks, and are solely for indoor installations (glass fibre enclosure).

Electrical characteristics

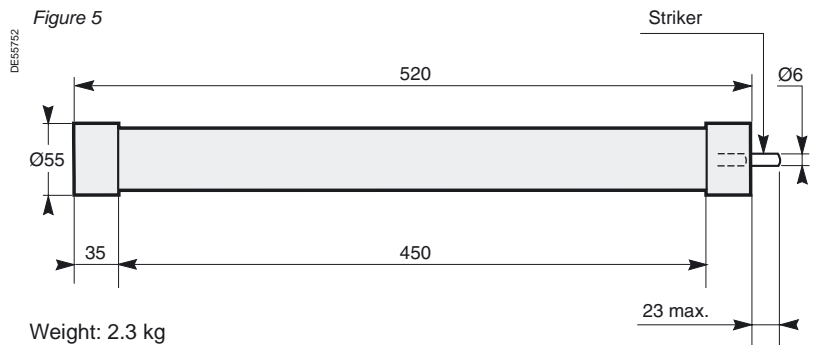
Table no. 2

Reference	Rated voltage (kV)	Operating voltage (kV)	Rated current (A)	Min. breaking current I ₃ (A)	Max. breaking current I ₁ (kA)	Cold resistance * (mΩ)
757328 BC	7.2	3/7.2	6.3	31.5	50	158.6
757328 BE			16	80		51.7
757328 BH			31.5	157.5		24.5
757328 BK			63	315		11.3
757328 BN			125	625		4.8
757328 CM	7.2/12	3/12	100	500	50	7.7
757328 DL	7.2/17.5	3/17.5	80	400	40	15.1
757328 EC	12/24	10/24	6.3	31.5	30	445.9
757328 EE			16	80		93.2
757328 EH			31.5	157.5		45.8
757328 EJ			43	215		38.5
757328 EK			63	315		18.9
757331EC**	12/24	10/24	6.3	31.5	30	447.3
757331EE**			16	80		147.4
757331EH**			31.5	157.5		67.9
757331EJ**			43	215		39
757331EK**			63	315		19.3
757328 FC	36	30/36	6.3	31.5	20	618.9
757328 FD			10	50		252.9
757328 FE			16	80		207.8
757328 FF			20	100		133.2
757328 FG			25	125		124
757328 FH	31.5	157.5	93			

* Resistances are given at ±10% for a temperature of 20°C.

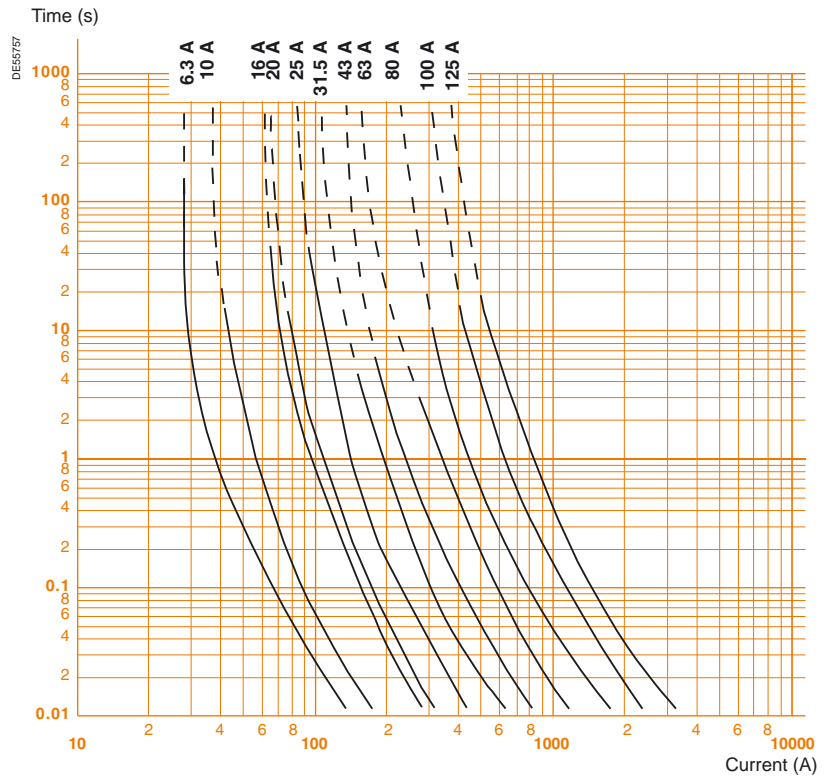
** Fuses with a reference number starting by 757328 have a striker, those that start by 757331 do not.

