THE Safe Solution for Your DC-Link



World's First Capacitor with Ultra-Low Inductance AND Overpressure Protection



Dielectric Failure of Polypropylene Capacitors

Dielectric failure

- local short circuit
- usually with very low current

Temperature rise

- local event
- early detection by punctual temperature sensors very difficult

Pyrolysis

- electrochemical reaction based on voltage *and* temperature
- PP-film turns into organic gases

Pressure Rise

- acts at any spot within the case
- case may crack or burst at weakest spot and release the organic gases

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Capacitor risk in high power converters



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Explosion of

Destruction of

or injury

entire converter

collateral damage

accumulated gas

Safety Requirements for Cylindrical DC Capacitors

- **1. No technical or mechanical compromise** with regard to installation, inductance, clearances, type of connection
- 2. Detect **every** failure
- 3. Stop the failure in time
- 4. Prevent collateral damage (fire, explosions, damaged busbars)
- 5. Identification and selective replacement of the failed unit

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Known safety concepts for cylindrical capacitors

Concept	Current fuse	Segmented film	Sensors/Transmitters	Break action mechanism
Function principle	Overcurrent	Overvoltage	Temperature	Overpressure
disconnection	external	none; loss of capacitance	external	autonomous
Compatibility with LI sandwich bus bars	Cannot be integrated into low induct. circuit	Yes	Yes	Expansion of case impossible
Capacitor inductance	Low	Low	Low	High
Surge current strength	High	High	High	Low
reliability	sufficient fault current impossible due to high resistance of metallisation	segments do not act well at high temperatures; no response if no overvoltage	equal spread of overtemperature not guaranteed in plastic film capacitors	Very high, but only if expansion of case is possible



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Very Low Inductance And Series Resistance

Ideal for HF DC Links

Examples

- 182µF 1800VDC, 116 x 126mm
 - L_e **10 nH**
 - R_s 0.35 mΩ
 - I_{max (permanent)} 90A
- 1980µF 1000VDC, 116 x 282mm
 - L_e **22 nH**
 - $R_s 0.41 m\Omega$
 - I_{max (permanent)} 120A

Design W4, 4 Terminals





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Mesis™

The only solution that reliably detects a failure of low-inductive power capacitors, evaluates them and enables immediate shutdown.

Individual Safety Device



Pressure Driven Mechanical Interruption of Control Circuit



Outer dimensions remain stable.



Permanent Monitoring

Suitable for control voltages up to 400 V rms or 24 VDC.

The control circuit can be looped through several units.

To prevent further escalation of the fault, the signal can (and must) be used for immediate shut-down of the affected circuit.



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Assembly

The studs at the base of the can may be used for fixing the capacitors by starlock washers. Alternatively, fixation can be made by brackets or lateral holders.





(Courtesy of GvA Mannheim)





Full Metal Case Against Humidity and Pollution



- Tested 1000 hours @U_N with 85°C and 85%RH
- Climatic class C/TX
- Operation at -50°C ... +85°C
- Operation possible under insulation oil (e.g. MIDEL)
- Designed to fulfill EN 45545 (parts 2/3)



Wide Variety of Ratings

Voltage ratings

- 700 ... 2450 VDC
- ... 4000 VDC on request
- ... 1100 V_{ripple} (pk-pk)

Design life: 200,000 hrs FIT rating: 100

(@U_N, 100,000 hrs, O_{HOTSPOT} 70°C)





Design Options

Design W6 with 2 terminals and Mesis™ protection



 $\begin{array}{c} 182 \mu F \; 1800 VDC, \; 116 \; x \; 126 mm \\ L_{e} \; 25 \; nH \\ R_{S} \; 0.47 \; m\Omega \\ I_{max \; (permanent)} \; 80A \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{c} 1980 \mu F \ 1000 VDC, \ 116 \ x \ 282 mm \\ L_e \ 50 \ nH \\ R_S \ 0.59 \ m\Omega \\ I_{max \ (permanent)} \ 120 A \end{array}$

Type range E66 with designs W4/W6 and M12 mounting stud (without Mesis™ protection)



 $\begin{array}{c} 230 \mu F \ 2000 VDC, \ 116 \ x \ 169 mm \\ L_{e} \ 15 \ nH \\ R_{S} \ 0.55 \ m\Omega \\ I_{max \ (permanent)} \ 90A \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{c} 1470 \mu F \ 1100 VDC, \ 116 \ x \ 275 mm \\ L_{e} \ 22 \ nH \\ R_{S} \ 0.43 \ m\Omega \\ I_{max \ (permanent)} \ 120A \end{array}$

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Summary: Your Benefits

- Get instant information and safety response in a fault event.
- Substitute box capacitors by protected, paralleled cylindrical units with sandwich bus bar connection:
 - **Minimized inductance** in your DC link.
 - Reduced power losses by **optimized series resistance**.
 - Enhanced thermal balance by superior heat dissipation and surface of aluminium cylinders.
 - Increased rms and surge current strength.
 - Protection against **climatic** and other environmental **stress**.
 - Weight reduction.

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