

Residual Current Devices - General Data

Short description of the most important RCD types

Symbol	Description
+-25 +-25	Eaton standard. Suitable for outdoor installation (distribution boxes for outdoor installation and building sites) up to -25° C.
	Conditionally surge-current proof (>250 A, 8/20 µs) for general application.
	Type AC: AC current sensitive RCCB
	Type A: AC and pulsating DC current sensitive RCCB, not affected by smooth DC fault currents up to 6 mA
	Type F: AC and pulsating DC current sensitive RCCB, trips also at frequency mixtures (10 Hz, 50 Hz, 1000 Hz), min. 10 ms time-delayed, min. 3 kA surge current proof, higher load capacity with smooth DC fault currents up to 10 mA
kHz	Frequency range up to 20 kHz
WWW	Trips also at frequency mixtures (10 Hz, 50 Hz, 1000 Hz)
	Type B: All-current sensitive RCD switchgear for applications where DC fault currents may occur. Non-selective, non- delayed. Protection against all kinds of fault currents.
kHz	Type B+: All-current sensitive RCD switchgear for applications where DC fault currents may occur. Non-selective, non-delayed. Protection against all kinds of fault currents. Provides enhanced fire safety.
	RCD of type G (min 10 ms time delay) surge current-proof up to 3 kA. For system components where protection against unwanted tripping is needed to avoid personal injury and damage to property. Also for systems involving long lines with high capacitive reactance. Some versions are sensitive to pulsating DC. Some versions are available in all-current sensitive design.
	RCD of type S (selective, min 40 ms time delay) surge current-proof up to 5 kA. Mainly used as main switch, as well as in combination with surge arresters. This is the only RCD suitable for series connection with other types if the rated tripping current of the downstream RCD does not exceed one third of the rated tripping current of the device of type S. Some versions are sensitive to pulsating DC. Some versions are available in all-current sensitive design.
"röntgenfest"	"X-ray-proof", for avoiding unwanted tripping caused by x-ray devices.
"umrichterfest"	"Frequency converter-proof", for avoiding unwanted tripping caused by frequency converters, speed-controlled drives, etc.

Kind of current	Current profile		t use / appl B types	Tripping current		
	-	AC	A	F	B / B+	
Sinusoidal AC residual current	\sim	 	~	v	v	0.5 to 1.0 $I_{\Delta n}$
Pulsating DC residual current (positive or negative half-wave)		-	4	v	V	0.35 to 1.4 $I_{\Delta n}$
Cut half-wave current		-	v	v	 	Lead angle 90°: 0.25 to 1.4 I _{An}
Lead angle 90° el Lead angle 135° el	VV		~	~	v	Lead angle 135°: 0.11 to 1.4 $I_{\Delta n}$
Half-wave with smooth DC current of 6 mA		-	•	~	v	max. 1.4 $I_{\Delta n}$ + 6 mA
Half-wave with smooth DC current of 10 mA		-	-	~	v	max. 1.4 l _{∆n} + 10 mA
Smooth DC current		_	_	-	V	0.5 to 2.0 $I_{\Delta n}$

Tripping time

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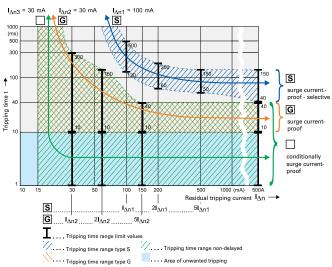
Break time and non-actuating time for alternating residual currents (r.m.s. values) for type AC and A RCCB

Classification	$I_{\Delta n}$ mA		$I_{\Delta n}$	$2xI_{\Delta n}$	5xl _{∆n}	5 x l _{∆n} or 0.25A	500A
Standard RCD Conditionally surge current- proof 250 A	≤30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.3	0.15		0.04	0.04
Standard RCD Conditionally surge current- proof 250 A	>30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.3	0.15	0.04		0.04
RCCBType G (Short-time-delay) Surge current-proof 3 kA	30	Min. non actuating time(s) Max. tripping time (s)	0.01 0.3	0.01 0.15		0.01 0.04	0.01 0.04
RCCB Type G (Short-time-delay) Surge current-proof 3 kA	>30	Min. non actuating time(s) Max. tripping time (s)	0.01 0.3	0.01 0.15	0.01 0.04		0.01 0.04
RCCBType S (Selective) Surge current-proof 5 kA	>30	Min. non actuating time(s) Max. tripping time (s)	0.13 0.5	0.06 0.2	0.05 0.15		0.04 0.15

