

# Trends and New Products in Capacitors

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# Capacitors on the Power System

- Power Capacitors are the simplest and lowest cost source of leading vars.
- Modern All-Film Power Capacitors are virtually maintenance free.
- Most installations on the distribution system



# Why on the Distribution System?

- Vars are Required by Loads
  - Nearly All Loads are on Distribution System
- Vars have Two Sources:
  - Generators
  - Capacitors
- Capacitors Supply Local Support that Relieve Duty on the Distribution, Transmission, and Generation Systems.

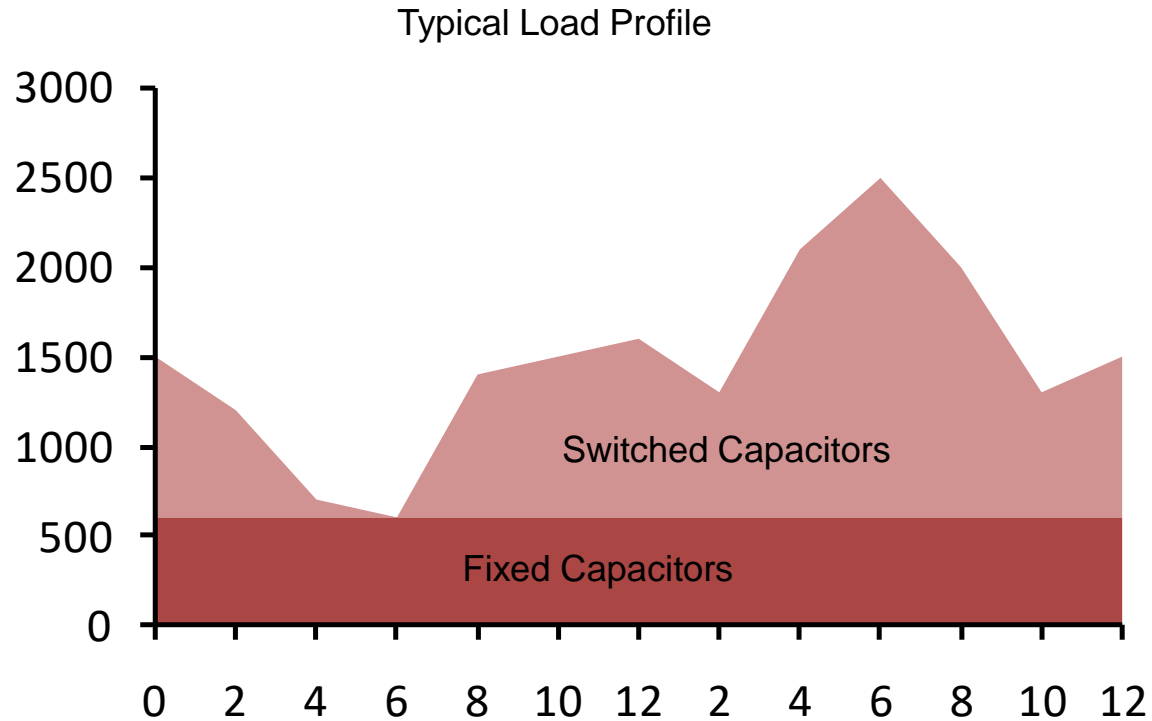


Capacitor banks on the  
Distribution System are the  
most **Economical** and most  
**Efficient** source of Vars

# Why on the Distribution System?

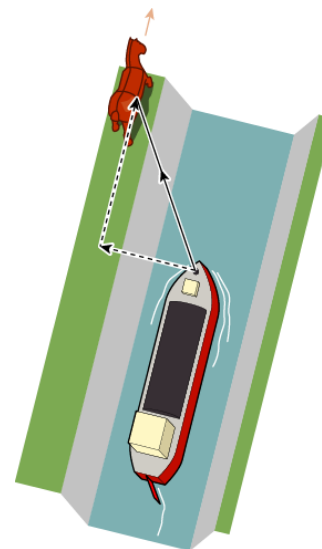
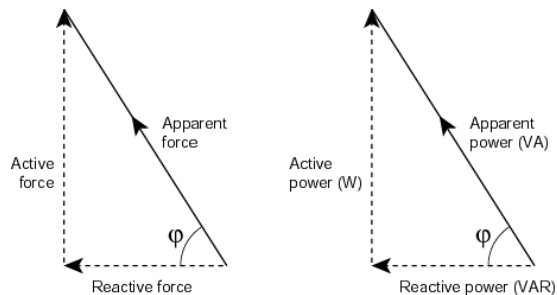
- Shunt capacitor should be installed on the system as near as possible to the load where the Vars are needed.
- Approximately 75% of the Var requirements for the complete system comes from the consumer's load.
- The remaining 25% is needed to supply the var requirements of the power system itself.
- A common practice in the United States is to install sufficient unswitched capacitors in pole-top installations. on distribution feeders to correct the light-load power factor to unity or slightly leading. Install fixed banks to support 2/3 of the base load and the other 1/3 as switched.

