IEC Medium Voltage Vacuum Circuit Breakers 24 kV Product Guide

W-VACi for safety, reliability and performance







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We help our customers worldwide manage the power they need for buildings, aircraft, trucks, cars, machinery and entire businesses. And we do it in a way that consumes fewer resources.

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Eaton's Electrical Group is a leading provider of power quality, distribution and control solutions that increase energy efficiency and improve power quality, safety and reliability. Our solutions offer a growing portfolio of "green" products and services, such as energy audits and real-time energy consumption monitoring. Eaton's Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS), variable-speed drives and lighting controls help conserve energy and increase efficiency.

MV Switchgear Technology is in our DNA

Eaton Corporation is a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture, and sale of safe, reliable and high-performance medium voltage power distribution equipment in accordance with IEC, GB and ANSI standards.

Complete Global Medium Voltage Switchgear Solutions

Eaton, a premier leader in designing and manufacturing power distribution and protection equipment in the electrical industry, offers a comprehensive range of medium voltage (MV) solutions to meet the needs of virtually every application. From products that feature cutting-edge design that allow for easy access, maintenance and space savings, to arc-resistant products that enhance safety, Eaton's medium voltage solutions provide a variety of products for every need. Additionally, Eaton's global service network provides maximum customer support in all regions of the world.

As one of the few completely vertically integrated and diversified industrial manufacturers in the world, Eaton designs not only MV assemblies, but also the key components that comprise the MV solutions – from steel housing and circuit breaker compartments to vacuum interrupters, circuit breakers, bus systems and fuses.

Eaton's MV heritage, strengthened by acquisitions such as Westinghouse DCBU, Cutler Hammer, MEM and Holec, has resulted in breakthrough MV technologies and numerous international patents over the years.

Integral to Eaton's complete electrical PowerChain Solutions – which help businesses increase reliability, efficiency and safety – Eaton's medium voltage equipment meets all applicable standards and certifications such as IEC, NEMA / ANSI, GB, UL, IEEE, KEMA and CSA.

When it comes to medium voltage solutions, you can trust the one name with a long history of proven performance: Eaton.



W-VACi IEC 24 kV

Reliability, safety and performance in a compact package

The new and extensive line of W-VAC*i* compact MV vacuum circuit breakers with IEC ratings of 24 kV are part of Eaton's comprehensive global product portfolio. It serves both 50 Hz and 60 Hz end-user segments of the electrical industry such as industrial, commercial, utility, mining, marine and off-shore.

The W-VAC*i* circuit breakers are complemented by a full line of accessories and compartment kits for panel builders. In addition, they fit in Eaton's new IEC panel design, Power Xpert[®] UX. UX is available in 800 mm and 1000 mm configurations.



Industry leading vacuum and solid insulation technology

Through more than eighty years of innovation and experience, Eaton has developed environmentally friendly vacuum interrupters capable of reliably switching both normal load currents and high stress fault currents. In an effort to increase the dielectric strength of the vacuum interrupter, Eaton has also designed vacuum interrupters that are encapsulated in epoxy resin material. The W-VACi IEC circuit breaker family utilizes this solid insulation technology that has been catering to a wide range of applications for vears.

Environmentally friendly design

Eaton's vacuum and solid insulation technology is free of SF $_6$ -gas that contributes significantly to the greenhouse effect and associated climate change.

Conformance to the latest IEC standards

W-VAC*i* IEC circuit breakers are designed and third party tested to the latest IEC 62271-100 and IEC 62271-1 standards. All W-VAC*i* circuit breakers meet or exceed the electrical and mechanical endurance requirements of E2 and M2 in accordance with IEC 62271-100.

Reliability, safety, and performance

The W-VAC*i* IEC circuit breakers offer numerous safety features for maximum protection. Eaton's extensive innovation and experience in the electrical industry deliver world-class product reliability and quality. Each W-VAC*i* circuit breaker is tested mechanically and electrically before it leaves the ISO 9001 certified factory. W-VAC*i* circuit breakers are compact, userfriendly and cost effective.