Dimensions (mm)



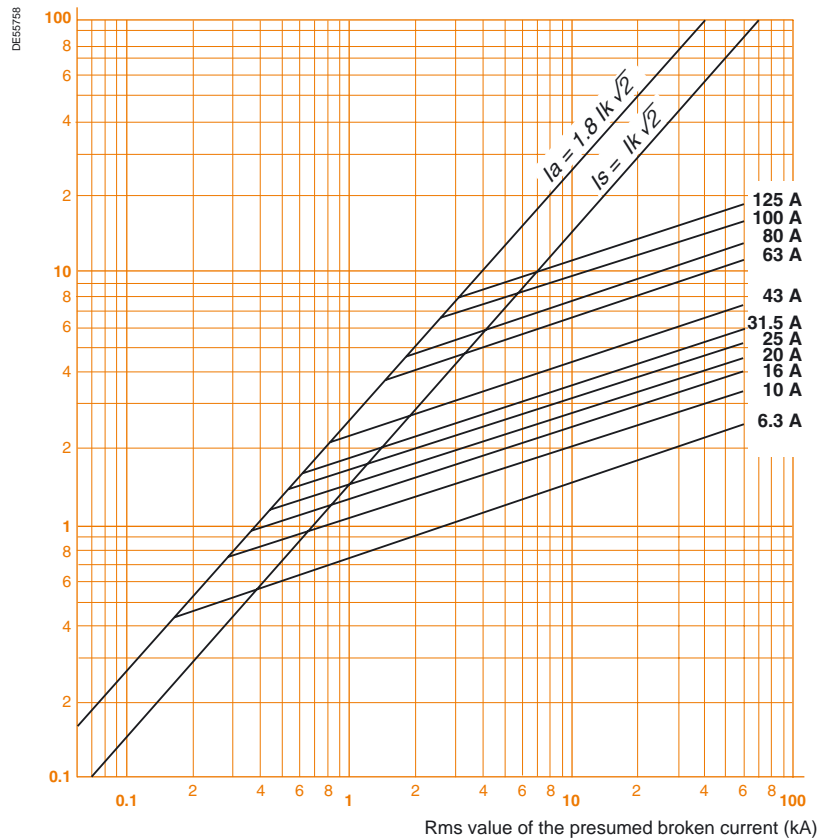
Fuse and limitation curves

Time/current characteristic curves 7.2 - 12 - 17.5 - 24 - 36 kV



Current limitation curves 7.2 - 12 - 17.5 - 24 - 36 kV

Maximum value of cut-off current (kA peak)



The diagram shows the maximum limited broken current value as a function of the rms current value which could have occurred in the absence of a fuse.

Tépéfuse, Fusarc CF (metering transformer protection) References, characteristics and curves

We manufacture Tépéfuse and Fusarc CF type fuses intended for metering transformer protection which have the following references and characteristics:

Characteristics

Table no. 3

Type	Reference	Rated voltage (kV)	Operating voltage (kV)	Rated current (A)	Max. breaking current I1 (kA)	Min. breaking current I3 (A)	Cold resistance * (mΩ)	Length (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Weight (kg)
Tépéfuse	781825 A	12	< 12	0.3	40	40	6.1	301	27.5	0.4
	781825 B	24	13.8/24				11.6			
Fusarc CF	51311 002 MO	7.2	3/7.2	2.5	63	9.5	1278	192	50.5	0.9
	51311 000 MO	12	6/12	1			3834	292		1.2
	51311 003 MO			2.5			1917	1.5		
	51311 011 MO	17.5	10/17.5	2.5	2407		367	1.5		
	51311 001 MO	24	10/24	1	4815		442	1.6		
	51311 004 MO			2.5	2407		1.6			
	51311 005 MO	36	20/36	2.5	3537		537	1.8		

* Resistances are given at ±10% for a temperature of 20°C.