# Load Profile



# Horse & Boat Example

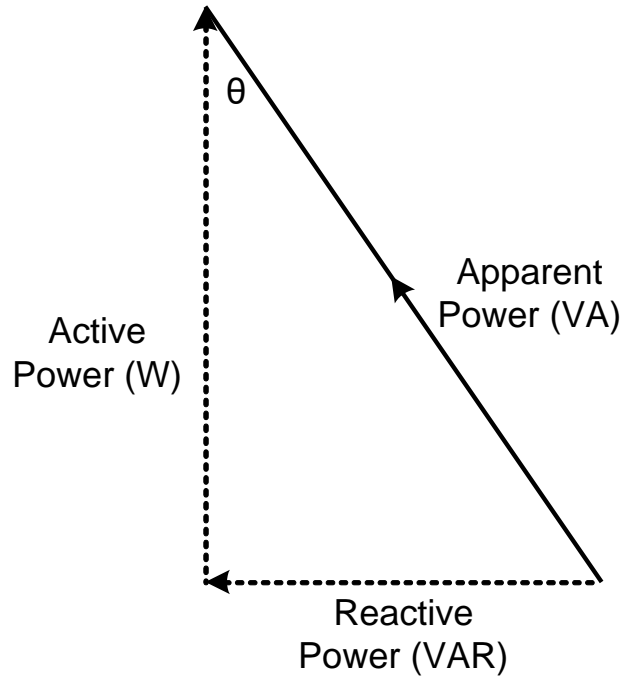
- The fact that the horse is not walking straight in front of the boat, does not influence the work it has to do to pull the boat. But without compensation by the rudder, the boat will be pulled towards the bank of the canal.
- Consequences:
  - The fact that the rope is pulling at the flank of the horse and not straight behind it, limits the horse's capacity to deliver work
  - The turned rudder leads to extra losses



## “Volts-Amps-Reactive” aka: “VAR”

- Reactive Power (VAR) is needed to provide rotational magnetism in motors, but does not actually provide Active Power (Watts)
- Reactive Power adds to the total Apparent Power (VA) that must be supplied by generators (flank offset) and creates excess losses in power lines and transformers (rudder drag)
- Instead of drawing VARs from the generator through the lines and transformer, capacitors can provide VARs locally (balancing force right at front of ship)

# Power Factor



Power Factor = Cosine  $\theta$

$$\text{Power Factor} = \frac{\text{Active Power}}{\text{Apparent Power}}$$



# Typical Loads

LOAD	TYPICAL PF
Incandescent Lamps	1.0
Fluorescent	0.95 - 0.97
Synchronous Motors	1.0 to 0.80 Leading
Squirrel Cage Motors	0.75 - 0.90
Induction Motors	0.55 - 0.85
Arc Furnace	0.65 - 0.70
Power Converter	0.50 - 0.90

# Product Line Introduction



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# Emerald Road Facility – Greenwood, SC



Internally fused capacitor units



Unfused capacitor units



Capacitor switches



Metal-enclosed capacitor banks



Mobile capacitor banks



Open air capacitor banks



Pole-mounted capacitor banks



Special capacitor applications



CM52 advanced deadfront network protector



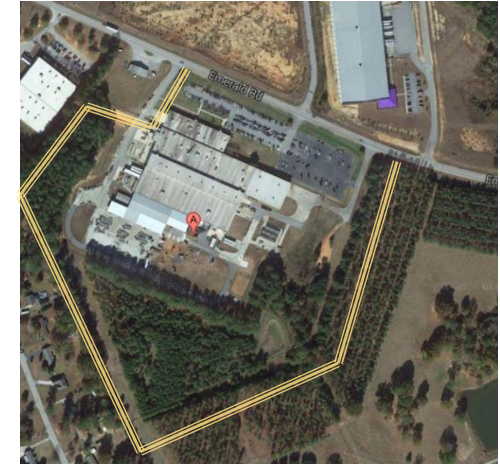
VisoVac customized solutions fault interrupter



VisoVac padmount fault interrupter



Legacy network protectors



1520 Emerald Road, Greenwood, SC 29649 USA.

- Plant Constructed in 1972
- Production started in 1973 as part of McGraw-Edison.
- Transitions to Cooper Power Systems in 1985.
- Merged with Eaton Corporation in 2012, Network Protector Integration in 2013.
  
- 216,000 ft<sup>2</sup> on 35 Acre Site.
- 250+ Employees
- ISO 9001 Compliant Facility

# Primary Components



Capacitor Units

- Internally Fused
- Unfused (Standard, Heavy, Extreme Duties)