Break time for half-wave pulsating residual currents (r.m.s. values) for type A RCCB

Classification	l _{∆n} mA		$1.4 x I_{\Delta n}$	$2 x I_{\Delta n}$	$\mathbf{2.8xl}_{\Delta n}$	$4 x I_{\Delta n}$	7 x I _{∆n}	0.35 A	0.5 A	350A
Standard RCD Conditionally surge current-proof 250 A	<30	Max. tripping time (s)		0.3		0.15			0.04	0.04
Standard RCD Conditionally surge current-proof 250 A	30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.3		0.15			0.04		0.04
Standard RCD Conditionally surge current-proof 250 A	>30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.3		0.15		0.04			0.04
RCCB Type G (Short-time-delay) Surge current-proof 3 kA	30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.3		0.15			0.04		0.04
RCCBType G (Short-time-delay) Surge current-proof 3 kA	>30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.3		0.15		0.04			0.04
RCCBType S (Selective) Surge current-proof 5 kA	>30	Max. tripping time (s)	0.5		0,2		0.15			0.15

Tripping Characteristics (IEC/EN 61008)



Tripping characteristics, tripping time range and selectivity of instantaneous, surge current-proof , G" and surge current-proof - selective , S" residual current devices.

IEC 60364-4-41 deals with additional protection: The use of RCDs with a rated residual operating current not exceeding 30 mA, is recognized in a.c. systems as additional protection in the event of failure of the provision for basic protection and/or the provision for fault protection or carelessness by users.

This means when using RCDs for fault current/residual current protection two RCDs must be connected in series.

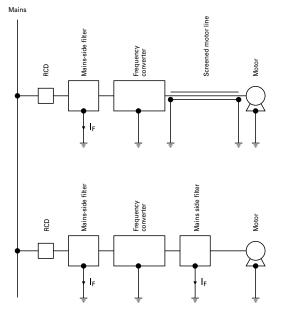
Testing:

RCDs with tripping time delay (Types -G and -S) may be function tested with conventional testing equipment which must be set according to the instructions for operation of the testing device. Due to reasons inherent in the measuring process, the tripping time determined in this way may be longer than expected in accordance with the specifications of the manufacturer of the measuring instrument.

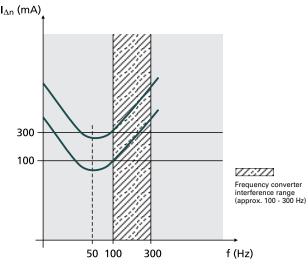
However, the device is ok if the result of measurement is within the time range specified by the manufacturer of the measuring instrument.

Hints for the application of our frequency converter-proof RCDs:

Due to the currents flowing off through the filters (designated IF), the sum of currents through the RCD is not exactly zero, which causes unwanted tripping.



Tripping characteristic



Frequency converters are used in a wide variety of systems and equipment requiring variable speed, such as lifts, escalators, conveyor belts, and large washing machines. Using them for such purposes in circuits with conventional residual current devices causes frequent problems with unwanted tripping.

The technical root cause of this phenomenon is the following: Fast switching operations involving high voltages cause high interference levels which propagate through the lines on the one hand, and in the form of interfering radiation on the other. In order to eliminate this problem, a mains-side filter (also referred to as input filter or EMC-filter) is connected between the RCD and frequency converter. The anti-interference capacitors in the filters produce discharge currents against earth which may cause unwanted tripping of the RCD due to the apparent residual currents. Connecting a filter on the output side between frequency converter and 3-phase AC motor results in the same behaviour.

This sample tripping characteristic of a 100 mA RCD and a 300 mA RCD shows the following: In the frequency range around 50 Hz, the RCDs trip as required (50 - 100 % of the indicated $I_{\Delta n}$).

In the range shown hatched in the diagram, i. e. from approx. 100 to 300 Hz, unwanted tripping occurs frequently due to the use of frequency converters. Frequency converter-proof residual current devices are much less sensitive in this frequency range than in the 50 - 60 Hz range, which leads to an enormous increase in the reliability of systems.

Therefore, we recommend to use RCDs designed for applications with frequency converter!

These special residual current devices can be recognised by an extension of the type designation ("-F"). They meet the requirements of compatibility between RCDs and frequency converters with respect to unwanted tripping.

