

ARCON® arc fault protection

Arc fault protection system in the event of internal switchgear faults, to protect people and systems!

In order to protect people and systems in accordance with DIN EN 61439-2, supplement 1, and VDE 0660-600-2, supplement 1, it is necessary to install an arc fault protection system, consisting of sensors, an evaluation unit and a quenching device. In the event of an arc fault, a switching command is sent to the quenching device, while the evaluation unit sends a trip signal to the circuit breaker. The switchgear is immediately ready for operation again once the cause of the fault has been rectified and the quenching device has been replaced.

If installed with our xEnergy Main switchgear system, ARCON® meets criteria 1-7 of IEC/TR 61641 ed.3 (2014), as well as the requirement for unrestricted access with normal clothing (cotton indicators with a density of $40 \text{ g/m}^2 \pm 20\%$) outlined in section 8.6.4, even if the covers / doors and/or rear panels are open (e.g., in the event of maintenance work)

Test short-circuit current: $I_{pc \text{ arc max.}} = 100 \text{ kA}$

Rated voltage U_e : 690 V

Rated short-time withstand current of the quenching device I_{cw} : 85 kA / 1 s, 105 kA / 500 ms, 150 kA / 200 ms
In less than 2 ms, the arc fault is detected, electronically evaluated and then quenched by means of a 3-phase short circuit.

Electronic evaluation unit (master)

Electronic evaluation unit (master) for the arc fault protection system for connecting 16 slaves and

1 current transformer set. For mounting in the control panel door. Automatic self-monitoring of the entire system, as well as status indication with adjustable system configurations on the display.

For separate monitoring of two main busbar sections and controlling the associated quenching devices (max. 2).

Supply voltage: 40 - 265 V / AC/DC

Power consumption: 20 W

Current input signal: 1 / 5 A

Seven relay outputs with 5 A / 230 V / AC/DC each (incl. Watchdog, Alarm, Trip status)
same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-EM/2.0 or equivalent

Electronic current evaluation unit (slave)

Current sensors;

Electronic evaluation unit (slave) for the arc fault protection system for connecting 1 current transformer set.

Automatic self-monitoring as well as LED status indication.

Supply voltage: 24 V / DC (usually via COM-cable to master unit)

3-phase input: 1 / 5 A

Trip contact output: 5 A / 230 V / AC/DC

same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-EC1/2.0 or equivalent

Electronic fiber-optic evaluation unit (slave)

Electronic evaluation unit (slave) for the arc fault protection system for connecting up to 3 linear light sensors.

Automatic self-monitoring as well as LED status indication.

Supply voltage: 24 V / DC (usually via COM-cable to master unit)

Optical inputs: 3

Trip contact output: 5 A / 230 V / AC/DC

same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-EL3/2.0 or equivalent

Linear light sensor (11 m)

Special light sensor for detecting the light emitted by an arc fault. Blue coating for reduced sensitivity to light sources with an infrared portion from 550 nm to 750 nm, such as camera flashes or halogen lamps. The temperature resistance up to 125 °C allows for optimized installation in the immediate vicinity of the busbar. Total length: max. 11 m, active sensor range 6 m, color: blue includes mounting clip, fixing bracket, adhesive base and positioning aid for the light sensor same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-SL11/BL; ARC-CL095; ARC-MB814; ARC-MKS; ARC-MFR; ARC-MF or equivalent

Linear light sensor (13 m)

Special light sensor for detecting the light emitted by an arc fault. Blue coating for reduced sensitivity to light sources with an infrared portion from 550 nm to 750 nm, such as camera flashes or halogen lamps. The temperature resistance up to 125 °C allows for optimized installation in the immediate vicinity of the busbar. Total length: max. 13 m, active sensor range 8 m, color: blue includes mounting clip, fixing bracket, adhesive base and positioning aid for the light sensor same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-SL13/BL; ARC-CL095; ARC-MB814; ARC-MKS; ARC-MFR; ARC-MF or equivalent

Connecting cable to slave (1 m)

same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-CC01 or equivalent

Connecting cable to slave (3 m)

same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-CC03 or equivalent

Connecting cable to slave (5 m)

same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-CC05 or equivalent

Connecting cable to quenching device

same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-CCAT02

ARCON® quenching device

The arc fault is quenched by a 3-phase short circuit directly at the main busbar in the feeder circuit. The short response time of ≤ 2 ms after the occurrence of the arc fault cuts off its power supply at the onset and thereby limits its destructive force. Rated impulse-withstand voltage U_{imp} : 8 kV
Rated insulation voltage U_i : 1,000 V
Rated operational voltage: 690 V / AC
Overvoltage category/degree of pollution: III / 3
Rated short-time withstand current I_{cw} :
85 kA / 1 s
105 kA / 500 ms
150 kA / 200 ms
same as make/part no: Eaton / ARC-AT-B (ARC-AT-T) or equivalent.