



**Description and Application** 

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear is an integrated assembly of drawout vacuum circuit breakers, bus, and control devices coordinated electrically and mechanically for medium voltage circuit protection. The Metal-Clad integrity provides maximum circuit separation and safety. Included are isolated grounded metal compartments, complete insulation of all conductors and no live parts exposed by the opening of a door. It is typically used on circuits involving feeder circuits, transmission lines, distribution lines and motors.

All major components are manufactured by Westinghouse, establishing one source of responsibility for the equipment and assuring high standards in quality, coordination, reliability and service.

VacClad-W Switchgear is available in voltage ratings of 4.76kV through 15kV and in nominal interrupting capacities of 250MVA(29kA), 350MVA(41kA), 500MVA (18kA), 500MVA(41kA), 750MVA(28kA), 1000MVA(37kA) and for indoor or outdoor applications.

VacClad-W Switchgear meets or exceeds ANSI C37.20, NEMA SG-5 and IEEE standards as they apply to Metal-Clad Switchgear. The circuit breaker also meets IEC standards.

VacClad-W Switchgear is designed to meet needs in six important areas:

- 1. Performance
- 2. Safety
- 3. Maintenance
- 4. Space Utilization
- 5. Application flexibility
- 6. Reliability

#### **Features**

1 Vacuum Interrupter
Current Transfer Conductor
(See Pg. 17)
The Westinghouse "Stiff-Flexible"
design eliminates the need for a main
conductor sliding contact and its costly
maintenance.

2 Breaker Rails (See Pg. 16)
The breaker and auxiliaries can be withdrawn on rails for inspection and maintenance without the need for a separate lifting device.

3 Front Breaker Mechanism (See Pg. 16)
The stored energy mechanism is on the front of the breaker so the inspection or maintenance can be done with the breaker on rails.

4 Horizontal Drawout Circuit Breaker (See Pg. 10)
Type VCP-W breaker is a horizontal drawout design, which provides connect, test, and disconnect position.

5 Automatic Shutters (See Pg. 6)
These steel shutters operate automatically when the circuit breaker is withdrawn, to protect workmen from accidental contact with the stationary primary contacts.

6 Main Bus System (See Pg. 8)
The main bus has fluidized bed, trackresistant epoxy insulation with plated
joints and constant pressure washers.

7 Current Transformers (See Pg. 7)
There is space for up to four current transformers per phase which are easily accessible from the front.

8 Primary and Secondary Contacts (See Pg. 10)
All moving breaker contacts are selfaligning, have positive action, and are silver-plated.

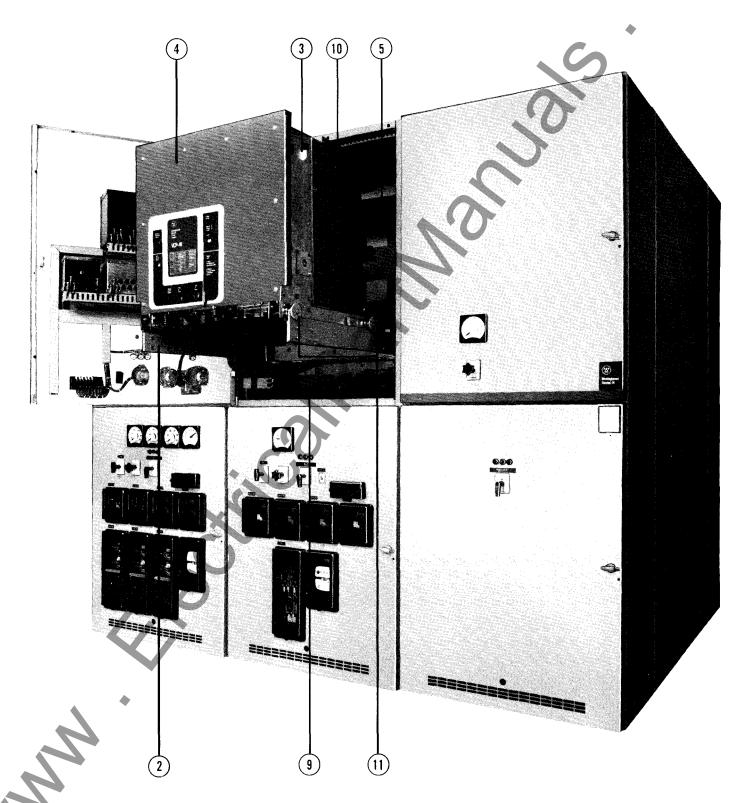
9 Metal Compartment Barriers
All compartments are enclosed by
grounded metal barriers.

Barriers
Barriers are breaker mounted.

(11) Breaker Wheels (See Pg. 10)
Breaker can be rolled on floor when removed from the structure.

12) Auxiliary Compartment Shutter
(See Pg. 9)
This shutter operates automatically when the auxiliary drawer is withdrawn to protect workmen from accidental contact with the stationary primary contacts.

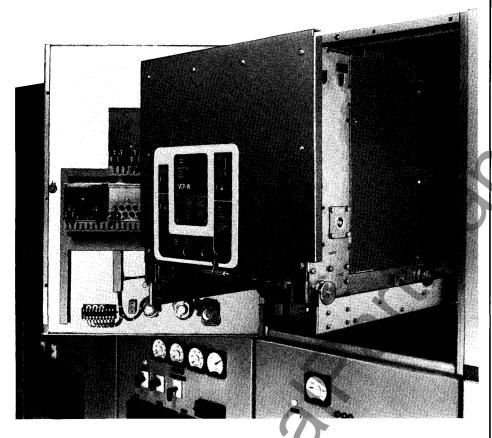












Type VCP-W circuit breaker utilizing vacuum interrupters is available in ANSI and IEC ratings, plus several special ratings to provide maximum application flexibility.

#### Performance

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear offers a total design concept of cell, breaker and auxiliary equipment to meet the user needs. The design criteria was full compliance with ANSI, IEEE, NEMA and IEC standards. Conformance to industry standards assures a high level of performance and permits the specifier with ease and accuracy to define a level of performance developed by the industry for its needs.

The applicable industry standards are:

ANSI American National Standards Institute

C37.010 Application guide for AC high voltage circuit breakers rated on a symmetrical current basis

C37.100 Definitions for power switchgear

C37.04 Rating structure for AC high voltage circuit breakers

C37.06 Preferred ratings for AC high voltage circuit breakers as rated on a symmetrical current basis

C37.07 Factors for reclosing service

C37.09 Test Procedure for AC high voltage circuit breakers

C37.11 Power circuit breaker control

C37.20 Switchgear assemblies including metal-enclosed bus

C37.24 Guide for evaluating the effect of solar radiation

NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers Association

SG-4 Power Circuit Breakers

SG-5 Power Switchgear Assemblies

IEC 56.4 High Voltage AC Circuit Breakers

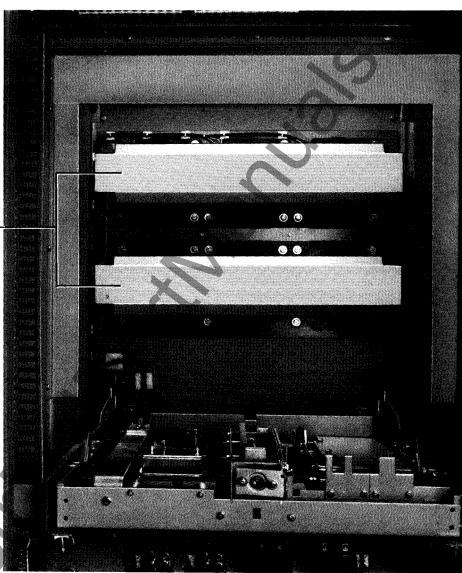


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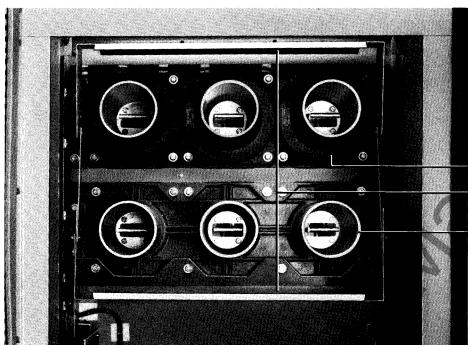
**Cell Features** 

Steel shutters which are operated by the circuit breaker prevent accidental contact with live primary voltage parts, when the breaker is withdrawn.

The photo shows the breaker compartment with the breaker and CT barrier removed showing the steel shutters.







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#### **Cell Features**

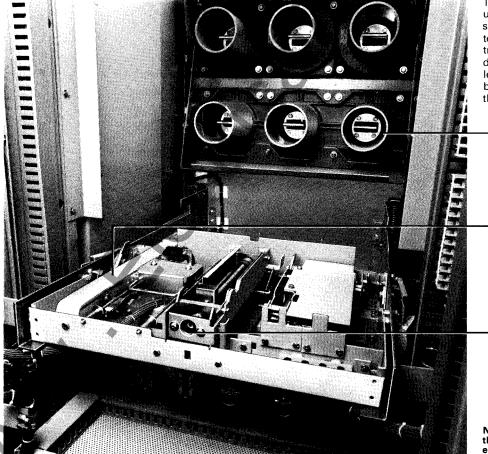
The breaker compartment is shown with the automatic steel shutters forced into the open position, CT barrier removed.

Primary insulating tubes and current transformer location are shown in this view. Primary stationary cell studs are also visible.

- Current Transformers

Automatic Steel Shutters

- Primary Insulating Tubes



The mechanism for levering the breaker is a unique cell mounted design. This levering system incorporates all the safety interlocks to render the breaker mechanically and electrically trip-free during the levering procedure. Further, the ground bus, visible on the left, is engaged by a ground contact on the breaker, so the breaker is grounded throughout the travel.

- Cell Studs

- Ground Stab

Levering Mechanism

Note: Shutters should be removed or forced into the open position only when the unit is deenergized. Shutters are shown in the open position for illustrative purposes only.

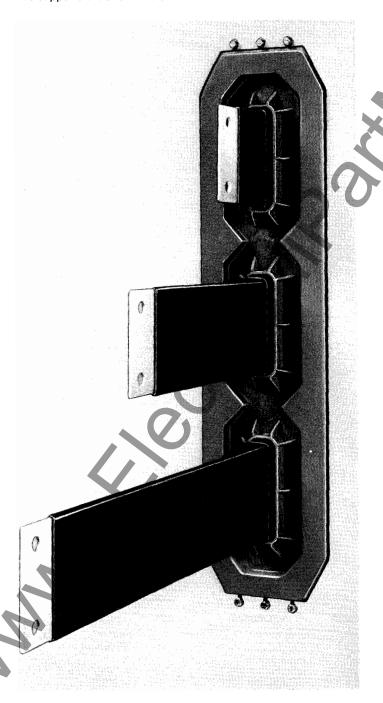
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#### **Cell Features**

#### Main Bus

The main bus conductor is copper. All main bus has fluidized bed epoxy flame retardant track resistant insulation. The bolted bus connections are silver plated for positive contact and low resistance, with each joint insulated with easily installed boots.