These are NOT AC/DC-sensitive (IEC 62423) RCDs of type B !!!

Our RCDs of type "-F" are characterised by SENSITIVITY TO RESIDUAL PULSATING DC A and SELECTIVITY S or SHORT-TIME DELAY G

Specifications | Residual Current Devices FRCmM-125, Type A

Description

- Residual current devices
- Tripping is line voltage-independent. Consequently, the RCD is suitable for the protection of humans and additional protection
- Twin-purpose terminal (lift/open-mouthed) above and below
- Not busbar-compatible with other devices of the xEffect-series
- Auxiliary switch Z-HD can be mounted subsequently
- Contact position indicator red green
- The device functions irrespective of the position of installation
- Tripping is line voltage-independent. Consequently, the RCD is suitable for "fault current/residual current protection" and "additional protection" within the the meaning of the applicable installation rules
- Mains connection at either side
- The test key "T" must be pressed every 6 months. The system operator must be informed of this obligation and his responsibility in a way that can be proven (self-adhesive RCD-label enclosed). Under special conditions (e.g. damply and/or dusty environments, environments with polluting and/or corroding conditions, environments with large temperature fluctuations, installations with a risk of overvoltages due to switching of equipment and/or atmospheric discharges, portable equipment ...), it's recommended to test in monthly intervals.
- Pressing the test key "T" serves the only purpose of function testing the residual current device (RCD). This test does not make earthing resistance measurement (R_E), or proper checking of the earth conductor condition redundant, which must be performed separately.

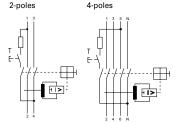
- **Type** -**A**: Additionally protects against special forms of residual pulsating DC which have not been smoothed.
- **Type -G/A**: Additionally protects against special forms of residual pulsating DC which have not been smoothed.
- **Type -S/A**: Suitable for systems with surge arresters downstream of the RCD.

Accessories: Auxiliary switch for subsequent installation to the left Z-HD 265620

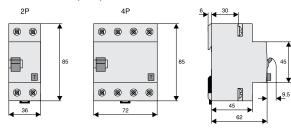
Technical Data

		FRCmM-125A, Type AC, A, G/A and S/A
Electrical		
Design according to		IEC/EN 61008
Current test marks as printed onto the device		
Tripping		instantaneous
Type G/A		10 ms delay
Type S/A		50 ms delay - with selective disconnecting function
Rated voltage	Un	240/415 V; 50 Hz
Limits operation voltage test circuit		
30 mA		150 - 250 V~
100, 300, 500 mA		185 - 440 V~
Rated tripping current	I _{An}	30, 100, 300, 500 mA
Sensitivity		AC and pulsating DC
Rated insulation voltage	Ui	400 V
Rated impulse withstand voltage	U _{imp}	2,5 kV
Rated short circuit capacity	I _{cn}	10 kA with back-up fuse
Peak withstand current	GI	
Type A		250 A (8/20µs), surge current-proof
Type G/A		3 kA (8/20µs), surge current-proof, 10 ms delay
Type S/A		5 kA (8/20µs), surge current-proof, 40 ms delay
Maximum back-up fuse		Short circuit protection Overload protection
		125 A gG/gL 80 A gG/gL
Rated breaking capacitiy	Im	
or rated fault breaking capacity	I _{Am}	1250 A
Endurance		
electrical components		\geq 4,000 operating cycles
mechanical components		\geq 10,000 operating cycles
Mechanical		
Frame size		45 mm
Device height		80 mm
Device width		35 mm (2MU), 70 mm (4MU)
Mounting		quick fastening with DIN rail EN50022
Degree of protection, built-in		IP40
Upper and lower terminals		open mouthed/lift terminals
Terminal protection		finger and hand touch safe, DGUV VS3, EN 50274
Terminal capacity		1,5 - 50 mm ²
Busbar thickness		0.8 - 2 mm
Operation temperature		-25°C to +40°C
Storage- and transport temperature		-25°C to +60°C
Resistance to climatic conditions		25-55°C/90-95% relative humidity acc. to IEC 60068-2
Mounting position		any

Connection diagram 2-poles 4-poles



Dimensions (mm)



Power Loss at I_n FRCmM-125 - Type AC, A, G/A and S/A

(entire unit)

I _n [A]	P [W]	
2-poles		
125	18	
4-poles		
125	22.5	