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## Overview



## Photovoltaic systems

(1) DC string circuit breaker
(2) Switch-disconnector
(3) Enclosed switch-disconnector
(4) Fireman's switches
(5) Inverter
(6) Central network and system protection
(7) Electrical grid

A distinction needs to be made between off-grid and gridconnected photovoltaic systems. Grid-connected systems feed the electricity they generate directly into the power grid, which eliminates the need for costly intermediate storage. Such a system consists of solar cells, one or more inverters and a protective device that automatically switches off the system in the event of power issues. As a result, gridconnected photovoltaic systems require the use of highly reliable and safe components.

## DC string circuit breakers

- Protect PV modules from fault currents; in large systems, for example, they prevent backfeeding from intact modules to a module affected by a short circuit.
- After a trip, they can be returned to operation immediately once the cause of the trip has been rectified.
- These open circuit breakers are intended for installation in
customer-specific generator junction boxes.
- A wide range of tripping currents can be selected
- When installed in an enclosure, they are suitable for voltages up to 900 V DC.


## The P-SOL switch-

disconnectors are designed for installation in customer-specific enclosures or inverters.

- Separate rotary handles and shaft extensions allow for flexible installation.
- An auxiliary contact block can be attached to signal the switching state.
- Shunt and undervoltage releases are available for remote tripping.
- As per the VDE 0100-712 standard (June 2006), they need to be installed between the PV module and the inverter.
- Enclosed and open switchdisconnectors (for installation inside an enclosure) are available for voltages up to 1000 V DC
- Can be used as separate switching devices in line with the VDI 6012 guideline, for example to safely de-energize a defective inverter.
- Thanks to two-pole switching, they are also suitable for unearthed systems.


## The SOL switch-disconnectors

 come in enclosures and are immediately ready for installation. Available with two or four strings and MC4 or metric connections, they can be easily integrated into a wide range of systems.- The IP65 enclosure also enables outdoor installation.
- The devices are lockable to ensure safety in the event of an emergency.
- An integrated pressure compensation element prevents condensation, which might otherwise lead to flashover-induced malfunctions.


## Fireman's switches

- Fireman's switches are a type of DC switch-disconnector that isolates the cables between the inverter and the solar modules.
- They thus enable firefighters to extinguish fires safely.
- In addition to the SOL30 Safety switch for small systems, we also offer ready-to-connect fireman's switches in which two, three, four or six switch-disconnectors are combined in a single enclosure.
The individual strings can be fed separately into the inverter,
- which enables the use of multiple MPP trackers and helps to optimize inverter performance.

Central network and system protection (NAS) according to VDE-AR-N 4105 with contactors for the power range from 30 to 130 kVA

- Undervoltage/overvoltage monitoring
- Underfrequency/overfrequency monitoring
- Power quality monitoring (10-minute mean value)
- Vector-shift monitoring can be added
- Single-fault proof
- Self-test
- Default settings according to VDE-AR-N 4105, values can be changed
- Alarm counter, alarm total time
- Sealing option and code protection
- Total switch-off time < 150 ms
- Low internal consumption
- Type-tested
- For all network configurations


## General information

- The optional A-PKZO shunt release or U-PKZO undervoltage release enables remote disconnection, for example in the event of fire.
- The optional NHI-E-PKZO auxiliary contact signals the switching state.


## PKZ-SOL string circuit breaker



The PKZ-SOL string circuit-breakers are a fuseless alternative for protection against short-circuit currents. Thanks to their variable tripping range, they can be optimally adjusted to the actual short-circuit current of the string. The thermal release will already respond if the current is exceeded by a factor of 1.05 to 1.3 , while the magnetic release will trip at six times the current. Open string circuit breakers are designed for installation in customer-specific generator junction boxes.
The optionally available U-PKZO undervoltage release enables remote disconnection, for example in the event
of fire. The attachable NHI-E-PKZO auxiliary contact signals the switching state. String circuit breakers offer a distinct advantage over fuses because they are immediately ready for operation after they have tripped and the cause has been rectified.

In accordance with IEC/EN 60947-2 (section 4.7.3), the setting scale of the circuit breaker only shows the current values of the built-in overload release.

The documentation contains a diagram that explains the exact relationship between the tripping current of the protective device and the short-circuit current of the PV modules.