The main bus supports are shown below.

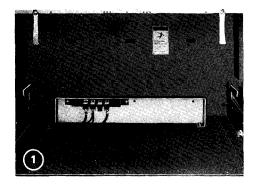






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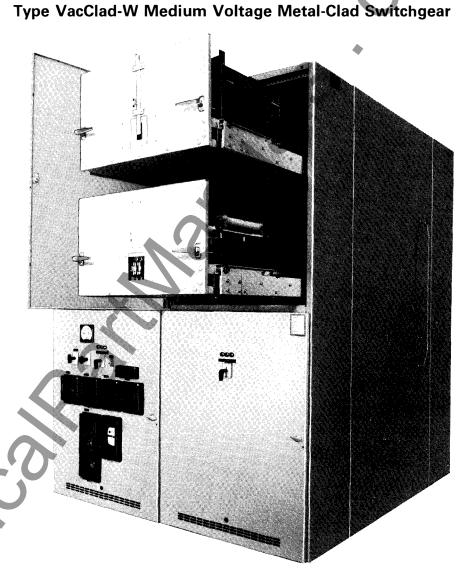
## **Cell Features**

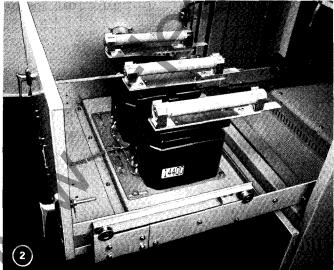


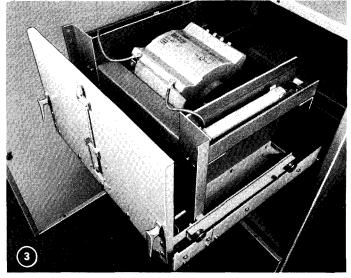
#### **Auxiliary Compartments**

VacClad-W design permits four auxiliary drawers in one vertical unit (only two shown here). A potential transformer drawer and a control transformer drawer are shown withdrawn on the rail extensions, which permits easy testing and fuse replacement.

- 1 All auxiliaries have automatic shutters.
- (2) The potential transformers meet all industry standards. Up to three potential transformers can be supplied per drawer.
- 3 The control power transformer drawer accommodating up to 15 kVA single phase transformers with protective primary fuses is shown in the withdrawn position.





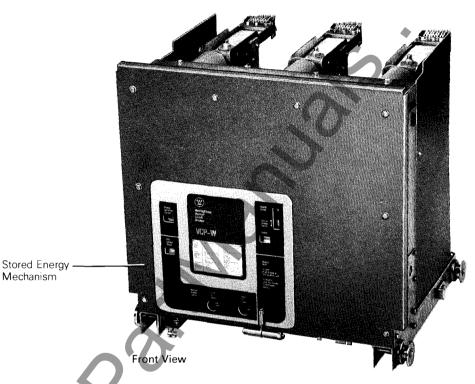


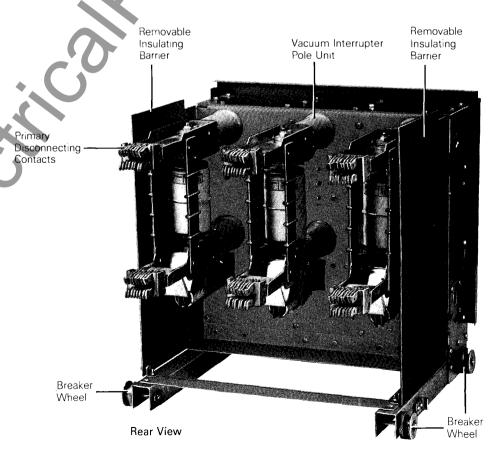
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#### **VCP-W Breaker**

The Type VCP-W circuit breaker, utilizing vacuum interrupters, is compact and light weight. The breaker includes six major components:

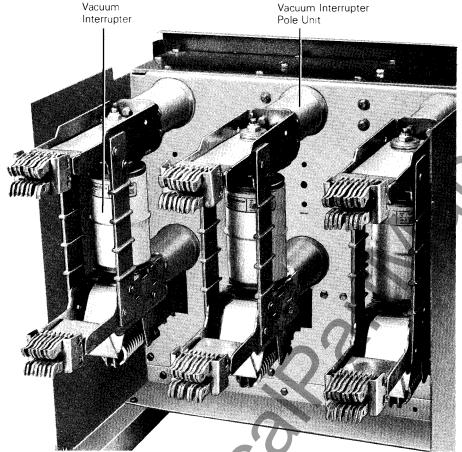
- 1. Vacuum interrupter pole units.
- Stored energy mechanism enclosed in a metal housing.
- 3. Glass polyester supports for mounting the vacuum interrupter pole unit.
- 4. Primary disconnecting contacts.
- 5. Removable insulating barriers.
- 6. Breaker wheels permit breaker to be rolled on floor.











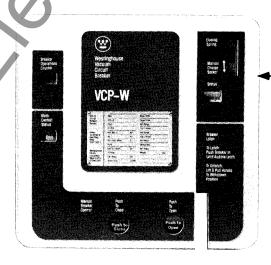
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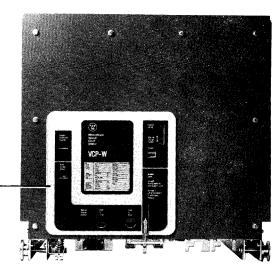
#### VCP-W Breaker

Breaker poles are complete units that are easily accessible and removable. Since the support system is self-aligning, no special tools are required for replacement.

#### **Breaker Front Panel**

The steel breaker front panel is designed with the operator in mind. The breaker function indicators and controls are accessible and visible. They are: breaker-open/close, closing spring-charged/discharged, close and trip buttons, operation counter breaker latch, and manual spring charging access.





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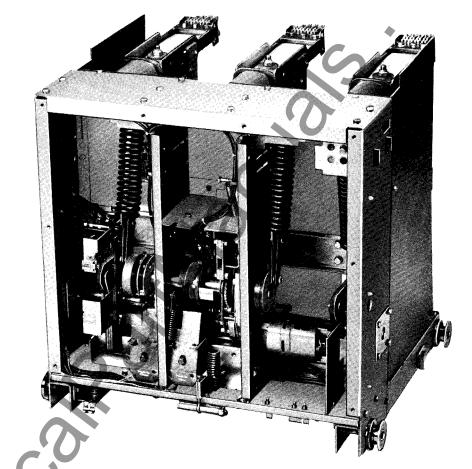
#### **VCP-W Breaker**

#### Stored Energy Mechanism

Breaker front panel removed exposing the stored energy mechanism.

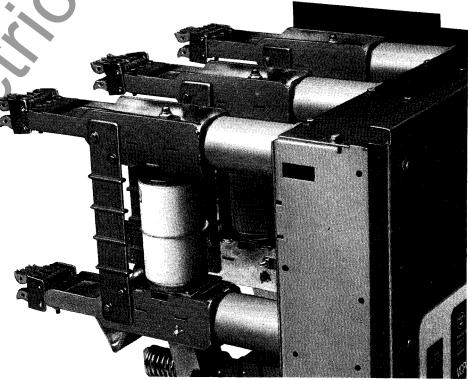
The stored energy mechanism is vertically mounted on the front of the breaker for easy access. There is one basic mechanism for all ratings and is of rugged fabricated steel construction for reliable operation and long life. It is available for either DC or AC operation.

The stored energy mechanism is mechanically trip-free during breaker levering.

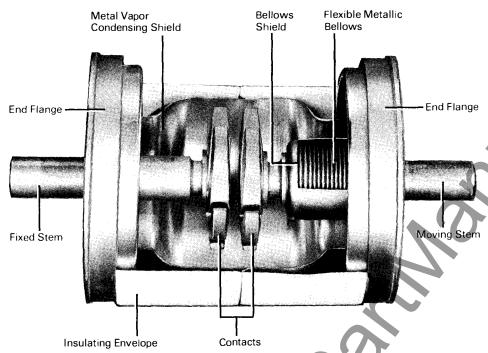


#### **Primary Disconnecting Contacts**

The primary disconnecting contacts are silver-plated copper-spring biased to maintain contact pressure. The primary contact design of the configuration shown is for 2000 amp continuous and below. The design has a long service life record, having been successfully used on previous designs of Westinghouse breakers.







# High Current Arc Electrode Separation Current Zero Arc Extinction Transient Recovery Voltage

The current, voltage, and contact separation interrelationship is illustrated above.

Performance, Continued

#### **VCP-W Breaker**

#### Vacuum Interrupter

The Type VCP-W breaker utilizes vacuum interrupters for interruption and switching functions. Vacuum interrupters provide enclosed interrupter, small size and weight, interrupting time (high speed), long life, reduced maintenance, and environmental compatibility (low noise, no arc byproducts, and minimum mechanical shock).

Arc interruption is simple and fast. The vacuum interrupter is shown. In the closed position normal current flows thru the interrupter. When a fault occurs and interruption is required, the contacts are quickly separated. An arc is drawn between the contact surfaces and is rapidly moved around the slotted electrode surface by self-induced magnetic effects, which prevents gross electrode erosion and the formation of hot spots on the surface. The arc burns in an ionized metal vapor, which continually leaves the contact area and condenses on the surrounding metal shield.

At current zero, the arc extinguishes, vapor production ceases; and very rapid dispersion, cooling, recombination, and deionization of the metal vapor plasma, together with the fast condensation of metal vapor products, cause the vacuum condition to be quickly restored – hence the separated contacts withstand the transient recovery voltage.

Safety

#### **Cell and Breaker Features**

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear incorporates many outstanding safety features, which meet or exceed those required by metal-clad standards.

Some of the outstanding features are:

#### Safety Metal Shutters

Steel shutters (breaker driven) rotate automatically into position to cover the insulating tubes to provide metal barriering of the cell stationary studs when the breaker is withdrawn from the connected position.

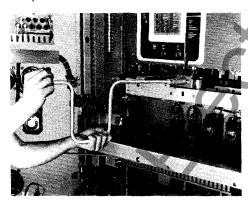
#### **Grounded Metal Barriers**

Grounded metal barriers separate all compartments, completely enclosing major parts of the primary circuit, main bus, breaker, potential transformers and control power transformers. These barriers must be removed to gain access to any energized compartment. All control devices are separated from high-voltage circuits by grounded metal barriers.