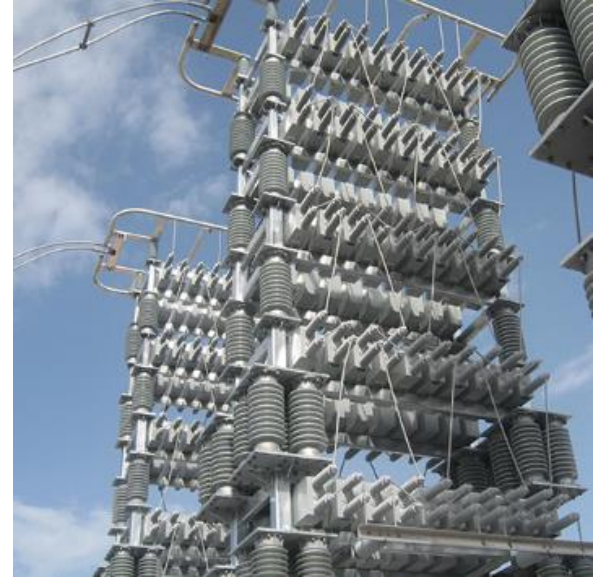
Capacitor Switches

- ECS & TriSync – Vacuum
- NR – Oil

# Capacitor Banks Types



Pole-Mounted Capacitor Banks



Open Air Capacitor Banks

# Capacitor Banks Types (Cont.)



Metal Enclosed Capacitor  
Banks



Mobile Capacitor Banks

# Capacitor Unit Overview

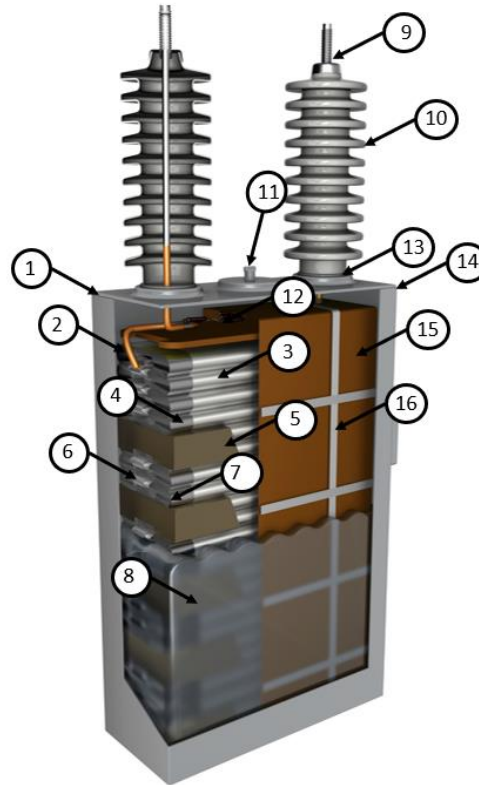


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# Capacitor Unit – Construction Overview

1. Stainless-steel tank
2. Continuous lead wire
3. Surface-altered film
4. Extended-foil Construction
5. Internal separation
6. Mechanical crimp
7. Laser cut edge
8. Dielectric fluid / impregnation

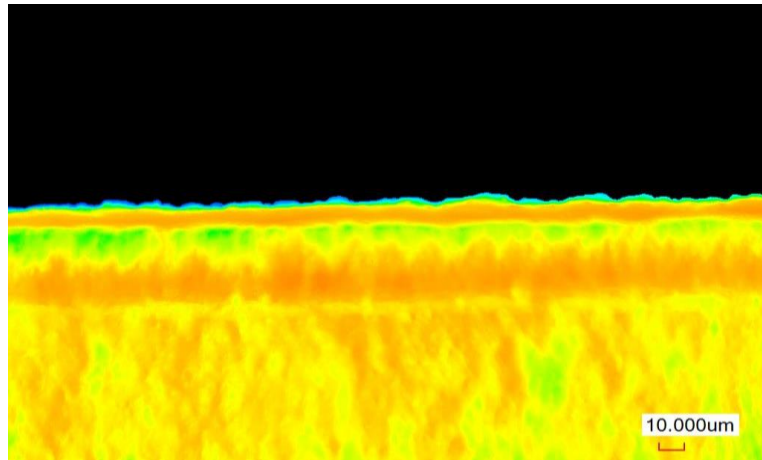


9. Terminal cap
10. Porcelain bushings
11. Impregnation fill tube
12. Discharge resistors
13. CapSeal™ bushing bond
14. MIG seam weld
15. Major insulation
16. Composite banding

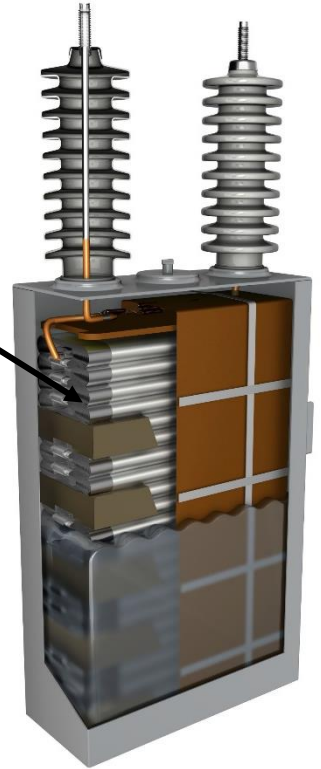


# 7) Laser Cut Foil

Grants **superior DIV (Discharge Inception Voltage) characteristics** under all operating conditions. Allows for reduced size, lower fluid content and lighter weight designs.