Tépéfuse fuses are only made in glass fibre when intended for indoor usage.

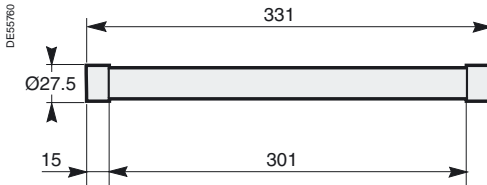
Fuses for transformer protection are made without strikers, according to figures 6 and 7.

Dimensions (mm)

Fusarc CF (Figure 6)

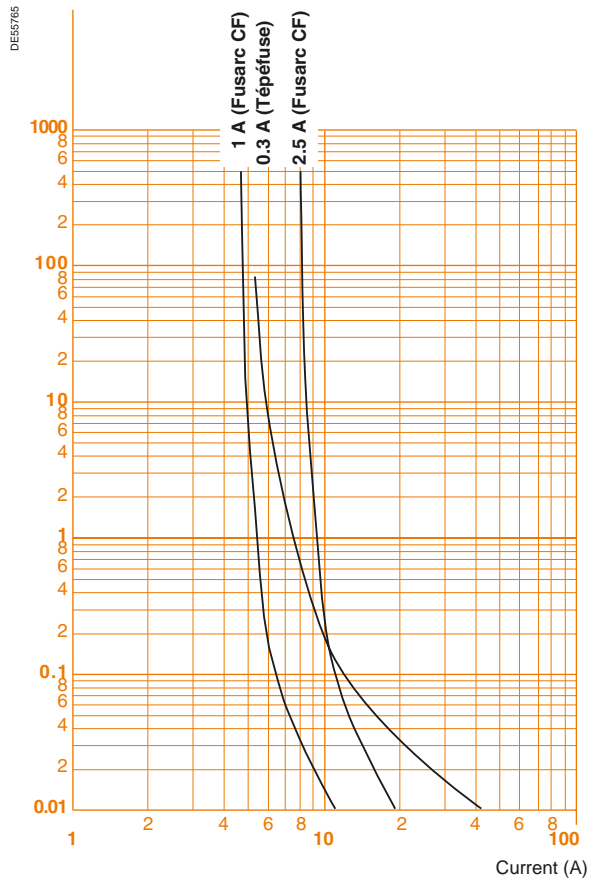


Tépéfuse (Figure 7)



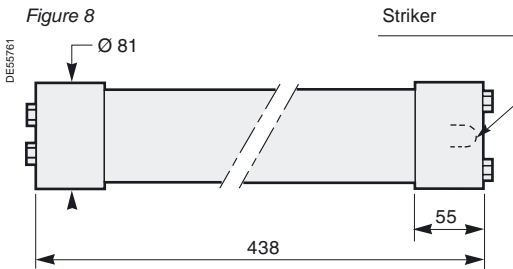
Fuse curve 7.2 - 12 - 24 - 36 kV

Time (s)



References, characteristics and curves

Dimensions (mm)



Weight: 4.1 kg

MGK fuses are intended to protect medium voltage motors at 7.2 kV (indoor application).