#### Levering System

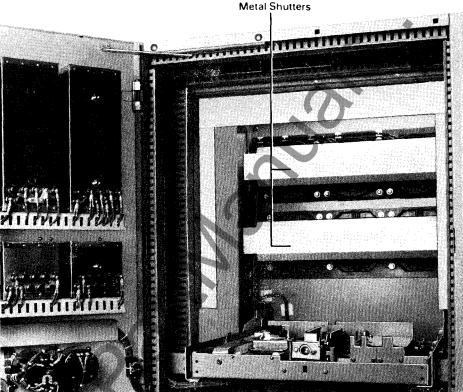
Operators and equipment are both protected by a variety of interlocks on the breaker assembly.

- 1. A breaker cannot be levered unless the interrupter contacts are open.
- Breaker is mechanically trip-free during levering.
- 3. Closed door levering is available if specified.

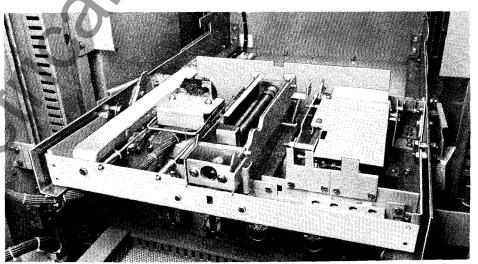


**Levering Crank Operation** 

- 4. Discharge of closing spring as breaker is withdrawn from the cell.
- 5. A latch secures the breaker in the connected, disconnected or test position.



VCP-W Cell (CT Barrier Removed)



Cell Mounted Levering System

#### Breaker

- Breaker is grounded during levering and in the connected position.
- Front panel steel barrier.
- Coding plates provide that only correct breaker rating can be installed in cell.

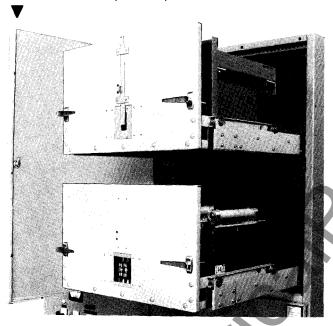


#### Maintenance

#### **Cell Features**

**Auxiliary Equipment** 

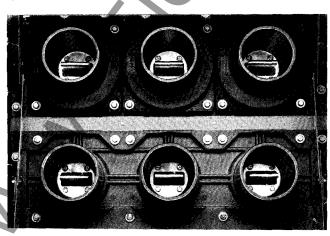
Control power transformers with currentlimiting fuses and potential transformers are drawer-mounted in enclosed compartments. These compartments are automatically disconnected and grounded, when the drawer is withdrawn from the compartment on rails. Auxiliaries have automatic glass polyester shutters which are operated by the drawer.



#### **Current Transformers**

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Current transformers are accessible from the front. This design and front accessibility permit adding or changing transformers when the unit is deenergized without breaking high voltage connections and primary insulation.





## Cable Accessibility

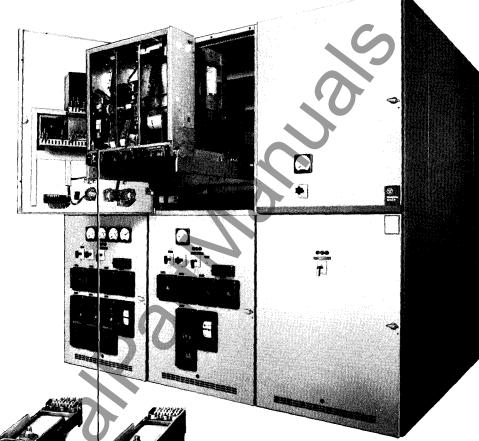
The design provides adequate space for cable termination in the two high arrangement with cable for each circuit separated by metal barriers. Barriers are easily removed as shown.

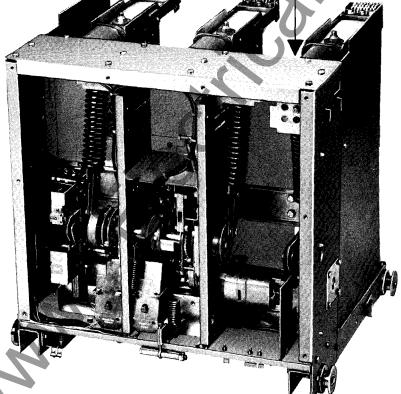
Note: Shutters should be removed or forced into the open position only when the unit is deenergized. Shutters are shown in the open position for illustrative purposes only.

Maintenance, Continued

#### **Breaker Features**

- Normal inspection Breaker can be withdrawn on extendable rails for easy access without requiring separate lifting device.
- Mechanical inspection Easy inspection and accessibility is afforded by the front mounted stored-energy mechanism. The same basis mechanism is used in all ratings, which requires a minimum investment in spare parts.

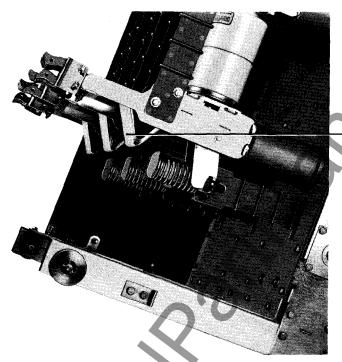






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**Breaker Features** 

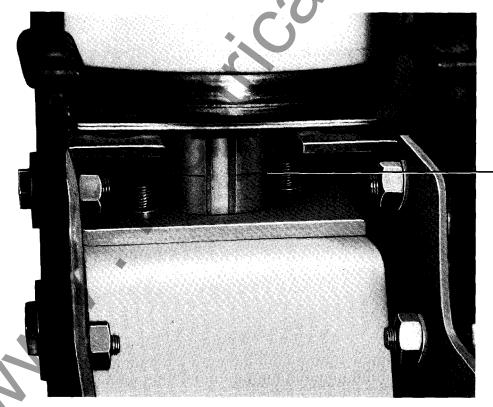


# Vacuum Interrupter Current Transfer Conductor

The stiff-flexible current transfer from the vacuum interrupter moving stem to the breaker main conductor is a non-sliding design—thus eliminating the maintenance required with sliding type transfer arrangements.

#### Reduced Maintenance

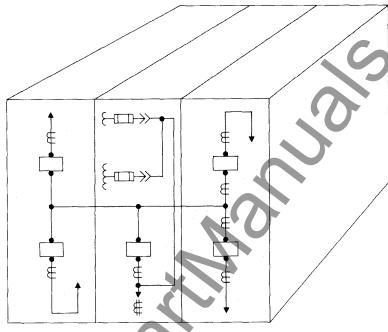
Due to the inherent long life characteristics of the vacuum interrupter and the reliable stored-energy mechanism, the type VCP-W breaker requires minimum maintenance.



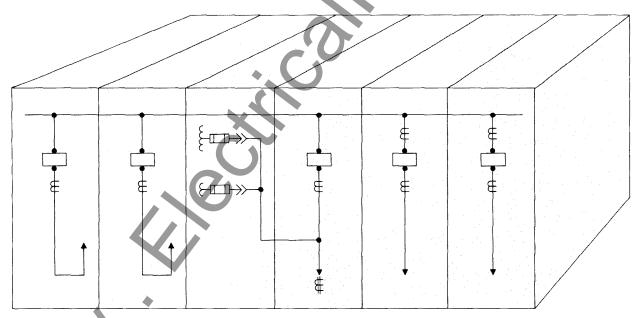
Vacuum interrupter centact wear indicator. Clearly visible, wear-gap (contact erosion) indicators require only an occasional check.

**Space Utilization** VacClad-W Switchgear has been designed for efficient use of space. In many situations, total required floor space may be reduced by as much as 50% compared to conventional switchgear.

The rail extension feature for both the circuit breaker and auxiliaries, enable these draw-out devices to be withdrawn for inspection and maintenance without the use of unique lifting devices needed with other



VacClad-W



Conventional Switchgear



#### **Application Flexibility**

VacClad-W Switchgear has the flexibility to meet most installation conditions or requirements.

- One-high combinations can be provided.
- Modular construction provides for ease of assembly, initial flexibility of installation, and future expansion or modification.
- Rear compartments are designed for either top or bottom entry of cable or bus runs.
- Provisions for four current transformers per phase.
- Provisions for as many as four sets of drawout auxiliaries in one vertical section.
- Indoor and outdoor.
- Complete ANSI rating range available, plus several special ratings.
- IEC breaker ratings.

#### Reliability

Reliability was the fundamental consideration of engineering design, material selection, use and design of components, manufacturing, test procedures, shipping and handling to assure the user of on-site reliability.

#### **Design/Proof Tests**

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear meets applicable ANSI, IEEE, NEMA and IEC standards. The design criteria dictated that all tests demonstrate performance above the requirements of the standards. The ANSI test series is basic test criteria and includes interruption, BIL, dielectric, continuous current, mechanical life, and thermal and environmental conditions.

The design/proof testing of VacClad-W Switchgear is the most extensive ever performed by Westinghouse, which has always maintained the highest test standards for its metal-clad equipment.

#### **Production Tests**

#### Circuit Breaker

- Each breaker draw-out unit is checked for alignment with a master cell fixture that verifies all interfaces and interchangeability.
- All circuit breakers are operated over the range of minimum to maximum control voltage.
- Interrupter contact gap is factory set.
- One-minute dielectric test is performed on each breaker per ANSI Standards.
- Final inspection and quality check.

## Type VacClad-W Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear

#### Housing

- Master breaker fixture is inserted into each breaker cell to ensure alignment.
- One-minute dielectric test per ANSI Standards is applied to both primary and secondary circuits.
- Operation of wiring, relays, and other devices is verified by an operational sequence test.
- Final inspection and quality check.

#### **Supplemental Device**

#### • Ground and Test Device

The ground and test device is a drawout element that may be inserted into a Metal-Clad Switchgear housing in place of a circuit breaker. It provides access to the primary circuits to permit the temporary connection of grounds or testing equipment to the high voltage circuits. High potential testing of cable or phase checking of circuits are typical tests which may be performed. The devices are insulated to suit the voltage rating of the switchgear and will carry required levels of short circuit current.

Manual ground and test devices are available. These devices include six studs for connection to primary circuits. The manual device selection and grounding are accomplished by cable connection.

#### **Notice**

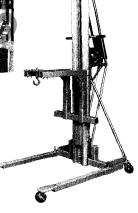
Before using ground and test devices it is recommended that each user develop detailed operating procedures consistent with safe operating practices. Only qualified personnel should be authorized to use ground and test devices.