Versatility and flexibility

W-VAC*i* circuit breakers can be used in an extensive scope of applications such as the protection of transformers, capacitor banks, motors, busbar sections and cables. The circuit breakers can be used in special environment conditions such as high altitude, light shock, vibration and high ambient temperature.



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An Eaton Green Solution

W-VACi IEC 24 kV

Building Blocks

The W-VAC*i* IEC 24kV circuit breakers are comprised of three key building blocks: vacuum interrupter (VI), epoxy resin encapsulated pole unit (EPU), and E-Legend mechanism assembly (ELMA). Each building block offers a set of specific benefits to construct a circuit breaker assembly of extreme safety, reliability and performance.



Vacuum interrupter (VI)

At the heart of the W-VAC*i* IEC circuit breaker portfolio is Eaton's proven vacuum interruption technology and eighty-year expertise in this field.

The vacuum interrupter is where current making and breaking occurs. It houses Eaton-designed high-performance copperchrome contacts, which provide superior performance characteristics. The vacuum in the arc chamber protects the copper contacts from adverse effects such as contamination and corrosion.



- Controlled contact erosion results in long life and maintenance-free operation
- Hard contact material minimizes contact sticking in a vacuum and is ideal for high-current applications
- Atmospheric contact contamination is eliminated because oxides and corrosion layers cannot form on the contacts
- Noise and flash free: All arcing is confined in the vacuum interrupter



- Environmentally friendly: Unlike other solutions that use SF6 (a highly hazardous gas) for insulation, Eaton's vacuum interrupters feature current interruption that occurs in a vacuum and does not emit greenhouse or toxic gasses
- Low average chopping current results in a minimal induced transient voltage spike; therefore, suppres sors are often not required
- Vacuum dielectric permits contacts to be arranged closer together, allowing circuit interruptions to be designed in a smaller envelope
- Solid insulation increases external dielectric perfor mance



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- Bellows shield
- 3 Ceramic insulators
- 4 Movable contact
- 5 Fixed contact

Encapsulated pole unit (EPU)

The W-VAC*i* IEC vacuum circuit breakers use Eaton vacuum interrupters that are embedded in epoxy resin. This assembly is referred to as an encapsulated pole unit (EPU).

Durable

Encapsulating the vacuum interrupter in epoxy resin results in circuit breaker pole units that are extremely durable. Further, it protects the vacuum interrupter from mechanical impact and climatic conditions such as moisture, humidity and dust. The material is vibration and shock proof and its durability is long lasting.

High performance

Originally developed for outdoor use, the robust epoxy resin insulating material offers;

- Optimum thermal conductivity
- High electrical resistivity
- Low moisture absorption
- High creepage current resistance
- High mechanical strength
- Complete homogeneity

Eaton encapsulated pole units are designed in such a way that no partial discharging occurs on the surface.

Compact

Due to its mechanical strength, epoxy resin lends itself to a very compact design, when combined with Eaton's world leading vacuum interrupter technology. High current and interruption ratings are achieved in a small package, generating cost savings for users.



Encapsulated pole unit (EPU)

E-Legend mechanism assembly (ELMA)

Designed with reliability and long product life, the W-VAC*i* circuit breaker utilizes a simple spring charged, stored energy mechanism. It is compact and has a limited number of moving parts.

Integrated modular design

Eaton's E-Legend mechanism assembly (ELMA) is a modular design that is common across all 24kV W-VACi circuit breaker frames, making the W-VACi circuit breaker family easy to work with. Customers see no variation between different W-VACi frames, simplifying training, operation and inspection of the circuit breakers. ELMA is a self contained functional unit and allows for fast and easy installation. It is manufactured in large quantities and is not sensitive to process variations.