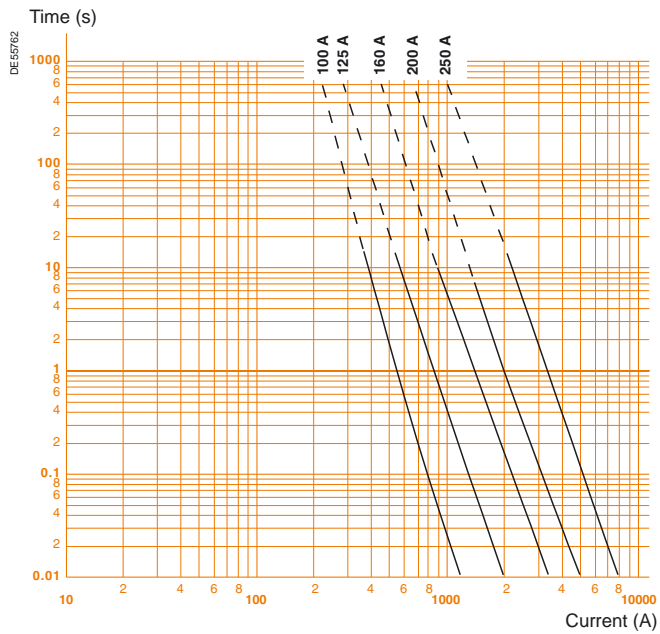
Electrical characteristics

Table no. 4

Reference	Rated voltage (kV)	Operating voltage (kV)	Rated current (A)	Min. breaking current I ₃ (A)	Max. breaking current I ₁ (kA)	Cold resistance* (mΩ)
757314	7.2	≤ 7.2	100	360	50	6.4
757315			125	570	50	4.6
757316			160	900	50	2.4
757317			200	1400	50	1.53
757318			250	2200	50	0.95

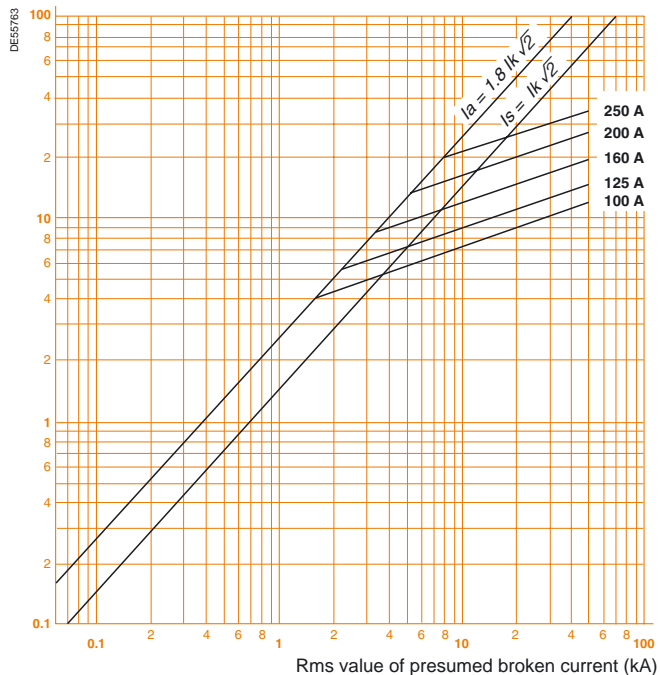
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Fuse curve 7.2 kV



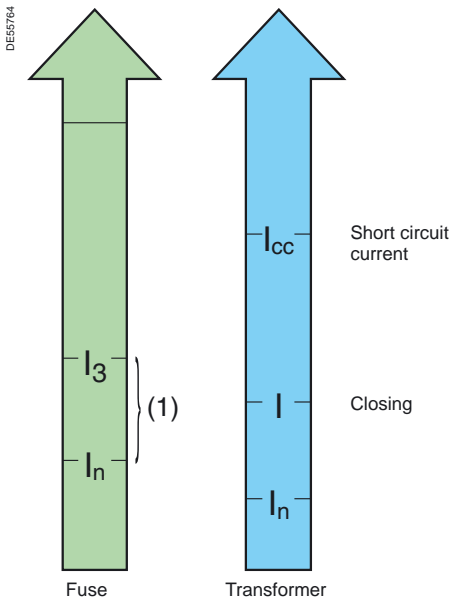
Current limitation curve 7.2 kV

Maximum value of limited broken current (kA peak)



The diagram shows the maximum limited broken current value as a function of the rms current value which could have occurred in the absence of a fuse.