#### Standard Accessories

- 1 Test Jumper
- 1 Levering Crank
- 1 Maintenance Tool
- 1 Lifting Yoke
- 1 Set Rail Clamps
- 1 Set of Extension Rails
- 1 Transport Dolly (Optional)
- 1 Portable Lifter (Optional)
- 1 Test Cabinet (Optional)



Universal Breaker Lifting Yoke For User's Lifting Device

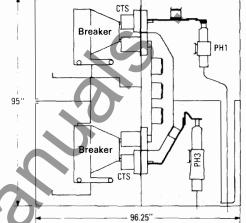


Optional Portable Lifter

**Weights and Dimensions** 

## Type VacClad-W Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear

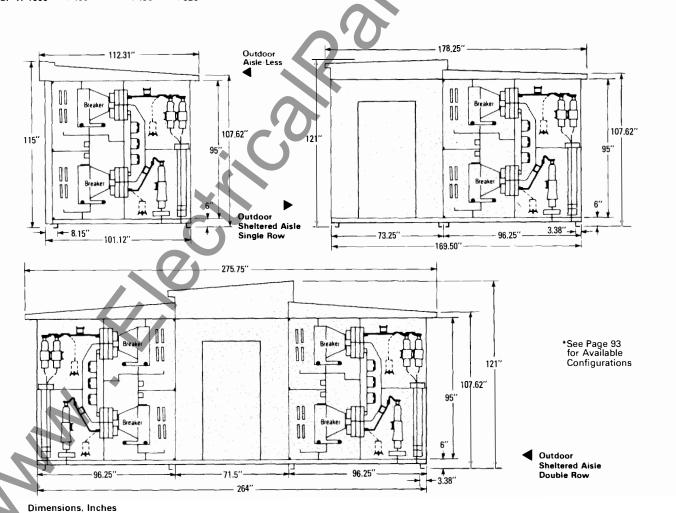
#### Typical Weights (Pounds) Assemblies (Less Breakers) Type of ① Vertical Section Main Bus Rating Amps Sheltered-Aisle Including Aisle Indoor Aisle-Less Double Row Single Row 3000 3100 3200 7200 7400 7600 1200 2400 4200 2000 3000 B/B 2500 2600 4300 4400 B/A 1200 2300 2900 4100 7000 2000 3000 3000 3100 2400 4200 4300 7200 or A/B 2500 7400 1200 2000 3000 2600 3800 2000 6400 2700 2800 2100 2200 A/A 3900 6600 4000 6800



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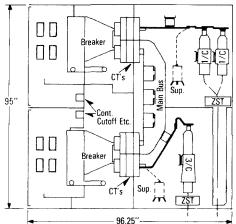
#### **Breakers**

Type of	Current Rating, Amps.					
Breaker	1200	3000				
	Approx. Wt., Lbs.					
50 VCP-W 250	350	410	525			
50 VCP-W 350	460	490	525			
75 VCP-W 500	375	410	525			
150 VCP-W 500	350	410	525			
150 VCP-W 750	350	410	525			
150 VCP-W 1000	460	490	525			



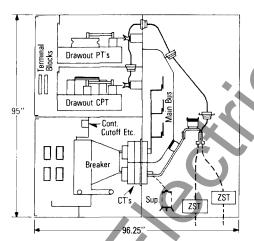


#### **Typical Units**



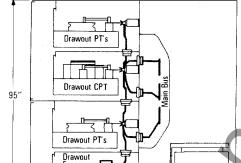
#### 36" Wide Typical Breaker/Breaker **Vertical Section**

- 1 1200/2000/3000 Amp. main bus
- 2 Type VCP-W breakers 1200/2000 Amp. in 2 - high configuration
- 4 Current transformers per phase ANSI ratings.
  - Potheads 1/C or 3/C
  - Surge suppressors, if desired.
  - Zero sequence current transformer (ZST)



#### 36" Wide Typical Auxiliary/Breaker Vertical Section

- 1 1200/2000/3000 Amp. main bus
- 1 Type VCP breaker 1200/2000 Amp. in lower position
- 1 Drawout potential transformer drawer2 L-L with fuses
  - 3 L-G with fuses
- 1 Drawout control power transformer drawer CPT - 15 kVA max. - single phase Zero sequence current transformers
  - Surge suppressors, if desired.



#### 36" Wide Typical Auxiliary/Auxiliary Vertical **Section**

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Fixed CP1

1 - 1200/2000/3000 Amp, main bus. Illustrating maximum utilization of auxiliary compartment with 4 - high drawout auxiliaries and fixed mounted control power transformer.

## **Available Configurations**

1200 Amp 1200 Amp 1200 Amp Breaker Breaker 1200 Amp 2000 Amp Breaker Breaker

Drawout Auxiliary

1200 Amp Breaker

Drawout

Drawout Auxiliary

2000 Amp

Breaker

Breaker

2000 Amp

Drawout Auxiliary

Drawout

Auxiliary

Drawout Auxiliary 2000 Amp Breaker

1200 Amp Breaker

Vented Auxiliary (Non-D.O.)

3000 Amp

3000 Amp Breaker

Drawout Auxiliary

## **Application**

Table 1: Available Breaker Types Rated on Symmetrical Current Rating Basis, per ANSI Standards

Identification		Rated Values						Related Required Capabilities®						
Nominal Voltage 3-Phase Class MVA Class	Voltage		Insulation Level		Current			Rated	Rated	Current Values				
	MVA	Max. Voltage			Rated Withstand Test Voltage		Rated Short	Inter- rupting Time	Permis- sible Tripping	Max. Voltage Divided	Maxi- mum	3 Sec. Short-	Closing and	
	0.000					uous Current at 60 Hz	Circuit Current (at rated Max.		Delay	By K	Sym. Inter- rupting Capa- bility	Time Current Carrying Capability	Latching Capability (Momentary)	
Circuit Breaker		MVA	E	② K	Low Fre- quency	Impulse		Kv)  •		• Y	E/K	K Times Short-Cir Current@ KI	cuit	1.6 K Times Rated Short- Circuit Current
Type	Kv Class	Class	Kv rms		Kv rms	Kv Crest	Amperes	KA rms	Cycles	Sec.	Kv rms	KA rms	KA rms	KA rms
VCP-W Vacuum C	ircuit Break	er	•											
50 VCP-W 250	4.16	250	4.76	1.24	19	60	1200 2000 3000	29	5	2	3.85	36	36	58 78●
50 VCP-W 350	4.16	350	4.76	1.19	19	60	1200 2000 3000	41	5	2	4.0	49	49	78
75 VCP-W 500	7.2	500	8.25	1.25	36	95	1200 2000 3000	33	5	2	6.6	41	41	66
150 VCP-W 500	13.8	500	15	1.30	36	95	1200 2000 3000	18	5	2	11.5	23	23	37 58●
150 VCP-W 750	13.8	750	15	1.30	36	95	1200 2000 3000	28	5	2	11.5	36	36	58 77①
150 VCP-W 1000	13.8	1000	15	1.30	36	95	1200 2000 3000	37	5	2	11.5	48	48	77

## Table 2: Available Breaker Types Rated on Symmetrical Current Rating Basis per IEC Standards

	Voltage Class, kV	Insulation	on Level	Rated Continuous	Rated Interrupting Current, kA	Momentary Current, kA	
		Low Freq., kV	Impulse Withstand kV	Current, Amps.		3 Sec.	Peak
50 VCP-W 250	3.6	21	45	630 1250 2000	25 25 25	25 25 25	64
50 VCP-W 350	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
75 VCP-W 500	7.2	27	60	630 1250 2000	40 40 40	40 40 40	102
150 VCP-W 500	12	35	95	630 1250 2000	25 25 25	25 25 25	64
150 VCP-W 750	12	35	95	630 1250 2000	25 25 25	25 25 25	64
150 VCP-W 1000	6	6	6	6	6	6	6

① Non-Standard Breakers with High Momentary Rating

available for Special Applications.

② For 3 phase and line to line faults, the sym interrupting capability at a Kv operating voltage

 $= \frac{E}{Kv} (Rated Short-Circuit Current)$ 

## But not to exceed KI.

Single line to ground fault capability at a Kv operating voltage

 $= 1.15 \, \frac{E}{K\nu} \, (\text{Rated Short-Circuit Current})$  But not to exceed KI.

The above apply on predominately inductive or resistive 3-phase circuits with normal-frequency line to line recovery voltage equal to the operating voltage.

③ For Reclosing Service, the Sym. Interrupting Capability and other related capabilities are modified by the reclosing capability factor obtained from the following

$$\begin{array}{l} R \text{ (\%)} = 100 - \frac{C}{6} \bigg[ (n-2) + \frac{15-T_1}{15} + \frac{15-T_2}{15} + \ldots \bigg] \\ \text{Where C} = \text{ KA Sym. Interrupting Capability at the} \end{array}$$

Operating Voltage but not less than 18.

n = Total No. of Openings. T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, etc. = Time interval in seconds except use 15 for time intervals longer than 15

Note: Reclosing Service with the standard duty cycle 0  $\pm$  15s  $\pm$  CO. Does not require breaker capabilities modified since the reclosing capability factor R = 100%.

Tripping may be delayed beyond the rated permissible tripping delay at lower values of current in accordance with the following formula:

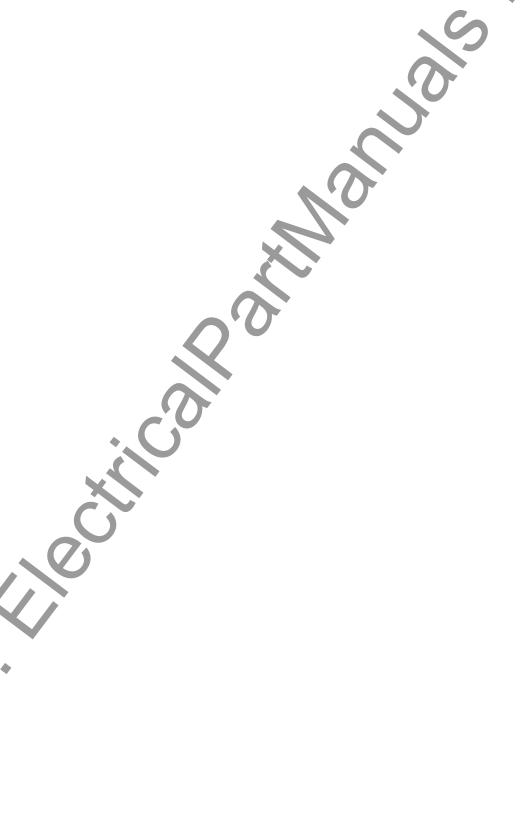
T (seconds) = Y \[ \begin{array}{ll} KI (K Times Rated Short-Circuit Current) \\ Short-Circuit Current Through Breaker \end{array} \]

The aggregate tripping delay on all operations within any 30 minute period must not exceed the time obtained from the above formula.

Standard duty cycle: O - 3 min. - CO - 3 min. - CO.

Not IEC recognized.