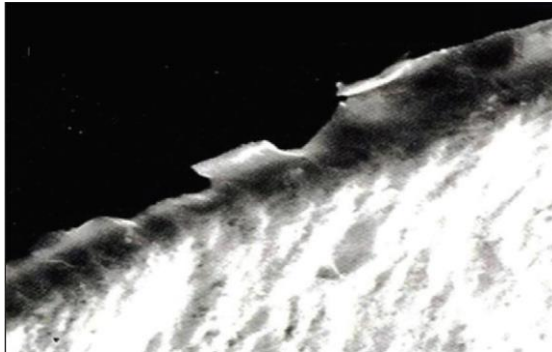
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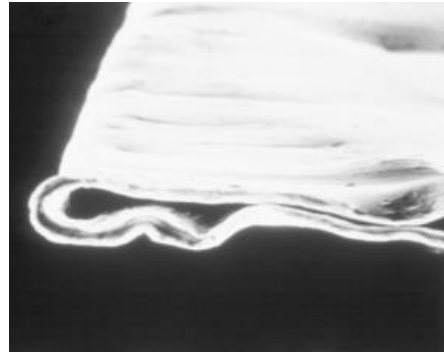
# Foil Edge Treatment

Significantly increased Discharge Inception Voltage (DIV) to the highest design margin in the industry.

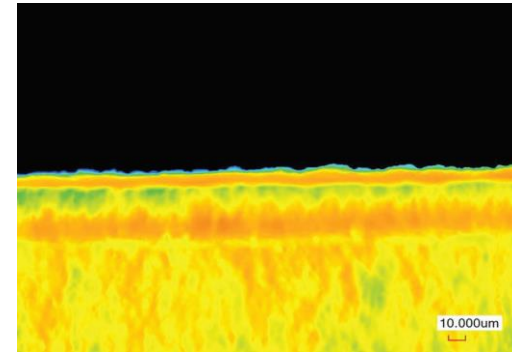
## Mechanically Slit



## Folded Foil



## Laser Cut



White Paper WP230002EN  
COOPER POWER SERIES

Capacitor element technology:  
Improving system reliability  
and performance

### Introduction

Capacitor system design and development require the highest level of manufacturing and design excellence. Based on these considerations, the design team selected the Cooper Power Series capacitor element technology offering leading performance, reliability, and safety advantages over other capacitor element technologies.

### Connection overview

High voltage capacitor elements are manufactured from foil of various thicknesses connected together in a "series" or "parallel" configuration. These elements have electrical and mechanical properties that are critical to the overall performance and reliability of the capacitor.

The design, construction and assembly of these capacitor elements are critical to the overall performance and reliability of the capacitor. This design has several benefits over other capacitor element technologies, including:

### Discharge Inception Voltage (DIV)

A key measure of quality for a capacitor element is its Discharge Inception Voltage (DIV). This is the voltage at which a discharge begins to form on the surface of the capacitor element. The higher the DIV, the more reliable the capacitor element is.

### Space or stacking factor of solid dielectrics

Space or stacking factor of solid dielectrics is a measure of the efficiency of a capacitor element. It is the ratio of the volume of the dielectric to the total volume of the capacitor element. A higher space or stacking factor indicates a more efficient capacitor element.

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[White Paper Link](#)  
Summarizing element  
technology and  
techniques.



# One vs Two Bushing Capacitor

One bushing capacitors may be used when connecting terminals to a **common node**.

Example:  
Grounded  
Wye  
Distribution  
Racks



Two bushing capacitors must be used for all other applications.

Example:  
Fuseless  
Capacitor  
Banks

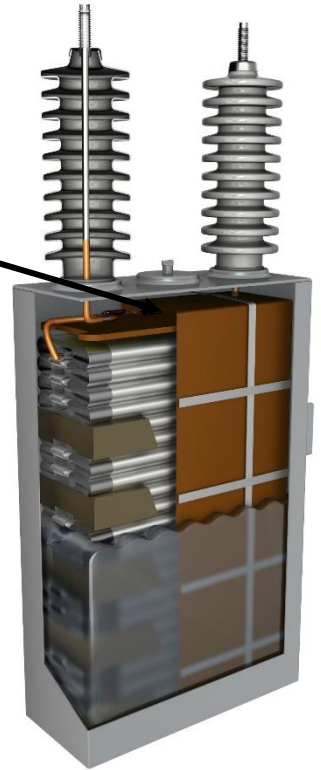


# 12) Discharge Resistors

Lathe-trimmed, thick film resistive elements on high-durability ceramic cores assure long mechanical and electrical life. Used to safely dissipate stored energy prior to maintenance actions.



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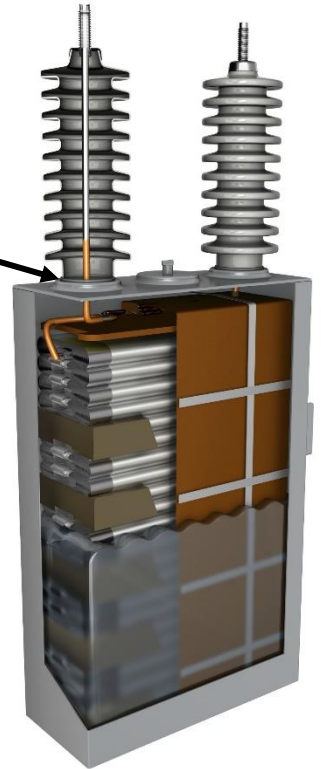


# 13) CapSeal™ Bushing Bonding

Patented molecularly bonded bushing at terminal caps and tank cover assure leak-free hermetic seal without the need for a gasket by means of an adhesive bonding. A revolutionary technique provides improved durability and process control.