General Transformer protection



(1) In this current zone, any overloads must be eliminated by LV protection devices or by a MV switch equipped with an overcurrent relay.

General

According to their specific characteristics, the various types of fuses (Fusarc CF, Soléfuse, Tépéfuse and MGK) provide real protection for a wide variety of medium and high voltage equipment (transformers, motors, capacitors).

It is of the utmost importance to always remember the following points:

- **Un** of a fuse must be greater than or equal to the network voltage
- **I1** of a fuse must be greater than or equal to the network short circuit current
- The characteristics of the equipment to be protected must always be taken into consideration.

Transformer protection

A transformer imposes three main stresses on a fuse. This is why the fuses must be capable of:

■ ... Withstanding the peak start-up current which accompanies transformer closing

The fuses' fusion current at 0.1 s must be more than 12 times the transformer's rated current.

$$I_f(0.1 \text{ s}) > 12 \times I_n \text{ transfo.}$$

■ ... Breaking fault currents across the terminals of the transformer secondary

A fuse intended to protect a transformer has to break its rated short circuit current (I_{sc}) before it can damage the transformer.

$$I_{sc} > I_f(2 \text{ s})$$

■ ... Withstanding the continuous operating current together with possible overloads

In order to achieve this, the fuse's rated current must be over 1.4 times the transformer's rated current.

$$I_n \text{ fuse} > 1.4 I_n \text{ transfo.}$$

Choice of rating

In order to correctly select the fuse's rated current to protect a transformer, we have to know and take account of:

■ The transformer characteristics:

- power (P in kVA)
- short circuit voltage (U_{sc} in %)
- rated current.

■ The fuse characteristics:

- time/current characteristics (I_f 0.1 s and I_f 2 s)
- the minimum rated breaking current (I_3).

■ The installation and operating conditions:

- open air, cubicle or fuse chamber
- presence or otherwise of permanent overload
- short circuit current in the installation
- indoor or outdoor usage.

Comment: whether used in Merlin Gerin's SM6, RM6, CAS 36 or in a device from another manufacturer, the equipment manufacturer's own user's instructions must be referred to when choosing the fuse.

Transformer protection Selection table

Fusarc CF fuses DIN standard for transformer protection (rating in A) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Table no. 6

Operating voltage (kV)	Rated voltage (kV)	Transformer power (kVA)																		
		25	50	75	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1000	1250	1600	2000		
3	7.2	16	25	31.5	40	50	63	63	80											
		20	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100	100	125	125	160	200	250					
		25	40	50	63	80	100	100		125	160	160								
5	7.2	16	25	31.5	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	125	125	160	200	250			
		10	20	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100	100	125	125	160	200	250				
		16	25	40	50	63	80	100	100		125	160	160							
6	7.2	6.3	16	20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	125	160	200	250		
		10	20	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	80	80	100	100	125	125	160	200	250		
		25	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100	100		125								
6.6	7.2	6.3	16	20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	125	160	200	250		
		10	20	25	31.5	31.5	40	50	63	63	80	100	100	125	125	160	200	250		
		25	31.5	40	40	50	63	80	80	100	100		125							
10	12	6.3	16	20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	125	160	200	250		
		6.3	10	16	20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100	125	125	160	200	250		
		16	20	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	80	100	100	100	100	125					
11	12	6.3	16	20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	125	160	200	250		
		6.3	10	16	20	25	31.5	31.5	40	50	63	63	80	100	100	125	125	160		
		20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	80	80	100	100	125							
13.2	17.5	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		4	10	16	20	20	25	31.5	31.5	40	50	63	63	80	80	100				
		25	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	80	80	100	100								
13.8	17.5	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		4	10	16	16	20	25	31.5	31.5	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	100			
		20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	80	80	100	100								
15	17.5	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		4	6.3	10	16	20	20	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	80	80	100	100	100	100	
		10	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100							
20	24	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		6.3	10	10	16	20	20	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	
		16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	80	80	100							
22	24	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		6.3	6.3	10	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	40	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	
		10	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100							
25	36	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		4	6.3	10	16	20	20	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	
		10	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	80	100							
30	36	6.3	10	16	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	63	80	80	100	100	100	100
		4	6.3	6.3	10	10	16	20	20	25	31.5	40	40	50	50	63	63	63	63	
		10	16	20	25	25	31.5	40	50	50	63	80	80	100						