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#### **Description and Application**

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear is an integrated assembly of drawout vacuum circuit breakers, bus, and control devices coordinated electrically and mechanically for medium voltage circuit protection. The Metal-Clad integrity provides maximum circuit separation and safety. Included are isolated grounded metal compartments, complete insulation of all conductors and no live parts exposed by the opening of a door. It is typically used on circuits involving feeder circuits, transmission lines, distribution lines and motors.

All major components are manufactured by Westinghouse, establishing one source of responsibility for the equipment and assuring high standards in quality, coordination, reliability and service.

VacClad-W Switchgear is available in voltage ratings of 4.76kV through 15kV and in nominal interrupting capacities of 250MVA(29kA), 350MVA(41kA), 500MVA (18kA), 500MVA(33kA), 750MVA(28kA), 1000MVA(37kA) and for indoor or outdoor applications.

VacClad-W Switchgear meets or exceeds ANSI C37.20, NEMA SG-5 and IEEE standards as they apply to Metal-Clad Switchgear. The circuit breaker also meets IEC standards.

VacClad-W Switchgear is designed to meet needs in six important areas:

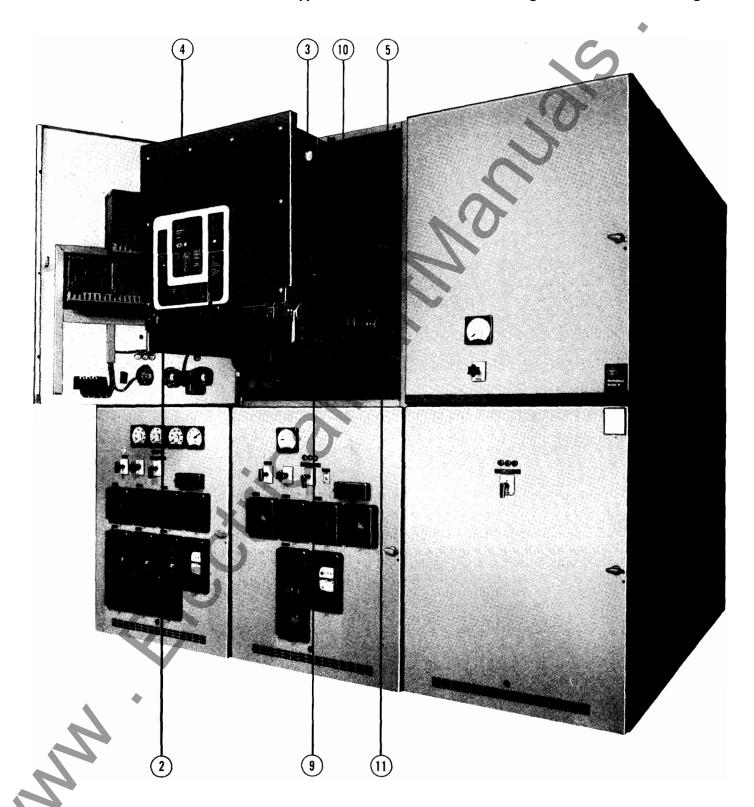
- 1. Performance
- 2. Safety
- 3. Maintenance
- 4. Space Utilization
- 5. Application flexibility
- 6. Reliability



- 1 Vacuum Interrupter
  Current Transfer Conductor
  (See Pg. 17)
  The Westinghouse "Stiff-Flexible"
  design eliminates the need for a main
  conductor sliding contact and its costly
  maintenance.
- 2 Breaker Rails (See Pg. 16)
  The breaker and auxiliaries can be withdrawn on rails for inspection and maintenance without the need for a separate lifting device.
- 3 Front Breaker Mechanism (See Pg. 16)
  The stored energy mechanism is on
  the front of the breaker so the inspection or maintenance can be done with
  the breaker on rails.
- (4) Horizontal Drawout Circuit Breaker (See Pg. 10)
  Type VCP-W breaker is a horizontal drawout design, which provides connect, test, and disconnect position.
- Automatic Shutters (See Pg. 6)
  These steel shutters operate automatically when the circuit breaker is withdrawn, to protect workmen from accidental contact with the stationary primary contacts.
- 6 Main Bus System (See Pg. 8)
  The main bus has fluidized bed, trackresistant epoxy insulation with plated
  joints and constant pressure washers.
- 7 Current Transformers (See Pg. 7)
  There is space for up to four current transformers per phase which are easily accessible from the front.
- (8) Primary and Secondary Contacts (See Pg. 10)
  All moving breaker contacts are selfaligning, have positive action, and are silver-plated.
- 9 Metal Compartment Barriers
  All compartments are enclosed by
  grounded metal barriers.
- 10 Barriers
  Barriers are breaker mounted.
- (11) Breaker Wheels (See Pg. 10)
  Breaker can be rolled on floor when removed from the structure.
- (12) Auxiliary Compartment Shutter
  (See Pg. 9)
  This shutter operates automatically when the auxiliary drawer is withdrawn to protect workmen from accidental contact with the stationary primary contacts.







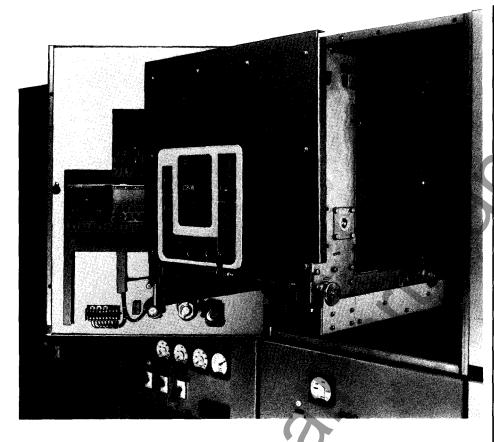




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Type VCP-W circuit breaker utilizing vacuum interrupters is available in ANSI and IEC ratings, plus several special ratings to provide maximum application flexibility.

Performance VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear offers a total design concept of cell, breaker and auxiliary equipment to meet the user needs. The design criteria was full compliance with ANSI, IEEE, NEMA and IEC standards. Conformance to industry standards assures a high level of performance and permits the specifier with ease and accuracy to define a level of performance developed by the industry for its needs.

The applicable industry standards are:						
ANSI	American National Standards Institute					
C37.010	Application guide for AC high voltage circuit breakers rated on a symmetrical current basis					
C37.100	Definitions for power switchgear					
C37.04	Rating structure for AC high voltage circuit breakers					
C37.06	Preferred ratings for AC high voltage circuit breakers as rated on a symmetrical current basis					
C37.07	Factors for reclosing service					
C37.09	Test Procedure for AC high voltage circuit breakers					
C37.11	Power circuit breaker control					
C37.20.2	Metal-Clad and Station-Cubicle Switchgear					
C37.24	Guide for evaluating the effect of solar radiation					
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association					

Power Circuit Breakers

Power Switchgear Assemblies

High Voltage AC Circuit Breakers

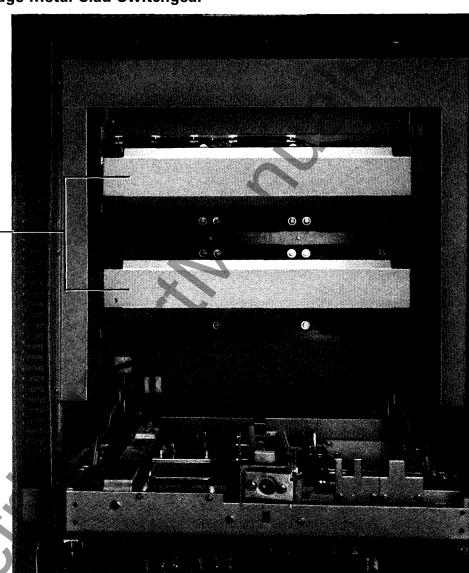


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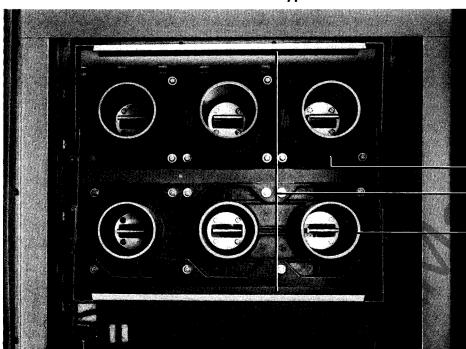
**Cell Features** 

Steel shutters which are operated by the circuit breaker prevent accidental contact with live primary voltage parts, when the breaker is withdrawn.

The photo shows the breaker compartment with the breaker and CT barrier removed showing the steel shutters.







Performance, Continued

#### **Cell Features**

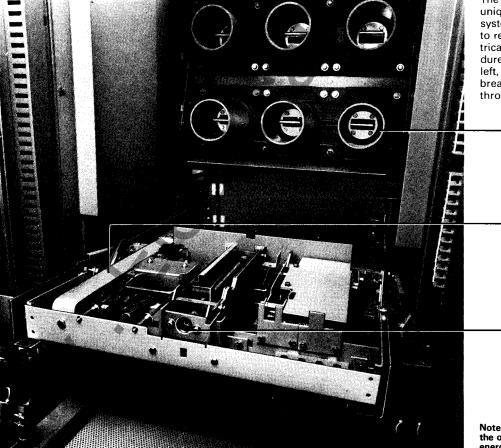
The breaker compartment is shown with the automatic steel shutters forced into the open position, CT barrier removed.

Primary insulating tubes and current transformer location are shown in this view. Primary stationary cell studs are also visible.

Current Transformers

Automatic Steel Shutters

- Primary Insulating Tubes



The mechanism for levering the breaker is a unique cell mounted design. This levering system incorporates all the safety interlocks to render the breaker mechanically and electrically trip-free during the levering procedure. Further, the ground bus, visible on the left, is engaged by a ground contact on the breaker, so the breaker is grounded throughout the travel.

Cell Studs

Ground Stab

Levering Mechanism

Note: Shutters should be removed or forced into the open position only when the unit is deenergized. Shutters are shown in the open position for illustrative purposes only.

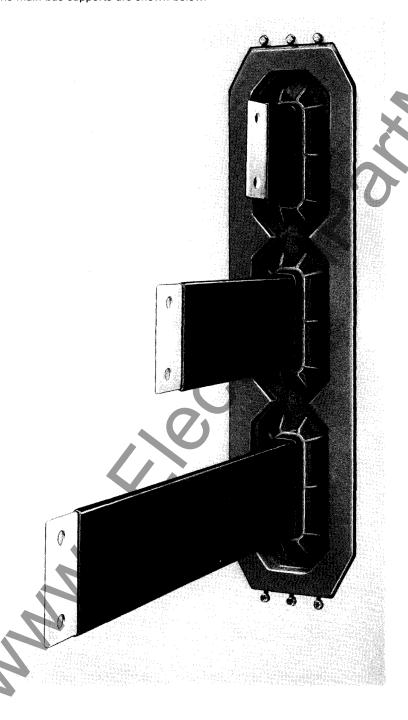
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## **Cell Features**

#### Main Bus

The main bus conductor is copper. All main bus has fluidized bed epoxy flame retardant track resistant insulation. The bolted bus connections are silver plated for positive contact and low resistance, with each joint insulated with easily installed boots.