Eaton's ELMA design requires low energy to operate motor close and trip through the use of special electronic components. All mechanism assembly plating is Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) compliant, offering an environmentally friendly solution.

Minimal inspection

Due to its modular design, material selection and limited number of moving parts, Eaton's mechanism assembly requires minimal inspection. The simplicity of the design reduces the energy required to operate it, minimizing system wear and the need for inspection.

Long life and reliability

With its simple and proven design, the EL mechanism assembly has a life of up to 20,000 mechanical operations and does not require inspection up to 10,000 operating cycles. It includes special plating on metal components to increase mechanical life and prevent corrosion.

Easy to use

To achieve smooth operation, Eaton's mechanism assembly comes with an anti-pump relay as standard. It utilizes simple and clear circuit breaker status indication and requires low manual operation force. ELMA has an integrated manual charging handle. It is light and quiet for maximum ease of use.



E-Legend Mechanism

1. Charging Gear

- 2. Charging Motor
- 3. Charge Indicator
- 4. Closing Coil 5. Close Lever
- Operation Counter
 Open/Close Indicator
 Opening Coil
- 9. Trip Lever

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Vacuum circuit breaker

The W-VAC*i* IEC vacuum circuit breakers are available globally in both withdrawable and fixed configurations for maximum flexibility.

W-VACi IEC withdrawable



L-Frame

The L-frame is the interface between the circuit breaker and the switchgear in withdrawable configurations. All W-VAC*i* circuit breakers can be packaged with the Eaton L-Frame by panel builders and OEMs. The L-Frame can be used in all end user segments for installation into new or existing switchgear. Its optimized design and robust construction provide a solution that is safe, reliable and easy to use.

Integrating the W-VAC*i* circuit breaker into a switchgear design is simple and cost

Pole-center distance

Upper-to-lower terminal spacing

effective. The W-VACi L-Frame is designed for fast installation by panel builders and OEMs. It ensures full alignment of the circuit breaker contacts with the L-Frame primary contacts that allow for busbar or cable connections. The independently operated shutters are automatically aligned within the L-Frame, facilitating the smooth operation of the shutter mechanism. The shutters can be locked in the closed position for additional safety when the circuit breaker is withdrawn from the switchgear.

Integral position contacts and interlocking mechanisms within the circuit breaker racking in assembly ensure smooth and easy insertion. The L-Frame and W-VACi designs allow for the L-Frame to be free of low voltage secondary cables and wires. Circuit breaker position contacts within the racking in assembly provide remote indication of "Service" or "Test / Withdrawn" positions. Interlocks prevent the circuit breaker from being inserted or withdrawn unless it is in the "Open" position. An optional interlock on the breaker racking in assembly is available to

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The W-VACi portfolio of

W-VACi IEC fixed

products is complemented by a

full line of breaker accessories

for maximum safety and ease

of use. Additionally, Eaton's global service network provides extensive customer support in all regions of the world.

provide a door interlock such that the panel door can only be opened with the circuit breaker in the "Test / Withdrawn" position.



L-Frame for withdrawable configurations

Circuit breaker designation 24 kV Rated voltage Ur kV 24 Rated frequency fr Ηz 50/60 А 630/800/1250 1600/2000/2500 Rated normal current lr Rated short-time withstand current kA rms 31.5 lk Rated duration of short circuit 3 ťk S Rated supply voltage V 24 - 48 - 60 - 110 - 125 - 220 - 250 VDC / 120 - 220 - 230 VAC

210

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mm

mm

W-VACi IEC product portfolio overview

Years of innovation and experience deliver industry leading vacuum circuit breaker technology

Eaton has combined global innovation and substantial design investments to deliver a complete IEC vacuum circuit breaker portfolio for all applications.

W-VACi vacuum circuit breakers provide you with;

Environmentally friendly offering

The W-VAC*i* IEC circuit breaker interrupting chamber and pole unit insulation are free of SF₆ gas. The mechanism plating is RoHS compliant. The encapsulated pole unit materials are recyclable.