- Rated operational voltage: 900 V DC
- Rated currents of $12 \mathrm{~A}, 20 \mathrm{~A}$ and 30 A
- Permissible short-circuit currents Isc in the string: from 1.6 A to 22 A



## Facts and figures

|  |  | PKZ-SOL12 |  | PKZ-SOL20 | PKZ-SOL30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rated operational current at DC-21A | ${ }_{\text {e }}$ | A | 12 | 20 | 30 |
| No. of poles |  |  | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Rated operational voltage | $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{e}}$ | V DC | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| Thermal release |  |  | $1.05-1.3 \times \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{e}}$ |  |  |
| Electromagnetic release |  |  | $6 \times 1$ e |  |  |
| Standards and regulations |  |  | IEC/EN 60947 |  |  |
| Weather resistance |  |  | Constant damp Cyclic damp h | in IEC 60068-2 IEC 60068-2-30 |  |
| Ambient temperature range |  |  |  |  |  |
| Open |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -25-60 | -25-60 | -25-60 |
| Installation position |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dimensions |  |  |  |  |  |
| Width |  | mm | 58 | 58 | 58 |
| Height |  | mm | 93 | 93 | 93 |
| Depth |  | mm | 76 | 76 | 76 |
| Mounting type |  |  |  |  |  |
| DIN rail |  |  | 35 mm | 35 mm | 35 mm |
| Screw-mounted |  |  | - | - | - |
| Weight |  | kg | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.32 |
| Terminals |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flexible with ferrule |  | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | $1 \times(1-6)$ | $1 \times(1-6)$ | $1 \times(1-6)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | $2 \times(1-6)$ | $2 \times(1-6)$ | $2 \times(1-6)$ |
| Solid or stranded |  | AWG | 18-14 | 18-14 | 18-14 |
| Internal resistance |  | $\mathrm{m} \Omega$ | 31 | 12 | 7 |


|  | DC string circuit breakers, open <br> Rated operating voltage $\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{e}}=900 \mathrm{VDC}$ <br> Protection class II <br> 2-pole |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 12 | 5-9 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PKZ-SOL12 } \\ & 120937 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 20 | 9-15 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PKZ-SOL2O } \\ & 120938 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 30 | 15-22 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PKZ-SOL30 } \\ & 120939 \end{aligned}$ |



## P-SOL / SOL DC switch-disconnectors

The open P-SOL and the enclosed SOL switch-disconnectors safely switch off DC currents between the PV generator and the inverter in photovoltaic systems. These special devices are highly versatile and cover operating currents of $20 \mathrm{~A}, 30$ A (26A) and 60 A at 1000 V DC.
As no polarity is specified, they can be installed across a wide variety of distribution systems. In addition, switchdisconnectors can also be used as separate switching devices, for example to safely disconnect a defective inverter from the power supply.
Thanks to two-pole switching, they are also suitable for use in unearthed systems. With their pre-wired, out-of-the-box functionality and IP65 enclosure, they are ideal for outdoor use.

## P-SOL DC switch-disconnectors

The open P-SOL switch-disconnectors are designed for installation in customerspecific enclosures or inverters. Separate rotary handles and shaft extensions allow for flexible installation. An auxiliary contact block can be attached to signal the switching state. Shunt and undervoltage release modules are available for remote tripping.

## SOL DC switch-disconnectors

SOL switch-disconnectors are available with two or four strings and two common types of connectors. MC 4 or metric cable glands allow easy integration into various system designs. An integrated pressure compensation element prevents condensation, which might otherwise lead to flashoverinduced malfunctions.

- Rated operational voltage: 1000 V
- Utilization category: DC-21A, DC-PV1, DC-PV2
- P-SOL: operating currents of $20 \mathrm{~A}, 30 \mathrm{~A}(26 \mathrm{~A})$ and 60 A
- SOL: rated operational current le of 20 A or 30 A (26 A)
- Various connector types are available: MC4 or metric cable glands
- Versions with 2, 3 or 4 strings (input) are available
- IP65 degree of protection


## Facts and figures




## Undervoltage release

With internal delay to bridge short-term voltage dips and fluctuations
Screw terminals

| PKZM0, PKZM4, PKZMO-T, PKM0, PKZM01, PKE, P-SOL, PKZ-SOL | P-SOL-XUV(230V50/60HZ,240V50/60HZ) 157859 | 2 units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | P-SOL-XUV(110V50/60HZ,120V50/60HZ) 157860 |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { P-SOL-XUV(24VDC) } \\ & 157861 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |

## SOL30X... PV fireman's switches safety first



PV fireman's switches are a type of DC switch-disconnector that isolates the cables between the inverter and the solar modules. They enable firefighters to extinguish fires safely.
In addition to the SOL30-Safety switch for small systems, we also offer ready-to-connect fireman's switches in which two, three, four or six switchdisconnectors are combined in a single enclosure. In contrast to generator junction boxes, the individual strings are not connected in parallel, but can be separately connected to the inverter This enables the use of multiple MPP trackers and helps to optimize inverter performance. In case of fire or danger,
fireman's switches are switched off by means of undervoltage releases. The undervoltage releases respond with a delay of 600 ms . This makes it possible to bridge more than $93 \%$ of all temporary mains interruptions and voltage drops and thus prevents yield losses due to nuisance tripping.

All fireman's switches are equipped with auxiliary contacts with one normally open and one normally closed contact. The normally closed contacts inside the combination switches are already prewired and mounted on terminal blocks. This means that the switching position of PV fireman's switches can be queried and indicated, for example by means of
an external signal lamp.
Fireman's switches are available with metric cable glands or MC4 sockets. In the case of devices with metric cable glands, all cables connect via terminal blocks. As a result, installing the devices is quick and simple.
The enclosures are IP65 rated and feature a pressure compensation element to prevent condensation inside the enclosure. This makes the Eaton fireman's switches ideally suited for outdoor use, though they should nevertheless be protected against the effects of weather.

For more information, please see the brochure
"Eaton PV fireman's switches - Safety First"


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## Facts and figures



## NAS network and system protection



The compact, plug-and-play network and system protection combinations are suitable for systems from 30 kVA to 130 kVA and come in a plastic housing with IP65 protection. Both series meet the requirements of VDE-AR-N 4105:2018-11.
The devices consist of two contactors connected in series, which are controlled via an NAS protection relay and come pre-wired and mounted in an enclosure. If only one tie breaker is used, the generator system must be switched off via a control line in the event of a fault. No UPS or buffer storage is necessary when using NAS.
The network and system protection combinations must be installed between the inverter and the supply terminal

- Low contactor withstand rating = low energy consumption
- Undervoltage/overvoltage monitoring
- Underfrequency/overfrequency monitoring
- Power quality monitoring
(10-minute mean value)
- Vector-shift monitoring can be added
- Single-fault proof
- Default settings according to VDE-AR-N 4105:2018-11, values can be changed



## Facts and figures

| NAS protection combination (IP 65 degree of protection) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type designation |  | NAS63-CI-1 | NAS80-CI-1 | NAS125-CI-1-K95 | NAS160-CI-1-K95 |
| Article no. |  | 168106 | 168107 | 168110 | 168111 |
| Rated power | kVA | 43 | 55 | 86 | 100 |
| Rated operational voltage | V | 230/400 |  |  |  |
| Rated current AC-1 | A | 63 | 80 | 125 | 160 |
| Pick-up power consumption |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring relay | VA | 5 |  | 5 |  |
| Contactor | VA | 90 |  | 360 |  |
| Holding power consumption |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring relay | W | 5 |  | 5 |  |
| Contactor | VA/W | 3/3 |  | 6.2/4.2 |  |
| Internal power consumption | kWh/a | 70 |  | 98 |  |
| Total switch-off time (including NAS protection relay) | ms | < 150 |  |  |  |
| Permissible ambient temperature range | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $-20 \ldots+40$ |  |  |  |
| Duty cycle | \% duty cycle | 100 |  |  |  |
| Max. terminal capacity |  | Contactors |  | Terminals |  |
| Flexible with ferrule | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | 35 (Cu) |  | 95 (Cu) |  |
| Stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | 50 (Cu) |  | 95 (Cu) |  |
| Sector conductor, solid | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | - |  | 70 (AI) |  |
| Sector conductor, stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | - |  | 95 (Cu) |  |
| PE terminals |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flexible with ferrule | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | 50 (Cu) |  | 95 (Cu) |  |
| Stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | 50 (Cu) |  | 95 (Cu) |  |
| Sector conductor, solid | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | - |  | 70 (AI) |  |
| Sector conductor, stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | - |  | 95 (Cu) |  |
| NAS protection relay |  | With integrated UFR1001E (manufactured by ZIEHL) |  |  |  |
| Tie breaker |  |  |  |  |  |
| Type |  | 4-pole contactors |  |  |  |
| Type designation |  | DILMP63 (RAC240) | DILMP80 (RAC240) | DILMP125 (RAC240) | DILMP160 (RAC240) |
| Article no. |  | 167512 | 167513 | 109905 | 109915 |
| Making capacity | A | 560 | 700 | 1120 | 1330 |
| Breaking capacity | A | 400 | 500 | 800 | 950 |
| Short-circuit protection | A (gG) | 125 | 160 | 250 | 250 |
| Prospective short-circuit current | kA | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Opening delay | ms | 45 |  | 40 |  |