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# Duty Comparison

	Standard Duty (SD)	Heavy Duty (HD)	Extreme Duty - Cold (XDC)	Extreme Duty - Base (XDB)	Extreme Duty - Hot (XDH)
Maximum Fault Current (kA)	10	10	15	15	15
Upper Ambient (°C)	55	55	40	55	75
Lower Ambient (°C)	-40	-40	-50	-40	0
Continuous RMS Overvoltage	110% rated	125% rated	125% rated	125% rated	125% rated
Peak Overvoltage	120% rated	135% rated	135% rated	135% rated	135% rated
Performance testing Std 18-2012	N/A	meets @ -40°C	meets @ -50°C	meets @ -40°C	meets @ 0°C

- *Note – Wildfire Mitigation is a unit upgrade that can be applied to any duty rating. This addition will increase the maximum fault current to 20kA, all remaining ratings are unchanged.*

# Extreme Duty Capacitor Product Breath



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# Extreme-duty Evolution

Extreme-duty design has been optimized for application needs. Remaining product ratings are unchanged.

## Extreme-duty Cold (XDC type)

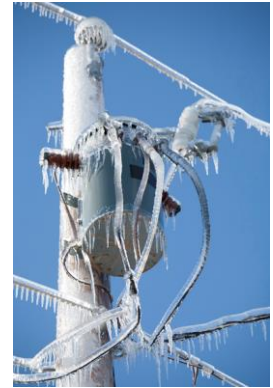
- Ambient Operating Temperature – **-50°C to +40°C**

## Extreme-duty Base (XDB type)

- Ambient Operating Temperature – **-40°C to +55°C**
  - Consistent with SD and HD products

## Extreme-duty Hot (XDH type)

- Ambient Operating Temperature – **0°C to +75°C**





# Extreme-Duty Hot (XDH) – Product Overview



Extreme-Duty Hot (XDH) Capacitor Units are designed for ambient temperature applications up to **75°C**.

Legacy capacitor unit designs are designed to IEEE 55°C. Which historically have required customers in high heat application to oversize banks and derate product, or design large & costly cooling systems.

High Ambient Units follow legacy build techniques utilized in Extreme Duty (XD) designs, additional design optimization including:

- Proprietary material changes including thickness and composition
- Packing optimization to control losses as related to unit surface area
- High current terminal caps for lower temperature rise implications
- Larger gauge or double lead wires to run cooler.



Validation testing currently underway IEC 60871-2:2014 Aging Test at 75°C Ambient

# Wildfire Mitigation



Wildfire Mitigation designs offer the highest level of protection and lowest fire risk available in the industry.

Wildfire Mitigation upgrades are available with all Eaton capacitor unit duty offering.

These units are designed for application in remote areas where maintenance is challenge or areas with higher risk of fire events.

Each unit construction includes feature making their designs the most robust available, resulting in a maximum fault current of 20 kA.

## Unit Features Include

- Increase in bushing creepage
- Double mechanical crimps
- Oversized terminal leads
- Increase in enclosure thickness
- CapSeal epoxy bushing bonding
- Increase in major insulation layers

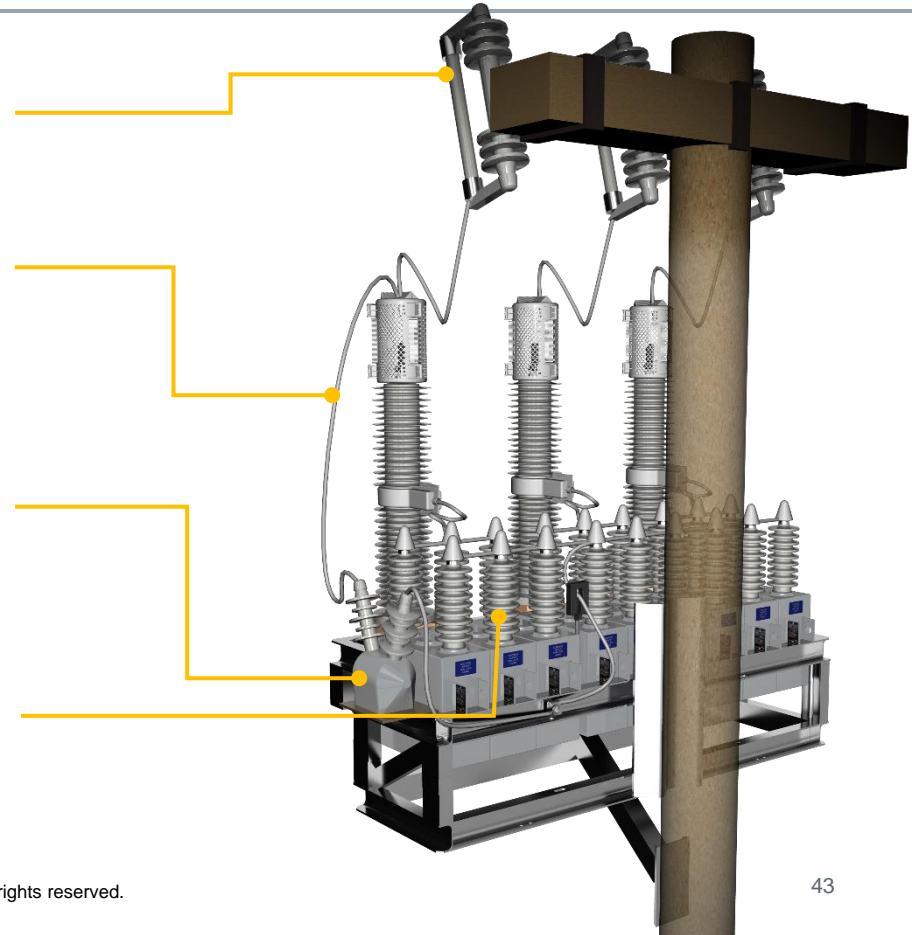
# Wildfire Mitigation Pole Mounted Bank Design