User friendly operation

The W-VACi circuit breaker controls and position indicators are clearly and functionally grouped on the front of the control panel. They include manual close and trip pushbuttons, closing spring charged/discharged indicator, circuit breaker open/closed indicator and operations counter. All controls are ergonomic for maximum ease of use. The W-VACi circuit breakers are very easy to handle due to low weight and small size.

Automatic alignment with easy circuit breaker insertion

The W-VAC*i* circuit breaker can conveniently be rolled into the switchgear compartment via guide rails which allow automatic alignment of the primary disconnects.

Easy access and minimal inspection

The stored energy mechanism and control components are easily accessible and can be inspected by removing the front panel. The location of the mechanism and control components on the circuit breaker also ensures easy inspection. Only minimal inspection is required.

Safety, reliability and performance

The W-VACi IEC circuit breakers offer several different safety features. The steel shield behind the UMA and the circuit breaker front cover are earthed and offer double layer isolation from the high voltage components when the circuit breaker is energized in switchgear. The circuit breaker can be connected or disconnected with the compartment door closed by utilizing an integral racking device. The manual racking device requires minimal operator force. The optional integral motor operated racking device allows for the breaker to be racked in remotely, offering an added layer of operator safety.

The mechanically and electrically trip-free stored energy mechanism design ensures that while holding a mechanical trip command, the circuit breaker contacts will not close even when an electrical or mechanical close command is received.

Safety interlocks provide the highest level of protection to operators. If the circuit breaker is closed, it cannot be racked in or out. An optional door interlock mechanism on the circuit breaker can be supplied to ensure that the racking of the breaker can only happen when the compartment door is closed.

Eaton's world class quality and routine circuit breaker life testing process provide lasting product reliability. The reliability of the vacuum interrupter, encapsulated pole unit and mechanism assemblies ensures that the circuit breaker assembly is of the highest performance standards.

Flexible

The W-VAC*i* circuit breaker offers field customization with a full range of accessories that allow easy and fast installation. It comes with an integral spring charging handle. In addition, it offers a wide selection of optional accessories for additional features and flexibility.

Cost effective

The compact size of W-VAC*i* circuit breakers helps reduce

switchgear footprint to achieve reduced building costs. The reliable and simple design minimizes inspection and life cycle costs. In addition, the W-VAC*i* portfolio offers optimized circuit breaker rating combinations and dimensions. This helps reduce users' inventory levels and makes circuit breaker selection and ordering easy.

Versatile in applications

The W-VACi IEC vacuum circuit breaker serves all end-user segments such as industrial. commercial, utility, mining, marine and offshore. W-VACi circuit breakers can be used in a wide range of applications such as the protection of transformers, capacitor banks, motors, busbar sections and cables. The circuit breakers can be applied in special environment conditions such as high altitude, light shock, vibration and high ambient temperature.



Internal view of W-VACi Circuit Breaker Element

W-VACi circuit breaker accessories

The W-VAC*i* circuit breaker portfolio is complemented by a full line of accessories that fit all breaker sizes. This reduces inventory parts for customers and simplifies the purchasing process. The W-VAC*i* accessories are easy to mount and wire, minimizing installation time and cost. This feature facilitates accessory changes by the installer or user personnel, eliminating the need for manufacturer modification or outside service companies.

Standard accessories



Optional accessories

Second shunt opening release (SO2)

Optional Like the shunt opening release (SO1), this device allows for local or remote opening of the circuit breaker. It can be supplied by a circuit completely independent from the shunt opening release # 1 (SO1). This device can operate with direct and alternating current

Attributes

Ua (DC) Ua (AC) Operating limits

Opening time

24-30-48-60-110-125-220-250 V 120-220-230-240 V 70...110% Ua (DC) 85...110% Ua (AC) 40 ~ 60 ms Insulation voltage 2000 V, 50 / 60 Hz (for 1 min.)