| Type designation |  | NAS63-CI-2 | NAS80-CI-2 | NAS125-CI-2-K95 | NAS160-Cl-2-K95 | NAS190-CI-2-K150 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Article no. |  | 198273 | 198274 | 198275 | 198276 | 198277 |
| Rated power | kVA | 43 | 55 | 86 | 100 | 130 |
| Rated operational voltage | V |  |  | 230/400 |  |  |
| Rated current AC-1 | A | 63 | 80 | 125 | 160 | 190 |
| Pick-up power consumption |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring relay | VA | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |
| 2 contactors | VA | 45 |  | 180 |  |  |
| Holding power consumption |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring relay | W | 5 |  | 5 |  |  |
| 2 contactors | VA/W | 1.5/1.5 |  | 3.1/2.3 |  |  |
| Internal power consumption | kWh/a | 57 |  | 64 |  |  |
| Total switch-off time (including NAS protection relay) | ms | < 150 |  |  |  |  |
| Permissible ambient temperature range | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $-20 \ldots+40$ |  |  |  |  |
| Duty cycle | \% duty cycle | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Max. terminal capacity |  | Contactors |  | Terminals |  |  |
| Flexible with ferrule | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | 35 (Cu) |  | 95 (Cu) |  | 150 (Cu) |
| Stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | 50 (Cu) |  | 95 (Cu) |  | 150 (Cu) |
| Sector conductor, solid | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | - |  | 70 (AI) |  | 120 (Al) |
| Sector conductor, stranded | $\mathrm{mm}^{2}$ | - |  | 95 (Cu) |  | 150 (Cu) |
| Tie breaker |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Type |  | 4-pole contactors |  |  |  |  |
| Type designation |  | DILMP63 (RAC240) | DILMP80 (RAC240) | DILMP125 (RAC240) | DILMP160 (RAC240) | DILMP200 (RAC240) |
| Article no. |  | 167512 | 167513 | 109905 | 109915 | 109925 |
| Making capacity | A | 560 | 700 | 1120 | 1330 | 1800 |
| Breaking capacity | A | 400 | 500 | 800 | 950 | 1150 |
| Short-circuit protection | A (gG) | 125 | 160 | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| Prospective short-circuit current | kA | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Opening delay | ms | 45 |  | 40 |  | 41 |

## NAS circuit breakers from 14 to 866 kVA



## With energy-saving technology

## Proven circuit breakers for large systems: 3- and 4-pole tie breakers with remote operator (20 to 1,250 A)

Users can assemble a tie breaker from a circuit breaker or a switchdisconnector with remote operator. In addition, an undervoltage release, an auxiliary contactor and a NAS protection relay are also required. With a short-circuit breaking capacity of 50 kA , this combination can be
used to supply mains with up to $2 \times$ $1,000 \mathrm{kVA}$ of transformer power. If switch-disconnectors are used, a fuse is required for upstream short-circuit protection. Thanks to their low-loss remote operators and undervoltage releases with less than 3.6 VA holding power, both switch types are ideal for
use in high-efficiency systems. And thanks to their compact, space-saving design, they can be mounted side by side or on top of one another, depending on the application. For easy connection, we offer a wide range of accessories with box and control-circuit terminals.

Block diagram with ZIEHL type UFR1001E NAS protection relay for all switch-disconnector/ circuit-breaker versions with remote operator and undervoltage release


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## Facts and figures



Notes


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[^0]:    Single-fault proof, also monitors the connected tie breakers (this function can be switched off)
    *1) Feedback contacts are not connected: trEL -> set ZIEHL relay UFR1001E to OFF
    *2) Alternatively, normally open contacts can also be used; automatic detection via ZIEHL relay UFR1001E
    *3) In the case of short-circuit-proof wiring (max. 3 m ), circuit breakers can be omitted.