Soléfuse fuses UTE standard for transformer protection (rating in A) ^{(1) (2) (3)}

Table no. 7

Operating voltage (kV)	Rated voltage (kV)	Transformer power (kVA)															
		25	50	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1000	1250	1600	
3	7.2	16	16	31.5	63	63	63	80	100	100	125						
3.3	7.2	16	16	31.5	31.5	63	63	80	80	100	125						
4.16	7.2	6.3	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	63	63	80	80	100	125					
5.5	7.2	6.3	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	63	63	63	80	100	125				
6	7.2	6.3	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	63	63	63	80	100	100	125			
6.6	7.2	6.3	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	63	63	80	80	100	125			
10	12	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	43	43	63	80	80	100		
11	12	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	43	63	63	80	100		
13.8	17.5/24	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	43	63	63	80		
15	17.5/24	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	43	43	63	80	80	
20	24	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	43	43	43	63		
22	24	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5	43	43	63	
30	36			6.3	6.3	6.3	16	16	16	16	16	31.5	31.5	31.5			

(1) Fuse ratings correspond to open air installation with a transformer overload of 30%. or to an indoor installation without transformer overload.

(2) If the fuse is incorporated in a distribution switchboard, please refer to the selection table provided by the manufacturer of this device.

(3) although the ratings shown in bold type are the most appropriate, the others also protect transformers in a satisfactory manner.

Motor protection

Fusarc CF selection for motor protection

Table no. 8

Maximum operating voltage (kV)	Start-up current (A)	Start-up time (s)						
		5		10		20		
		Number of start-ups per hour						
		6	12	6	12	6	12	
3.3	1410	250						
	1290	250	250	250				
	1140	250	250	250	250	250	250	
	1030	250	250	250	250	250	250	
	890	250	250	250	250	250	250	
	790	200	250	250	250	250	250	
	710	200	200	200	250	250	250	
	640	200	200	200	200	200	250	
	6.6	610	200	200	200	200	200	200
		540	160	160	160	200	200	200
480		160	160	160	200	200	200	
440		160	160	160	160	160	200	
310		160	160	160	160	160	160	
280		125	160	160	160	160	160	
250		125	125	125	160	160	160	
240		125	125	125	125	125	160	
230		125	125	125	125	125	125	
210		100	125	125	125	125	125	
180		100	100	100	100	100	125	
11		170	100	100	100	100	100	100
		160	100	100	100	100	100	100
		148	80	100	100	100	100	100
	133	80	80	80	100	100	100	
	120	80	80	80	80	80	100	
	110	80	80	80	80	80	80	
	98	63	80	80	80	80	80	
	88	63	63	63	63	80	80	
	83	63	63	63	63	63	80	
	73	50	63	63	63	63	63	
	67	50	50	50	63	63	63	
	62	50	50	50	50	50	63	
	57	50	50	50	50	50	50	

Motor protection

When combined with a contactor, fuses provide a particularly effective protection system for an MV motor.

The specific stresses that fuses have to withstand are due to:

- The motor to be protected
- The network on which it is placed.

Stresses due to the motor

- The start-up current (Id).
- The start-up duration (Td).
- The number of successive start-ups.
- When the motor is energised, and throughout the start-up period, the impedance of a motor is such that it consumes a current Id which is significantly greater than the rated load current In. Normally, this current Id is around 6 times the rated current, (Id/In = 6).
- The start-up duration Td depends on the type of load that is being driven by the motor. It is of around ten seconds.
- We also have to take account of the possibility of several successive start-ups in choosing the fuse rating.