**Current Limiting Fuse** – Protects the bank from overloads and secondary fault events. Features current limiting line protection with no gas, sparks or debris emitted during fuse operation.

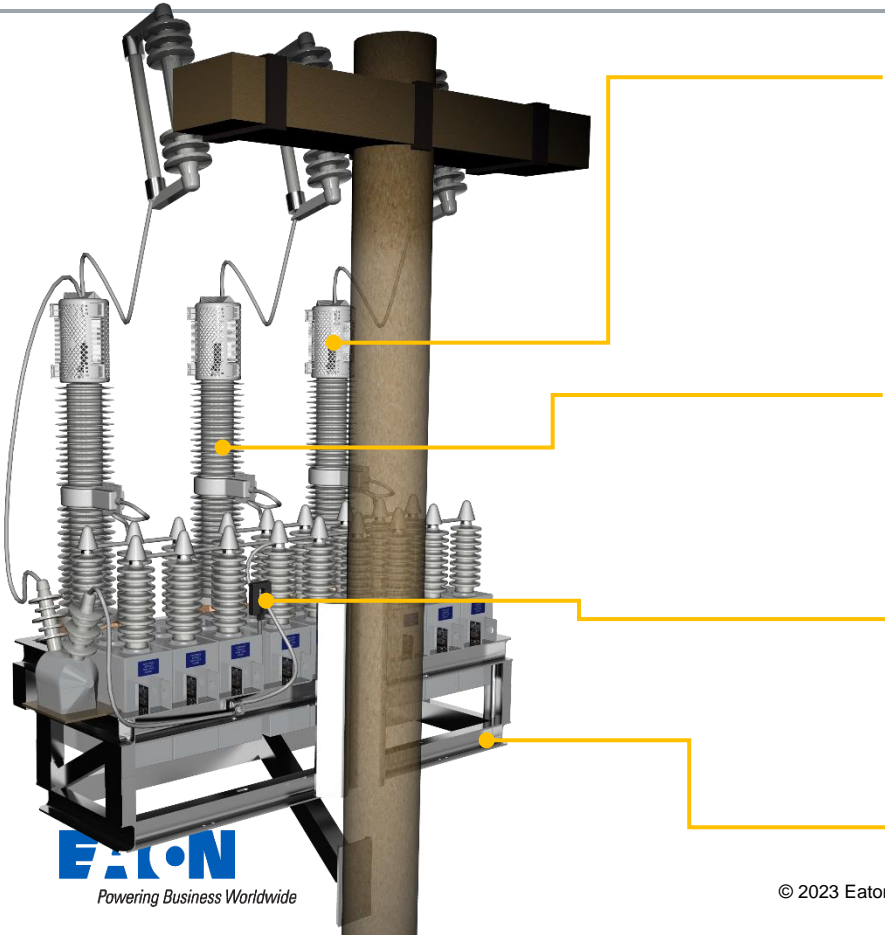
**Wire Insulation** – All wiring features increased wire gauge size to run cooler and protective sleeving/insulation to prevent the risk of a shorting event.

**Dry Type Transformer** – Utilizes an oil free design with low maintenance and increased application life. Prevent risk of leaking oil and fluid ignition failures.

**Wildfire Mitigation Capacitor Units** – Available in QTY 3, 6, 9 and 12 unit banks. Each unit features the performance and design benefits described previously.



# Wildfire Mitigation – Unit Construction



**Wildlife Protection** – All wire terminations points include guards and covers to reduce potential animal caused failure modes – nesting, ingesting materials, direct contact shorts, etc. Design are compliant with IEEE Std. 1656.

**Vacuum Capacitor Switch** – 3 phase TriSync switch (shown) or 1 phase Edison Capacitor Switch (ECS). Each phase utilizes a single vacuum bottle with permanent magnet solenoid mechanism. No maintenance required, and no risk of oil leaking.

**Neutral Sensor** – Used to measure imbalance between bank phases. This allows for repeatable monitoring of capacitor units' heat and proactive maintenance options.