This device protects the operating mechanism from being unsafely

activated in the event that the control circuit is not energized.

Mechanism electromagnetic interlock (IC1)



Optional

Ua (DC) Ua (AC)

Undervoltage release (UVR)

Operating limits

Attributes

24-30-48-60-110-125-220-250 V 120-220-230-240 V 35-0% Ua: UVR operates, circuit breaker opens 70-110% Ua: UVR does not operate Insulation voltage 2000 V, 50 / 60 Hz (for 1 min.)

This device opens the circuit breaker when there is notable lowering or loss

of its power supply. It can operate with both direct and alternating current.



Optional

Optional

Fixed circuit breaker interlock

This mechanical device is used to prevent mis-closing of the circuit breaker by discharging the closing spring when racking the breaker in or out. It is used on fixed circuit breakers that are converted to draw-out circuit breakers by the customer.



Attributes Ua (DC) Ua (AC)

Operating limits Continuous Power (Pc) DC = 5 W

Insulation voltage

24-30-48-60-110-125-220-250 \ 120-220-230-240 V 85...110% Ua AC = 5 VA2000 V, 50 / 60 Hz (for 1 min.)

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Technical Data 24 kV

Item		Unit	Unit 24kV W-VAC i						
Voltage (Ur)		kV	24			24		24	
Normal Current(Ir)		А	630	800	1250	1600	2000	2500	
Short-Time Withstand Current(Ik)		kA	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	
Short Circuit Breaking Current(Isc)		kA	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	
Duration of Short Circuit(tk)		sec	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Frequency(fr)		Hz	50/60	50/60	50/60	50/60	50/60	50/60	
Short circuit Making Current(Ima)		kA	80/82	80/82	80/82	80/82	80/82	80/82	
Contact Closing Bounce Time		ms	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤2	
Time Difference of Three Pole Opening and Closing		ms	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤2	≤2	
Fixed Resistance [®]		μΩ	≤25	≤25	≤25	≤20	≤20	≤20	
DO Resistance [®]		μΩ	≤40	≤40	≤40	≤30	≤30	≤30	
Closing Time		ms	25~50	25~50	25~50	25~50	25~50	25~50	
Opening Time		ms	40~60	40~60	40~60	40~60	40~60	40~60	
Closing Speed $^{\textcircled{0}}$		m/s	0.9~1.3	0.9~1.3	0.9~1.3	0.9~1.3	0.9~1.3	0.9~1.3	
Opening Speed $^{\textcircled{0}}$		m/s	1.3~1.95	1.3~1.95	1.3~1.95	1.3~1.95	1.3~1.95	1.3~195	
D.C. Component of Breaking Current(Idc)		%	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Cable-Charging Breaking Current (C2)		А	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	
Single Capacitor Bank Breaking Current (C2)		А	400	400	400	-	-	-	
Back to Back Capacitor Bank Breaking Current (C2)		А	400	400	400	-	-	-	
Out-of-Phase Breaking Current		kA	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	
Pole to Pole Spacing (Center to Center)		mm	210	210	210	275	275	275	
Upper to Lower Terminal Spacing		mm	310	310	310	310	310	310	
Mechanical Endurance		Cycle	10k	10k	10k	10k	10k	10k	
Electrical Endurance		Cycle	10k	10k	10k	10k	10k	10k	
Rated Insulation Level	Rated Power Frequency Withstand Voltage(Ud)	kV	50	50	50	50	50	50	
	Rated Lighting Impulse Withstand Voltage(Up)	kV	125	125	125	125	125	125	
Operating Sequence		0-0.3s-CO-15s-CO							
Classification		E2-M2-S1							

 $^{(1)}\colon$ Testing configurat \quad ons available upon request

W-VACi Dimensions

Withdrawable

24 kV



Note:

Not all breaker configurations shown. For detailed drawings of all available breaker sizes, please contact your Eaton representative.

Fixed

24 kV



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