Stresses related to the network

- The rated voltage: the rated voltage for MV motors is at most equal to 11 kV.
- The limited broken current: networks with MV motors are generally high installed power networks with very high short circuit currents.

Choice of rating

The fuse rating chosen depends on three parameters:

- The start-up current
- The duration
- The start-up frequency.

Motor protection Selection charts

η = motor efficiency

U_a = rated motor voltage

I_d = start up current

T_d = start up time

The three charts given below enable the fuse rating to be determined when we know the motor power (P in kW) and its rated voltage (in kV)

Chart 1: this gives the rated current I_n (A) according to P (kW) and U_n (kV).

Chart 2: this gives the start-up current I_d (A) according to I_n (A).

Chart 3: this gives the appropriate rating according I_d (A) and the start-up duration time T_d (s).

Comments

■ Chart 1 is plotted for a power factor of 0.92 and an efficiency of 0.94.
For values different to this, use the following equation:

$$I_n = \frac{P}{h\sqrt{3}U_a \cdot pf}$$

■ Chart 3 is given in the case of 6 start-ups spread over an hour or 2 successive startups.

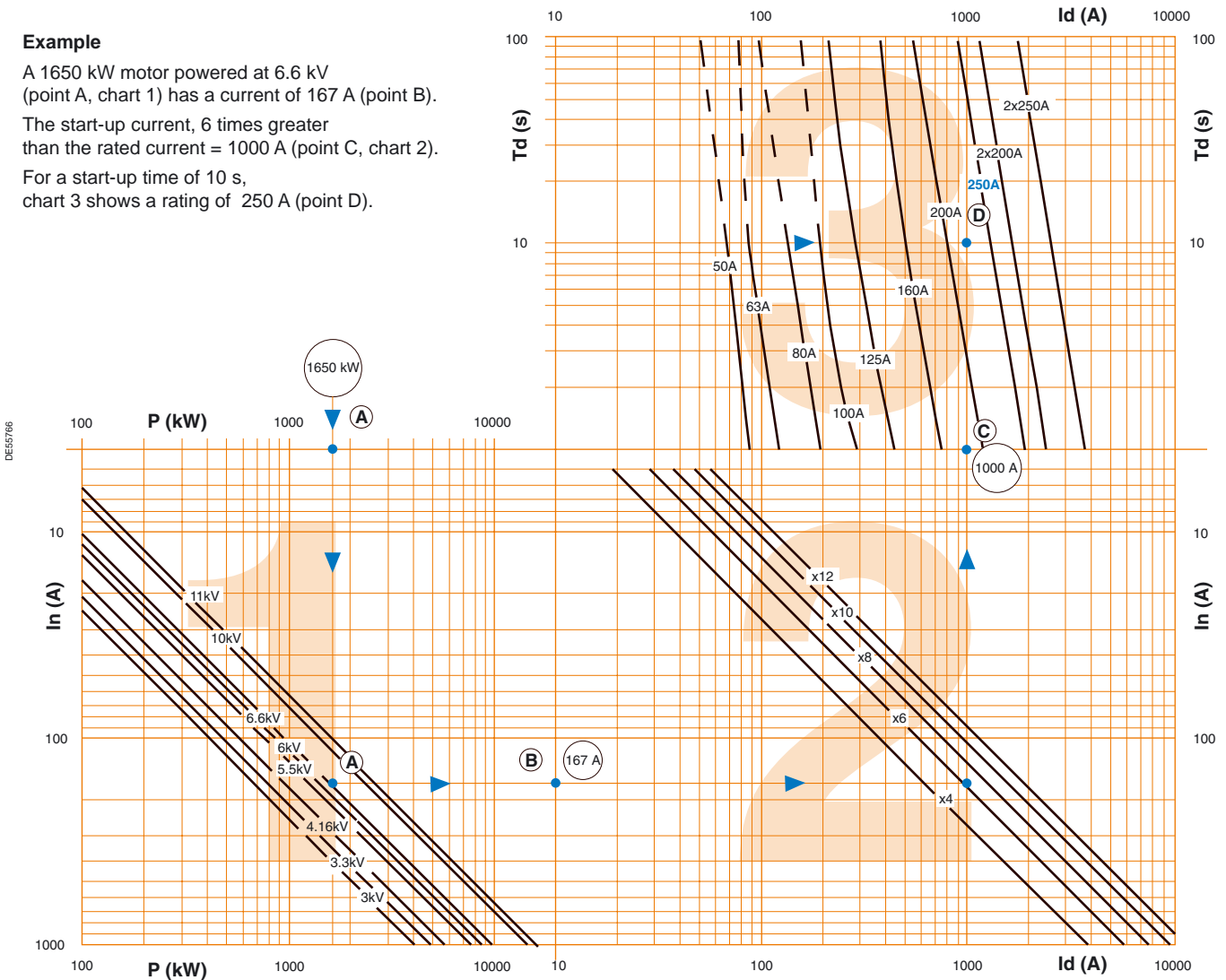
For n successive start-ups ($n > 6$), multiply T_d by $\frac{n}{6}$.