**Light Weight Frame** – Constructed of high strength 6061-T6 aluminum alloy. Frame is free standing, with integrated lifting and mounting provisions for rapid installation.

# Capacitor Switch Overview



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# Capacitor Switches

## Configurations:

Oil - NR Switch 1 $\phi$

Vacuum – Edison Capacitor Switch (ECS) 1 $\phi$

Vacuum – TriSync™ Capacitor Switch (ECS) 3 $\phi$

3 $\phi$  Zero-Voltage Closing (ZVC) control

## Applications:

Open Air Substation Capacitor Banks

Pole Mounted Racks

Metal-Enclosed Capacitor Banks

Mobile Capacitor Banks

Distribution Capacitor Switching – IVVC/CVR

Other 200 A & 400 A Load Switching



# NR Oil Capacitor Switch – Single Phase

Voltage Rating:

15 kV

25 kV

BIL Ratings:

95 kV

125 kV

Continuous Current Rating:

200 A (15 kV)

60 A (25 kV)



Features:

- Motor Operated
- 120/240Vac Control Voltage
- Visual Position Indicator
- 5 & 6 Pin Receptacle Options



# Edison Capacitor Switch (ECS) – Single Phase

## Voltage Rating:

15 kV    25 kV

38 kV

## BIL Ratings:

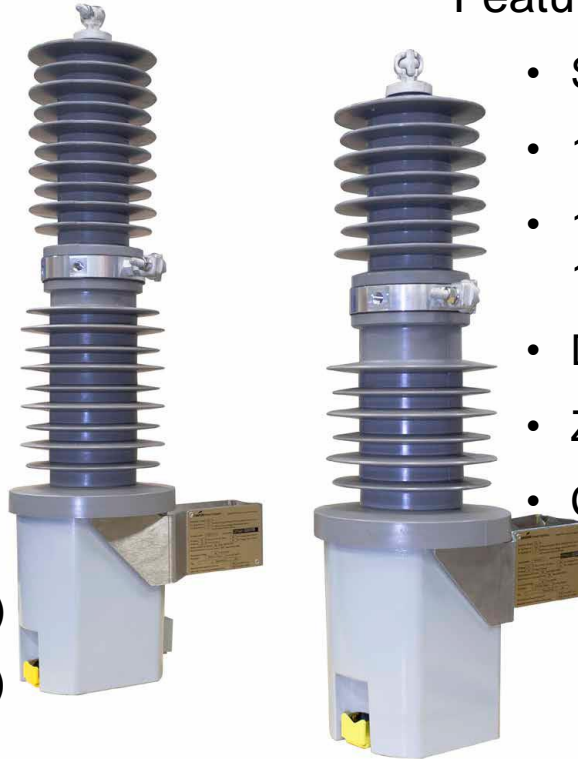
95 kV    125 kV

150 kV    200 kV

## Continuous Current Rating:

200 A (15.6 kV & 25 kV)

400 A (15.6 kV & 38 kV)



## Features:

- Solenoid Operated
- 120/240Vac Control Voltage
- 110Vdc, 115Vdc, 120Vdc, 125Vdc, 135Vdc
- DC Pulse
- Zero Voltage Closing Capable
- C2 Restrike Class



# TriSync™ Capacitor Switch – Three Phase

## Voltage Rating:

15 kV      25 kV

38 kV

## BIL Ratings:

110 kV      150 kV

200 kV

## Continuous Current Rating:

200 A (15.6 kV & 25 kV)

400 A (15.6 kV & 38 kV)



## Features:

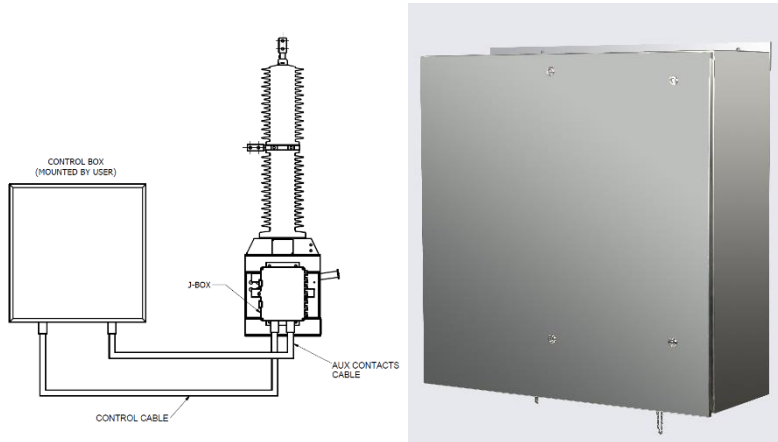
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- 110Vdc, 115Vdc, 120Vdc, 125Vdc, 135Vdc
- DC Pulse
- Zero Voltage Closing Capable
- C2 Restrike Class
- 50,000 Operations
- Mechanical Gang Open
- External Control Box for Control and Aux Connections

# TriSync™ Control Box



TriSync Control Box houses the switch control modules and is available with a variety of controller options including Cooper Power Systems CBC-8000, jaw mount provision for off the shelf capacitor control, and Valquest Z-Cap control for use in ZVC applications.

