Film Capacitors – Power Factor Correction

DeltaCap capacitors

Series/Type: **B32300A / MKDxxx-I**
Ordering code: **B32300A****A***

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Construction

- Dielectric: Polypropylene film
- Non-PCB, Semi-dry biodegradable resin
- Extruded round aluminium can with stud
- Degree of protection: IP00 (optionally IP54 with terminal cover; additional cable gland at cable entry required)

Features

- Single-phase, provided with discharge resistors
- Double safety system:
  overpressure disconnector,
  - self-healing technology
- Naturally air cooled (or forced air cooling)
- Indoor mounting

Typical applications

- For Power Factor Correction

Terminals

- Brass fast-on terminals 6.35 x 0.8 mm

Mounting

- Threaded stud at bottom of can
  (max. torque for M12 = 10 Nm)

Technical data and specifications

Characteristics	
Rated capacitance C_R	According to specification table
Tolerance	–5 / +10%
Rated voltage V_R	According to specification table
Rated frequency f_R	50 and 60 Hz
Output	According to specification table
Rated current I_R	According to specification table

Maximum ratings	
V_{max}	V_R + 10 % (up to 8 h daily) / V_R + 15 % (up to 30 min daily) / V_R + 20 % (up to 5 min daily) / V_R + 30 % (up to 1 min daily)
I_{max}	Up to 1.3 • I_R (up to 1.5• I_R including combined effects of harmonics, overvoltages and capacitance tolerance)
I_S	Up to 200 • I_R (A)
*Power dissipation	≤ 0.2 W/kvar (dielectric) and ≤ 0.45 W / kvar (total)

* Without discharge resistor

Test data	
V_{TT}	2.15 • V_R during 2 s
V_{TC}	3000 V AC / 50 Hz during 10 s
*tan δ (50 Hz)	≤ $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$

* Without discharge resistor

Climatic category –40/D	
T_{min}	–40 ºC
T_{max}	+55 ºC
Storage temperature	-40℃ … +85℃
$T_{max\ Hotspot}$	+85 ºC
Humidity	Av. rel. < 95%
Degree of protection	IP00 (optionally IP54 with terminal cover; additional cable gland at cable entry required)
Maximum altitude	4000 m

Mean life expectancy	
t_{LD}	Up to 135 000 hours at temperature class -40/C Up to 100 000 hours at temperature class -40/D
Max. 5000 switchings per year acc. to IEC 60831	

Design data	
Dimensions (d × h)	According to specification table
Weight approx	According to specification table
Impregnation	Non PCB, resin filling: soft polyurethane resin
Fixing	Threaded bolt M12
Max. torque (Al can stud)	10 Nm
Mounting position	Only in the vertical position. See “Maintenance and Installation Manual” for further details.

Terminals	
Protection degree	IP00 (optional IP54 with plastic terminal cap, additional cable gland at cable entry required).
Maximum terminal current	15 A
Creepage distance (min)	12.7 mm
Clearance (min)	9.6 mm

Safety	
Mechanical safety	Overpressure disconnector
Max. short circuit current	(AFC: 10 kA according UL 810 standard)
Discharge resistor time	≤ 60 s to 75 V or less

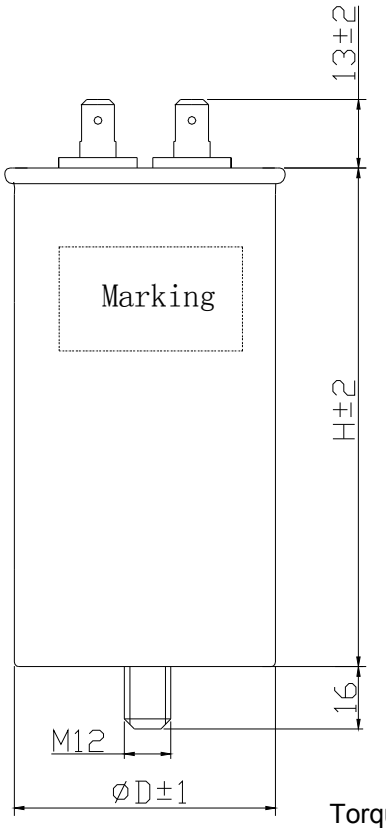
Reference standards
IEC 60831–1/2, UL 810-5th edition