For p successive start-ups ($p > 2$), multiply T_d by $\frac{p}{2}$ (see selection table).
In the absence of any information, take $T_d = 10$ s.

■ If the motor start-up is not direct, the rating obtained using the charts below may be less than the full load current of the motor. In this case, we have to choose a rating 20% over the value of this current, to take account of the cubicle installation.
Fuses with a rating chosen using these charts will satisfy fuse ageing tests according to recommendations in IEC 60644.

Example

A 1650 kW motor powered at 6.6 kV (point A, chart 1) has a current of 167 A (point B). The start-up current, 6 times greater than the rated current = 1000 A (point C, chart 2). For a start-up time of 10 s, chart 3 shows a rating of 250 A (point D).



Comments on substituting fuses

Capacitor bank protection

Fuses intended to protect capacitor banks have to withstand special voltages:

- When the bank is energised, the inrush current is very high and can lead to premature ageing or fusion of the fuse element
- In service, the presence of harmonics can lead to excessive temperature rise.

Choice of rating

A common rule applied to any switchgear in the presence of capacitor banks is to derate the rated current by 30 to 40% due to the harmonics which cause additional temperature rise.

It is recommended to apply a coefficient of between 1.7 and 1.9 to the capacitive current in order to obtain the appropriate fuse rating, i.e. 1.7 or 1.9 times the rated current of the bank.

As for transformers, it is necessary to know the rms inrush current value and its duration.

Comments on substituting of fuses

In accordance with recommendation in IEC 60282-1 (Application guide):

« it is recommended to replace all three fuses in a three-phase circuit when one of them has already blown, unless we are certain that there has been no over-current in the fuses which have not blown ».

Moreover, in this guide, we can find several basic recommendations for the correct use of this type of fuse.

It is important to take account of the fact that the striker only acts when all of the fuse elements have blown. However, if the striker has not been activated, this does not mean that the fuses have not been subject to an overcurrent.

Only one of the boxes (ticked or filled) by the needed value) have to be considered between each horizontal line.

Fuses			Quantity <input type="text"/>
Electrical characteristics			
Rated voltage		(kV)	<input type="text"/>
Operating voltage		(kV)	<input type="text"/>
Rated current		(A)	<input type="text"/>
Power	Transformer <input type="checkbox"/>	Motor <input type="checkbox"/>	(kVA) <input type="text"/>
Dimensions			
Fuse length		(mm)	<input type="text"/>
Cap diameter		(mm)	<input type="text"/>
Other characteristics			
Operating conditions			
Open air	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cubicle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuse chamber	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>
Standards	<input type="text"/>		
Reference	<input type="text"/>		

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