The main bus supports are shown below.

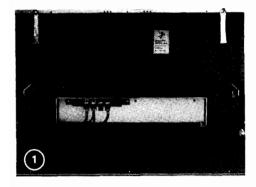






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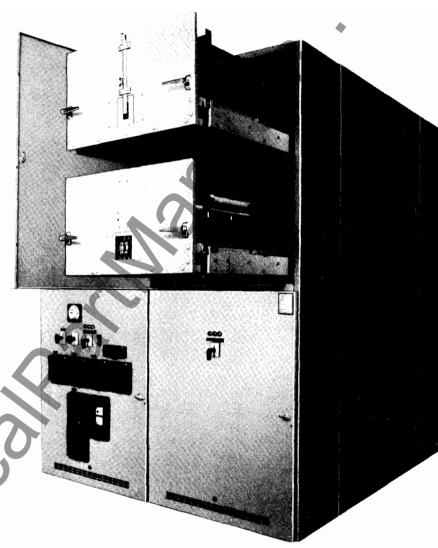
#### **Cell Features**

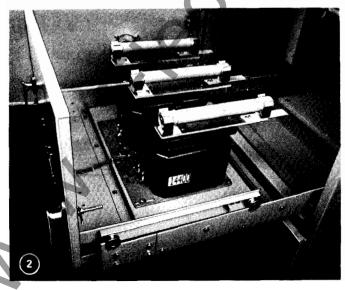


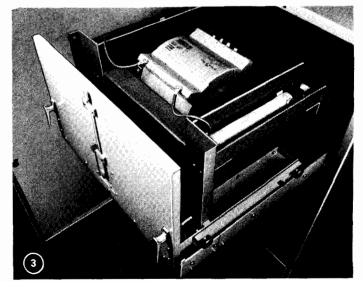
#### **Auxiliary Compartments**

VacClad-W design permits four auxiliary drawers in one vertical unit (only two shown here). A voltage transformer drawer and a control transformer drawer are shown withdrawn on the rail extensions, which permits easy testing and fuse replacement.

- 1 All auxiliaries have automatic shutters.
- 2 The voltage transformers meet all industry standards. Up to three voltage transformers can be supplied per drawer.
- 3 The control power transformer drawer accommodating up to 15 kVA single phase transformers with protective primary fuses is shown in the withdrawn position.





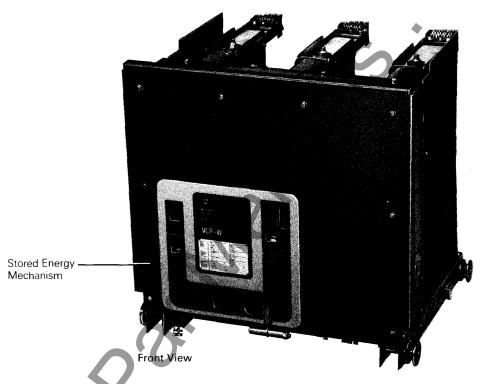


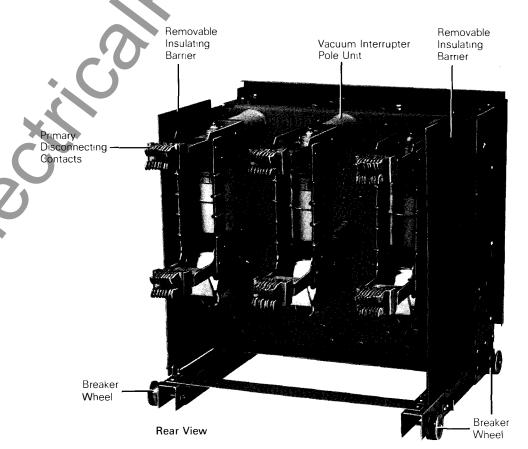
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#### **VCP-W Breaker**

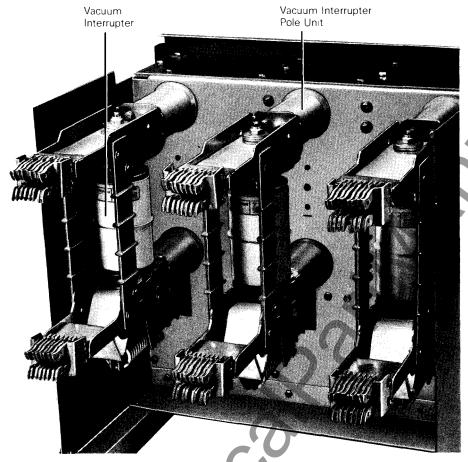
The Type VCP-W circuit breaker, utilizing vacuum interrupters, is compact and light weight. The breaker includes six major components:

- 1. Vacuum interrupter pole units.
- 2. Stored energy mechanism enclosed in a metal housing.
- 3. Glass polyester supports for mounting the vacuum interrupter pole unit.
- 4. Primary disconnecting contacts.
- 5. Removable insulating barriers.
- 6. Breaker wheels permit breaker to be rolled on floor.









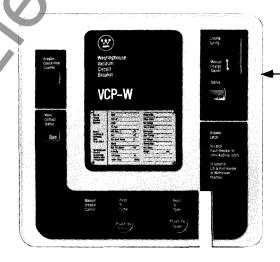
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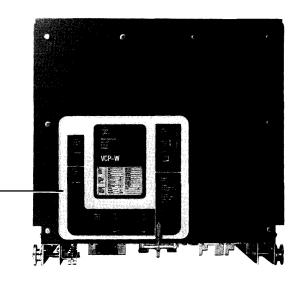
#### VCP-W Breaker

Breaker poles are complete units that are easily accessible and removable. Since the support system is self-aligning, no special tools are required for replacement.

#### **Breaker Front Panel**

The steel breaker front panel is designed with the operator in mind. The breaker function indicators and controls are accessible and visible. They are: breaker-open/close, closing spring-charged/discharged, close and trip buttons, operation counter breaker latch, and manual spring charging access.





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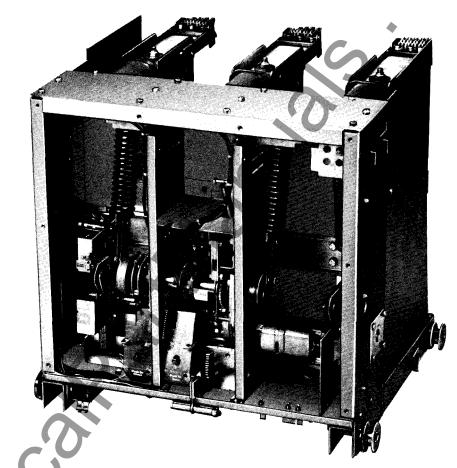
#### **VCP-W Breaker**

#### Stored Energy Mechanism

Breaker front panel removed exposing the stored energy mechanism.

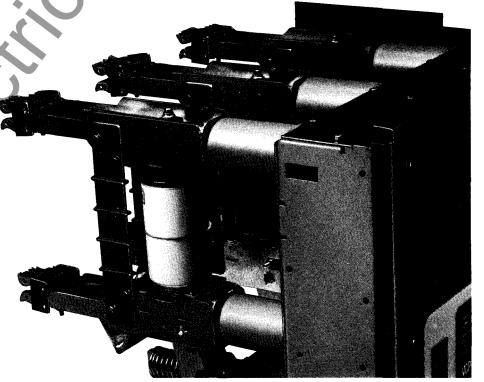
The stored energy mechanism is vertically mounted on the front of the breaker for easy access. There is one basic mechanism for all ratings and is of rugged fabricated steel construction for reliable operation and long life. It is available for either DC or AC operation.

The stored energy mechanism is mechanically trip-free during breaker levering.

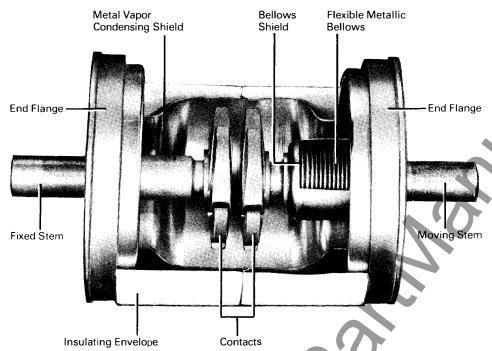


#### **Primary Disconnecting Contacts**

The primary disconnecting contacts are silver-plated copper-spring biased to maintain contact pressure. The primary contact design of the configuration shown is for 2000 amp continuous and below. The design has a long service life record, having been successfully used on previous designs of Westinghouse breakers.







# High Current Arc Electrode Separation Current Zero Arc Extinction Transient Recovery Voltage

The current, voltage, and contact separation interrelationship is illustrated above.

### Performance, Continued

### VCP-W Breaker

### Vacuum Interrupter

The Type VCP-W breaker utilizes vacuum interrupters for interruption and switching functions. Vacuum interrupters provide enclosed interrupter, small size and weight, interrupting time (high speed), long life, reduced maintenance, and environmental compatibility (low noise, no arc byproducts, and minimum mechanical shock).

Arc interruption is simple and fast. The vacuum interrupter is shown. In the closed position normal current flows thru the interrupter. When a fault occurs and interruption is required, the contacts are quickly separated. An arc is drawn between the contact surfaces and is rapidly moved around the slotted electrode surface by self-induced magnetic effects, which prevents gross electrode erosion and the formation of hot spots on the surface. The arc burns in an ionized metal vapor, which continually leaves the contact area and condenses on the surrounding metal shield.

At current zero, the arc extinguishes, vapor production ceases; and very rapid dispersion, cooling, recombination, and deionization of the metal vapor plasma, together with the fast condensation of metal vapor products, cause the vacuum condition to be quickly restored – hence the separated contacts withstand the transient recovery voltage.

# Safety

### **Cell and Breaker Features**

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear incorporates many outstanding safety features, which meet or exceed those required by metal-clad standards.

Some of the outstanding features are:

### Safety Metal Shutters

Steel shutters (breaker driven) rotate automatically into position to cover the insulating tubes to provide metal barriering of the cell stationary studs when the breaker is withdrawn from the connected position.

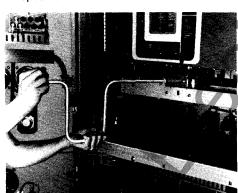
### **Grounded Metal Barriers**

Grounded metal barriers separate all compartments, completely enclosing major parts of the primary circuit, main bus, breaker, potential transformers and control power transformers. These barriers must be removed to gain access to any energized compartment. All control devices are separated from high-voltage circuits by grounded metal barriers.