Label design

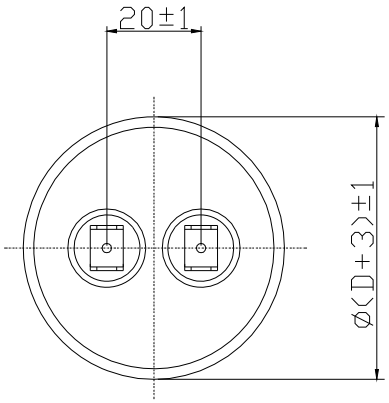
Specification table

Type	50 Hz		60 Hz		C_R	d × h	Weight	Ordering code	Packing unit
	Output kvar	I_R A	Output kvar	I_R A	µF	mm	kg		pcs
Rated voltage 230 V AC, 50/60 Hz, single phase									
MKD230-I-0.8	0.8	3.5	1.0	4.2	48	63.5 x 62.5	0.3	B32300A2002A830	12
MKD230-I-1.7	1.7	7.4	2.0	8.9	102	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A2012A730	12
MKD230-I-2.5	2.5	10.9	3.0	13.1	151	63.5 x 125	0.5	B32300A2022A530	12
Rated voltage 400 V AC, 50/60 Hz, single phase									
MKD400-I-0.8	0.8	2.0	1.0	2.4	16	50 x 62.5	0.2	B32300A4002A800	50
MKD400-I-1.7	1.7	4.3	2.0	5.2	34	63.5 x 62.5	0.3	B32300A4012A700	12
MKD400-I-2.5	2.5	6.3	3.0	7.6	50	63.5 x 75	0.3	B32300A4022A500	12
MKD400-I-3.3	3.3	8.3	4.0	10.0	66	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4032A300	12
MKD400-I-4.2	4.2	10.5	5.0	12.6	84	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4051A000	12
MKD400-I-5.0	5.0	12.5	6.0	15.0	100	63.5 x 125	0.5	B32300A4052A000	12
Rated voltage 415 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection									
MKD415-I-0.8	0.8	1.9	1.0	2.3	15	50 x 62.5	0.2	B32300A4082A310	50
MKD415-I-1.7	1.7	4.0	2.0	4.8	31	63.5 x 75	0.3	B32300A4012A710	12
MKD415-I-2.5	2.5	6.0	3.0	7.2	46	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4022A510	12
MKD415-I-3.3	3.3	8.0	4.0	9.6	61	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4032A310	12
MKD415-I-5.0	5.0	12.0	6.0	14.4	92	63.5 x 135	0.6	B32300A4052A010	12
Rated voltage 440 V AC, 50/60 Hz, single phase									
MKD440-I-0.7	0.7	1.6	0.8	1.9	12	50 x 62.5	0.2	B32300A4001A840	50
MKD440-I-1.4	1.4	3.2	1.7	3.8	23	63.5 x 62.5	0.3	B32300A4011A740	12
MKD440-I-2.1	2.1	4.8	2.5	5.8	35	63.5 x 75	0.3	B32300A4021A540	12
MKD440-I-2.8	2.8	6.4	3.4	7.7	46	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4031A340	12
MKD440-I-3.3	3.3	7.5	4.0	9.0	54	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4032A340	12
MKD440-I-4.2	4.2	9.5	5.0	11.4	69	63.5 x 125	0.5	B32300A4051A040	12
MKD440-I-5.0	5.0	11.4	6.0	13.7	82	63.5 x 125	0.5	B32300A4052A040	12
Rated voltage 480 V AC, 50/60 Hz, single-phase									
MKD480-I-0.7	0.7	1.5	0.8	1.8	10	50 x 62.5	0.2	B32300A4001A880	50
MKD480-I-1.4	1.4	2.9	1.7	3.5	19	63.5 x 62.5	0.3	B32300A4011A780	12
MKD480-I-2.1	2.1	4.4	2.5	5.3	29	63.5 x 75	0.3	B32300A4021A580	12
MKD480-I-2.8	2.8	5.8	3.4	7.0	39	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A4031A380	12
Rated voltage 525 V AC, 50/60 Hz, single-phase									
MKD525-I-1.4	1.4	2.7	1.7	3.2	16	63.5 x 62.5	0.3	B32300A5011A730	12
MKD525-I-2.8	2.8	5.3	3.4	6.4	32	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A5031A320	12
MKD525-I-3.3	3.3	6.3	4.0	7.6	38	63.5 x 100	0.4	B32300A5032A320	12
MKD525-I-4.2	4.2	8.0	5.0	9.6	49	63.5 x 125	0.5	B32300A5051A020	12

Dimensional drawings



Torque = 10Nm
Toothed washer = J12.5 DIN 6797
Hex Net = BM 12 DIN 439



Cautions and warnings

- In case of dents of more than 1 mm depth or any other mechanical damage, capacitors must not be used at all.
- This applies also in cases of oil leakages.
- To ensure the full functionality of the overpressure disconnector, elastic elements must not be hindered and a minimum space of 12 mm has to be kept above each capacitor.
- Do not handle the capacitor before it is discharged.
- Resonance cases must be avoided by appropriate application design in any case.
- Handle capacitors carefully, because they may still be charged even after disconnection due to faulty discharging devices.
- Protect the capacitor properly against over current and short circuit.
- Failure to follow cautions may result, worst case, in premature failures, bursting and fire.