- Box allows customer to mount in convenient accessible locations for easy operation and maintenance.
- Cables are available in variety of lengths with male and female connectors for quick installation.
- 12 pin receptacle is used for power and functional operation
- 10 pin receptacle for use in switching auxiliary equipment.



# Capacitor Switch Recovery and Restrike

Pole Discrepancy	Recovery Voltage (p.u.)
≤ 90 electrical degrees (Simultaneous operation)	2.5
Both of the other 2 poles delay opening	3.0
One of the other 2 pole delays opening	4.1

Recovery Voltage Across First Pole to Clear

Class	Probability of Restrike	Max Number of Restrikes in 1200 Operations	Classification Description
C2	0.2%	2	“Very low”
C1	2.0%	24	“Low”
C0	>2.0%	≥25	“Moderate” to “high”

Restrike Classification of Capacitor Switches  
Per IEEE Std C37.66™

# Vacuum Switch - Feature Summary

## Direct Drive, Permanent Magnet Solenoid Operated

- Simple, linear drive design
- No cams, linkages, or struts to fail or break
- No electronic circuit boards or relays
- Low control power operating requirements across full temperature range
- Zero Voltage Closing for ambient temperatures ranging from -50C to +60C

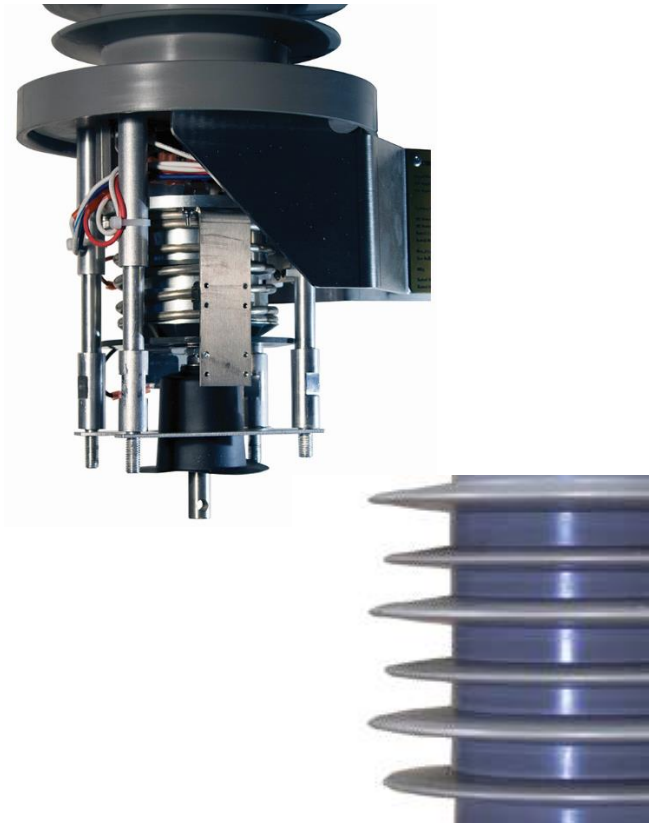
## Superior Hydrophobic Properties with Cycloaliphatic Epoxy Bushings

- Less surface wetting
- Alternating shed design improves flashover performance
- High creep versus porcelain for improved performance in contaminated environments
- Designs per IEC 60815 for “Very High Pollution Severity” class are available



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# Vacuum Switch - Feature Summary (Cont.)

## Vacuum Interrupter

- Field-proven, high quality Eaton® vacuum interrupter
- Specifically designed for capacitor switching
- Fully encapsulated in solid dielectric material for effective heat transfer and maintenance free operation

## FlexConnect™ Patented Terminal Ring Design

- Allows for 360 degree termination of load (in 60 degree increments)
- Eliminates need to break seal in order to rotate switch body to accommodate installation requirements
- Allows for multiple terminals by simply adding another terminal clamp

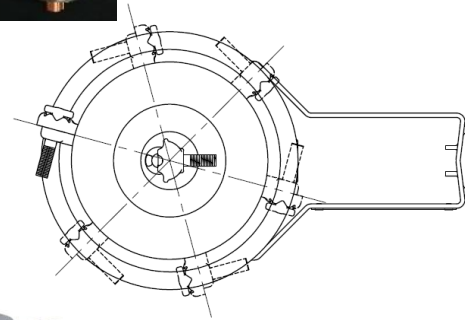
## Non-metal Tank Design

- Fiberglass reinforced polyester
- Prevents corrosion
- Integrated rain shield and hot stick guide for the trip handle



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# Capacitor Switch ANSI/IEEE C37.66 Ratings

## ANSI/IEEE C37.66

Rated Current 200 A to 600 A

Operating Duty Test (1200 operations)

Test voltage:

Simultaneous Opening:  $0.87 \times V_{LLMax}$

Non-simultaneous Opening:  $1.2 \times V_{LLMax}$

Rated Voltage (kV)	BIL (kV) External / Open Gap
15.0	95/95
15.5	95/95
15.5	110/95
15.5	110/110
27.0	125/95
27.0	125/125
27.0	150/125
38.0	150/125
38.0	150/150
38.0	200/150
38.0	200/200