### Levering System

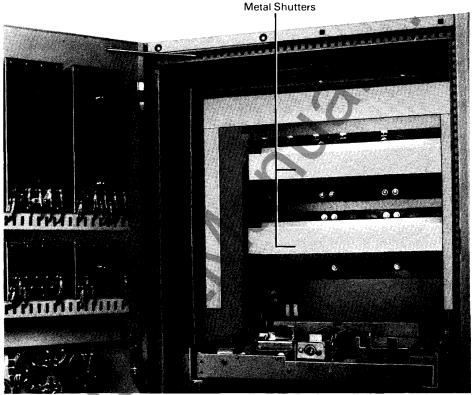
Operators and equipment are both protected by a variety of interlocks on the breaker assembly.

- 1. A breaker cannot be levered unless the interrupter contacts are open.
- 2. Breaker is mechanically trip-free during levering.
- Closed door levering is available if specified.

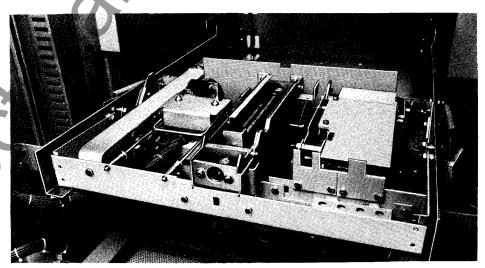


**Levering Crank Operation** 

- 4. Discharge of closing spring as breaker is withdrawn from the cell.
- 5. A latch secures the breaker in the connected, disconnected or test position.



VCP-W Cell (CT Barrier Removed)



Cell Mounted Levering System

### Breaker

- Breaker is grounded during levering and in the connected position.
- Front panel steel barrier.
- Coding plates provide that only correct breaker rating can be installed in cell.



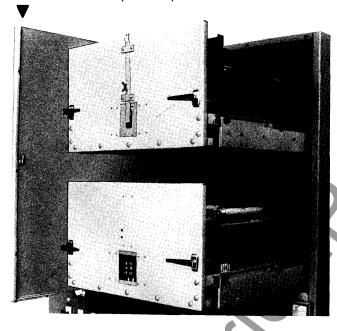


### **Maintenance**

### **Cell Features**

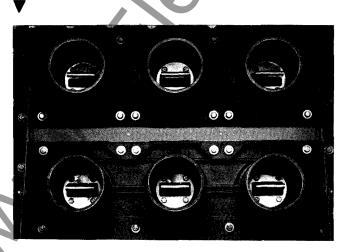
### **Auxiliary Equipment**

Control power transformers with currentlimiting fuses and voltage transformers are drawer-mounted in enclosed compartments. These compartments are automatically disconnected and grounded, when the drawer is withdrawn from the compartment on rails. Auxiliaries have automatic glass polyester shutters which are operated by the drawer.



### **Current Transformers**

Current transformers are accessible from the front. This design and front accessibility permit adding or changing transformers when the unit is deenergized without breaking high voltage connections and primary insulation.





# Cable Accessibility

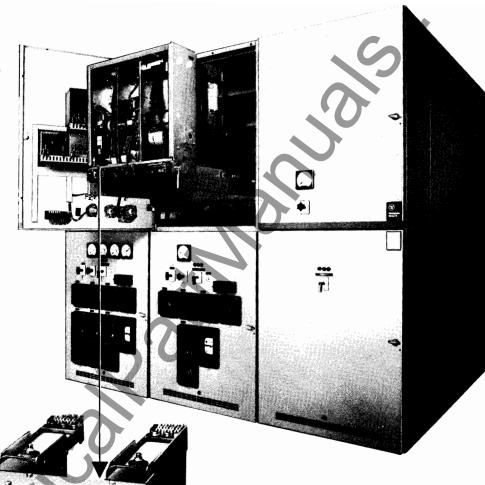
The design provides adequate space for cable termination in the two high arrangement with cable for each circuit separated by metal barriers. Barriers are easily removed as shown.

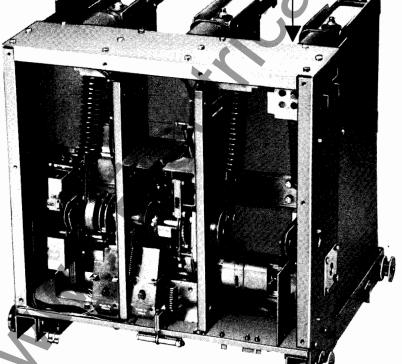
Note: Shutters should be removed or forced into the open position only when the unit is denergized. Shutters are shown in the open position for illustrative purposes only.

Maintenance, Continued

### **Breaker Features**

- Normal inspection Breaker can be withdrawn on extendable rails for easy access without requiring separate lifting device.
- Mechanical inspection Easy inspection and accessibility is afforded by the front mounted stored-energy mechanism. The same basis mechanism is used in all ratings, which requires a minimum investment in spare parts.

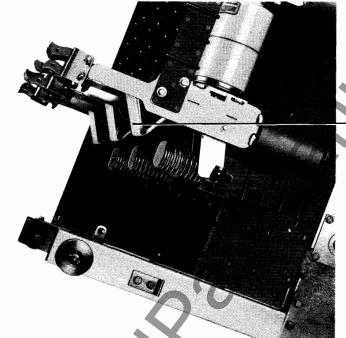






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### **Breaker Features**

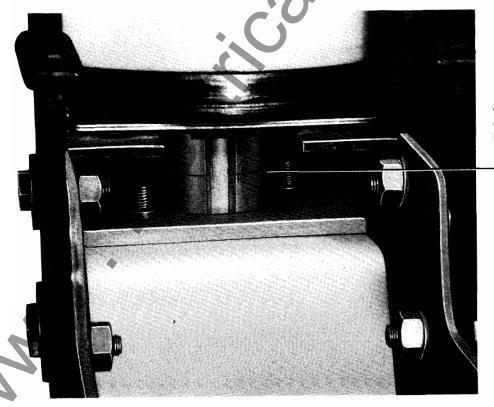


# Vacuum Interrupter Current Transfer Conductor

The stiff-flexible current transfer from the vacuum interrupter moving stem to the breaker main conductor is a non-sliding design – thus eliminating the maintenance required with sliding type transfer arrangements.

### Reduced Maintenance

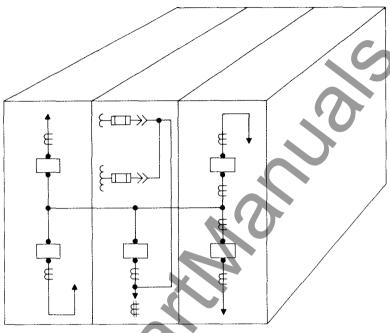
Due to the inherent long life characteristics of the vacuum interrupter and the reliable stored-energy mechanism, the type VCP-W breaker requires minimum maintenance.



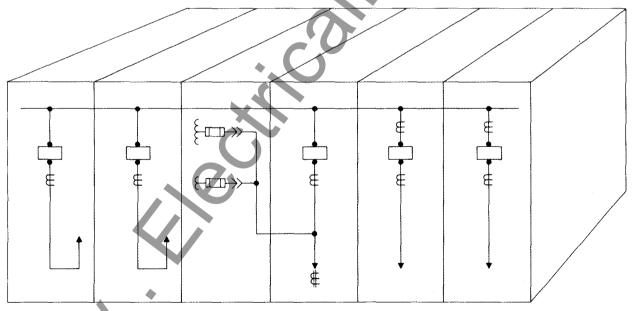
Vacuum interrupter contact wear indicator. Clearly visible, wear-gap (contact erosion) indicators require only an occasional check.

Space Utilization VacClad-W Switchgear has been designed for efficient use of space. In many situa-tions, total required floor space may be reduced by as much as 50% compared to conventional switchgear.

The rail extension feature for both the circuit breaker and auxiliaries, enable these draw-out devices to be withdrawn for inspection and maintenance without the use of unique lifting devices needed with other designs.



VacClad-W



Conventional Switchgear



### Application Flexibility

VacClad-W Switchgear has the flexibility to meet most installation conditions or requirements.

- One-high combinations can be provided.
- Modular construction provides for ease of assembly, initial flexibility of installation, and future expansion or modification.
- Rear compartments are designed for either top or bottom entry of cable or bus runs.
- Provisions for four current transformers per phase.
- Provisions for as many as four sets of drawout auxiliaries in one vertical section.
- Indoor and outdoor.
- Complete ANSI rating range available, plus several special ratings.
- IEC breaker ratings.

### Reliability

Reliability was the fundamental consideration of engineering design, material selection, use and design of components, manufacturing, test procedures, shipping and handling to assure the user of on-site reliability.

### **Design/Proof Tests**

VacClad-W Metal-Clad Switchgear meets applicable ANSI, IEEE, NEMA and IEC standards. The design criteria dictated that all tests demonstrate performance above the requirements of the standards. The ANSI test series is basic test criteria and includes interruption, BIL, dielectric, continuous current, mechanical life, and thermal and environmental conditions.

The design/proof testing of VacClad-W Switchgear is the most extensive ever performed by Westinghouse, which has always maintained the highest test standards for its metal-clad equipment.

### **Production Tests**

### Circuit Breaker

- Each breaker draw-out unit is checked for alignment with a master cell fixture that verifies all interfaces and interchangeability.
- All circuit breakers are operated over the range of minimum to maximum control voltage.
- Interrupter contact gap is factory set.
- One-minute dielectric test is performed on each breaker per ANSI Standards.
- Final inspection and quality check.

# Type VacClad-W Medium Voltage Metal-Clad Switchgear

### Housing

- Master breaker fixture is inserted into each breaker cell to ensure alignment.
- One-minute dielectric test per ANSI Standards is applied to both primary and secondary circuits.
- Operation of wiring, relays, and other devices is verified by an operational sequence test.
- Final inspection and quality check.

### Supplemental Device

### • Ground and Test Device

The ground and test device is a drawout element that may be inserted into a Metal-Clad Switchgear housing in place of a circuit breaker. It provides access to the primary circuits to permit the temporary connection of grounds or testing equipment to the high voltage circuits. High potential testing of cable or phase checking of circuits are typical tests which may be performed. The devices are insulated to suit the voltage rating of the switchgear and will carry required levels of short circuit current.

Both manual and electrically operated ground and test devices are available. These devices include six studs for connection to primary circuits. On the manual device, selection and grounding are accomplished by cable connection. On the electrically operated device, a two position switch provides for correct selection of the proper primary circuit. Grounding is accomplished by an electrically operated stored energy ground switch.