Discharging

Capacitors must be discharged to a maximum of 10% of rated voltage before they are switched in again. This prevents an electric impulse discharge in the application, influences the capacitor's service life and protects against electric shock. The capacitor must be discharged to 75 V or less within 3 minutes. There must be not any switch, fuse or any other disconnecting device in the circuit between the power capacitor and the discharging device. DeltaCap capacitors are delivered with discharge resistor included; alternatively discharge reactors are available from EPCOS. Discharge and short circuit capacitor before handling!

Service life expectancy

Electrical components do not have an unlimited service life expectancy; this applies to self-healing capacitors too. The maximum service life expectancy may vary depending on the application the capacitor is used in.

Safety

Electrical or mechanical misapplication of capacitors may be hazardous. Personal injury or property damage may result from bursting of the capacitor or from expulsion of oil or melted material due to mechanical disruption of the capacitor.

- Ensure good, effective grounding for capacitor enclosures.
- Provide means of disconnecting and insulating a faulty component/bank.
- The terminals of capacitors, connected bus bars and cables as well as other devices may also be energized.
- Follow good engineering practice.

Thermal load/over-temperature

After installation of the capacitor it is necessary to verify that maximum hot-spot temperature is not exceeded at extreme service conditions.

Overpressure disconnector

To ensure full functionality of an overpressure disconnector, the following must be observed:

1. The elastic elements must not be hindered, i.e.
   - Connecting lines must be flexible leads (cables).
   - There must be sufficient space (min. 12 mm) for expansion above the connections. This will enable a longitudinal extension of the can to secure the overpressure disconnector work.
   - Folding beads must not be retained by clamps.

2. The maximum allowed fault current of 10000 A in accordance with UL 810 standard must be assured by the application.

3. Stress parameters of the capacitor must be within the IEC60831 specification.

Overcurrent and short circuit protection

- Use HRC fuses or MCCBs for short circuit protection. Short circuit protection and connecting cables should be selected so that 1.5 times the rated capacitor current can be permanently handled.
- HRC fuses do not protect a capacitor against overload – they are only for short circuit protection.
- The HRC fuse rating should be 1.6 to 1.8 times rated capacitor current.
- Do not use HRC fuses to switch capacitors (risk of arcing).
- Use thermal magnetic over current relays for overload protection.

Resonance cases

Resonance cases must be avoided by appropriate application design in any case. Maximum total RMS capacitor current (incl. fundamental harmonic current) specified in technical data must not be exceeded.

Re-switching vs. phase-opposition

In case of voltage interruption, a sufficient discharge time has to be ensured to avoid phase-opposition and resulting high inrush currents.

Vibration resistance

The resistance to vibration of capacitors corresponds to IEC 68, part 2–6.

Max. test conditions:

Test duration	6 h*
Frequency range 1	10 ... 55 Hz*
Displacement amplitude	0.75 mm*

*corresponding to max. 98.1 m/s or 10 *g*

These figures apply to the capacitor alone. Because the fixing and the terminals may influence the vibration properties, it is necessary to check stability when a capacitor is built in and exposed to vibration. Irrespective of this, you are advised not to locate capacitors where vibration amplitude reaches the maximum in strongly vibrating equipment.

Mechanical protection

The capacitor has to be installed in a way that mechanical damages and dents in the aluminum can are avoided.

Grounding

The threaded bottom stud of the capacitor has to be used for grounding. In case grounding is done via metal chassis that the capacitor is mounted to, the layer of varnish beneath the washer and nut should be removed. The maximum tightening torque is 10 Nm.

Maintenance

- Check tightness of the connections/terminals periodically.
- Take current reading twice a year and compare with nominal current. Use a harmonic analyser or true effective RMS-meter.
- In case of current above the nominal current check your application for modifications.
- If a significant increase in the amount of non-linear loads has been detected, then a consultant has to be called in for a harmonic study.
- In case of the presence of harmonics installation of a de-tuned capacitor bank (reactors) must be considered.
- Check the discharge resistors/reactors and in case of doubt, check their function:
  (1) Power the capacitor up and down.
  (2) After ≤ 60 seconds the voltage between the terminals must decline to less than 75 V.
- Check the temperature of capacitors directly after operation for a longer period, but make sure that the capacitors have been switched off. In case of excessive temperature of individual capacitors, it is recommended to replace these capacitors, as this should be an indication for loss factor increase, which is a sign for reaching end of life.

Storage and operating conditions

Do not use or store capacitors in corrosive atmosphere, especially where chloride gas, sulfide gas, acid, alkali, salt or the like are present. In dusty environments regular maintenance and cleaning especially of the terminals is required to avoid conductive path between phases and/or phases and ground.

Note

For detailed information about PFC capacitors and cautions, refer to the latest version of EPCOS PFC Product Profile.

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