### Notice

Before using ground and test devices it is recommended that each user develop detailed operating procedures consistent with safe operating practices. Only qualified personnel should be authorized to use ground and test devices.

### **Standard Accessories**

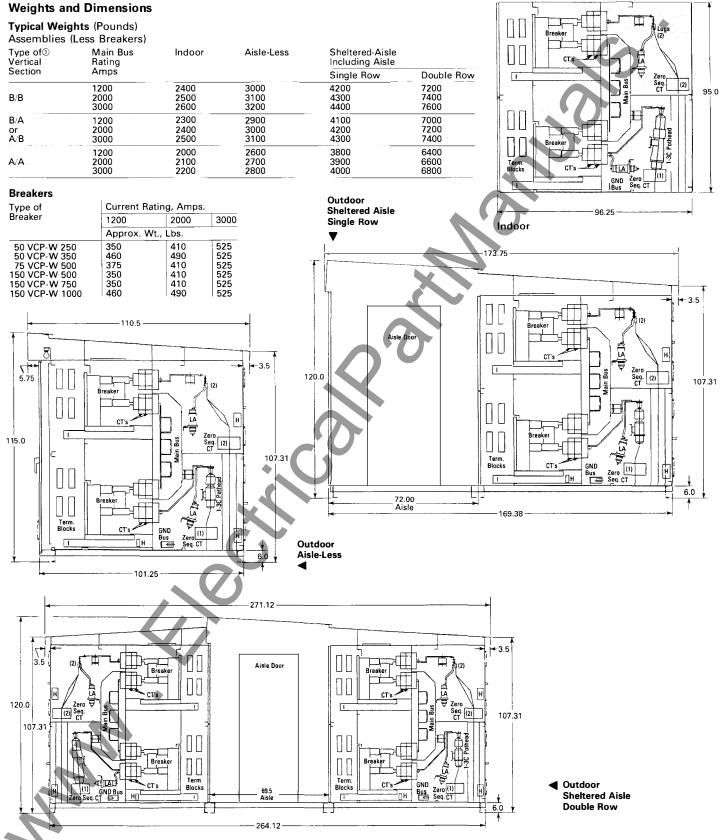
- 1 Test Jumper
- 1 Levering Crank
- 1 Maintenance Tool
- 1 Lifting Yoke
- 1 Set Rail Clamps
- 2 Sets of Rails
- 1 Transport Dolly (Optional)
- 1 Portable Lifter (Optional)
- 1 Test Cabinet (Optional)





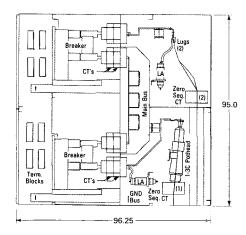


Optional Portable Lifter



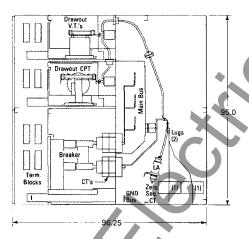


### **Typical Units**



### 36" Wide Typical Breaker/Breaker **Vertical Section**

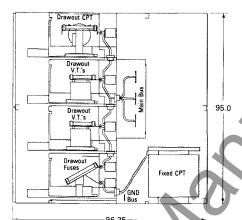
- 1 1200/2000/3000 Amp. main bus
- 2 Type VCP-W breakers 1200/2000 Amp. in 2 - high configuration
- 4 Current transformers per phase ANSI ratings.
  - Potheads 1/C or 3/C
- Lightning arresters, if desired.
- Zero sequence current transformer (ZST)



### 36" Wide Typical Auxiliary/Breaker **Vertical Section**

- 1 1200/2000/3000 Amp. main bus
- 1 Type VCP breaker 1200/2000 Amp. in lower position
- Drawout voltage transformer drawer
  - 2 L-L with fuses 3 L-G with fuses
- 1 Drawout control power transformer drawer CPT - 15 kVA max. - single phase Zero sequence current transformers

Lightning arrestors, if desired.



# 36" Wide Typical Auxiliary/Auxiliary Vertical

1 - 1200/2000/3000 Amp. main bus. Illustrating maximum utilization of auxiliary compartment with 4 - high drawout auxiliaries and fixed mounted control power transformer.

### **Available Configurations**

1200 Amp 1200 Amp Breaker Breaker 1200 Amp 2000 Amp Breaker Breaker

1200 Amp Breaker

Drawout Auxiliary

Drawout Auxiliary

2000 Amp Breaker

Drawout Auxiliary

1200 Amp Breaker

Drawout Auxiliary 2000 Amp Breaker

Drawout Auxiliary

Drawout

Auxiliary

Breaker

2000 Amp

Breaker

Vented Auxiliary Comp (Non-D.O.)

3000 Amp

Breaker

1200 Amp

Vent

3000 A

Drawout

Area

## **Application**

Table 1: Available VCP-W Vacuum Circuit Breaker Types Rated on Symmetrical Current Rating Basis, per ANSI Standards

Identification			Rated Va	alues							Related I	Required (	Capabilities 🛭		
	Nominal Voltage Class	Nominal 3-Phase MVA Class	Voltage		Insulation Level		Current		Rated	Rated	Rated	Current Values			
			Rated Max. Voltage	Rated Voltage Range Factor	Rated Withstand Test Voltage		Rated Contin- uous Current at 60	Rated Short Circuit Current (at rated	Inter- rupting Time	Permis- sible Tripping Delay	Max. Voltage Divided By K	Maxi- mum Sym. Inter- rupting Capa-	3 Sec. Short- Time Current Carrying Capability	Closing and Latching Capability (Momentary)	
Circuit Breaker	kV	MVA	v	②     K	Low Fre- quency	Impulse	Hz	Max. kV) ②		<ul><li>4</li></ul>	V/K	bility  K Times Short-Ci Current KI	rcuit	1.6 K Times Rated Short- Circuit Current	2.7K Times Rated Short- Circuit Current ®
Туре	Class	Class	kV rms		kV rms	kV Crest	Amperes	kA rms	Cycles	Sec.	kV rms	kA rms	kA rms	kA rms	kA Crest
50 VCP-W 250	4.16	250	4.76	1.24	19	60	1200 2000 3000	29	5	2	3.85	36	36	58 78①	97 132①
50 VCP-W 350	4.16	350	4.76	1.19	19	60	1200 2000 3000	41	5	2	4.0	49	49	78	132
75 VCP-W 500	7.2	500	8.25	1.25	36	95	1200 2000 3000	33	5	2	6.6	41	41	66	111
150 VCP-W 500	13.8	500	15	1.30	36	95	1200 2000 3000	18	5	2	11.5	23	23	37 58①	62 97①
150 VCP-W 750	13.8	750	15	1.30	36	95	1200 2000 3000	28	5	2	11.5	36	36	58 77①	97 130①
150 VCP-W 1000	13.8	1000	15	1.30	36	95	1200 2000 3000	37	5	2	11.5	48	48	77	130

- Non-Standard Breakers with High Momentary Rating available for Special Applications.
- @ For 3 phase and line to line faults, the sym interrupting capability at an operating voltage,  $V_{\rm 0}$ 
  - $\frac{V}{V_0}$  (Rated Short-Circuit Current)

But not to exceed KI.

Single line to ground fault capability at an operating voltage,  $V_0$  = 1.15  $\frac{V}{V_0}$  (Rated Short-Circuit Current)

# But not to exceed KI.

The above apply on predominately inductive or resistive 3-phase circuits with normal-frequency line to line recovery voltage equal to the operating voltage.

To Reclosing Service, the Sym. Interrupting Capability and other related capabilities are modified by the reclosing capability factor obtained from the following formula:

R (%) = 
$$100 - \frac{C}{6} \left[ (n-2) + \frac{15-T_1}{15} + \frac{15-T_2}{15} + \dots \right]$$

C = KA Sym. Interrupting Capability at the Operating Voltage but not less than 18. n = Total No. of Openings. T1, T2, etc. = Time interval in seconds except

use 15 for time intervals longer than 15

Note: Reclosing Service with the standard duty cycle  $0\,+\,15s\,+\,CO$ . Does not require breaker capabilities modified since the reclosing capability factor R = 100%.

 Tripping may be delayed beyond the rated permissible tripping delay at lower values of current in accordance with the following formula:

 $T \; (seconds) = Y \left[ \frac{KI \; (K \; Times \; Rated \; Short-Circuit \; Current)}{Short-Circuit \; Current \; Through \; Breaker} \right]^2$  The aggregate tripping delay on all operations within

any 30 minute period must not exceed the time obtained from the above formula.

⑤ Included for reference only.

® Preferred rating.



Table 2: Available VCP-W Vacuum Circuit Breaker Types Rated on Symmetrical Current Rating Basis per IEC Standards

Circuit	Voltage	Withstand \	Voltages	Normal	Short Circuit	Short Time	Short Circuit	
Breaker Type	U	1 min. Power Frequency	Lightning Impulse	Current	Breaking Current, I <sub>sc</sub>	(3 Sec.) Withstand Current	Making Current (Peak) 2.5 x I <sub>sc</sub>	
	kV rms	kV rms	kV Crest	Α	kA ①	kA®	kA Crest	
36 VCP-W 25	3.6 VCP-W 25		40†	630 1250 2000	25	25	63	
36 VCP-W 32	3.6 VCP-W 32		40†	1250 2000	31.5	31.5	79	
36 VCP-W 40	3.6	10†	40†	1250 2000	40	40	100	
72 VCP-W 25	72 VCP-W 25 7.2		60†	630 1250 2000	25	25	63	
72 VCP-W 32	7.2	20†	60†	1250 2000	31.5	31.5	79	
72 VCP-W 40	2 VCP-W 40 7.2		60†	1250 2000	40	40	100	
120 VCP-W 25	12	28†	75†	630 1250 2000	25	25	63	
120 VCP-W 32	12	28†	75†	1250 2000	31.5	. 31.5	79	
120 VCP-W 40	12	28†	75†	1250 2000	40	40	100	
175 VCP-W 25	5 VCP-W 25 17.5 38		95	630 1250 2000	25	25	63	
175 VCP-W 32	17.5	38	95	1250 2000	31.5	31.5	79	
175 VCP-W 40	17.5	38	95	1250 2000	40	40	100	

†Withstand voltage capabilities exceed these values. Contact your local Westinghouse representative if you require higher values.

In the IEC rating structure per IEC 56 and IEC 694, there is no "Voltage range factor "K". Therefore, the 175 VCP-W 25 is rated at 25 kA at 17.5 kV, and also 25 kA at 13.2 kV. There is no increase in short circuit current rating to go along with the lower applied voltage level.

<sup>The rated operating sequence is 0-3m-C0-3m-C0. However these breaker ratings are also available for rapid auto-reclosing service with the 0-0.3s-C0-3m-C0 operating sequence.</sup> 

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