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**Outdoor Oil Breakers** 

69 Through 161 Kv 5000 Through 15000 Mva

Type GM Floor Mounted

# Westinghouse



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## Standard Ratings (60-cycle basis)

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Rated Voltage Kv	Continuous Current Rating, Amps	Interrupting Capacity 3-phase, Mva	Interrupting Time (Cycles)							
69	2000	5000	5							
115	1200 1600 2000	5000 10000 10000	3 3 3							
138	1200 1600 2000	5000 10000 15000	3 3 3							
161	1200 1600	5000 15000	3 3							

## Application

Type GM De-ion ® grid oil circuit breakers are designed for use on 69 through 161 kv transmission systems—20 cycle reclosing and transmission line switching.

#### Advantages

**De-ion grid interrupters** insure short arcing time, reduced arc energy, low maintenance, and high interrupting capacity.

**Type O condenser bushings** built to ASA dimensions, provide maximum mechanical and electrical strength with minimum size and weight. Metal and porcelain enclosure gives complete protection under all weather conditions.

Unit base mounting construction of threepole assembly on steel base simplifies shipment and installation.

**Pneumatic mechanism** provides efficient circuit breaker operation. Selection of most suitable design can be made to suit application requirements.

**5 and 3 cycle interrupting times** insure fast arc extinction and give better protection with less maintenance.

**Fast reclosing time** with pneumatic mechanism permits re-establishment of circuits before parts of the power system fall out of step, thereby maintaining greater stability.

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#### **Design Features** Unit Base Mounting

To reduce field installation expense, type GM breakers are shipped with tanks permanently mounted on heavy structural steel bases. The three tanks are factory-assembled into a single three-pole unit, with interpole conduit, connecting rods, current transformers, secondary wiring, etc., installed and tested before the breaker leaves the factory. This construction eliminates three-fourths of the field work, and greatly reduces foundation work.

# 🚯 Type O Condenser Bushings

The condenser-type entrance bushings combine high mechanical strength with electrically coordinated insulation based on the fundamentally sound principle of electrostatic division of voltage. The series of condensers, formed by alternate layers of oil-impregnated paper and metal foil wound on the central conducting stud, equalize the electrical stress internally and over the bushing surface. Thus the bushing is both small in size and free from radio interference. Effective seals and provision for expansion over normal operating temperature range insure long life.

A leak-proof magnetic indicator at the top of the bushing indicates oil level at all times. Space is provided on each bushing for mounting one or two bushing-type current transformers.

Taps are brought out from the condenser unit for use with an optional potential device for relay and instrument indication. This tap may also be used for making ungrounded power factor tests on the condenser bushing without removing the tap cover.

Type O condenser bushings are built to ASA standard dimensions.

# Bell Crank and Position Indicator

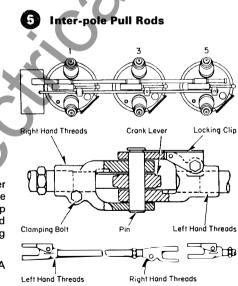
A semaphore indicator attached to the bell crank shows the position of the circuit breaker contacts. Remote indication at the control board is obtained by indicating lamps connected to a rotary-type auxiliary switch attached to the mechanism pull rod.

#### Current Transformer Secondary Conduit

All secondary leads from the multi-ratio bushing-type current transformers are carried in a single conduit to terminal blocks in the mechanism housing for convenience in changing ratios.

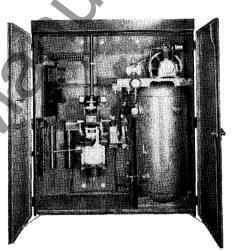


A float-type oil gauge is mounted on top of the tank. Since it is above the oil level, leakage and loss of oil through breakage of glass are eliminated. Fire hazard from oil leaking from broken glass is removed.



The vertical motion of the operating mechanism is transmitted through the bell crank and pull rods to the pole-unit lever system within each tank to control the position of the contacts. These pull rods have right and left hand threads with turnbuckle action to permit adjustment of each set of contacts during installation. After the contacts are set, locking devices prevent any further adjustment.

# Pneumatic Operating Mechanism



Type AA-10 electropneumatic mechanism is used. This mechanism is mechanically and electrically trip-free.

Each mechanism is complete with its own storage reservoir, motor-driven compressor, pressure relay, pressure gauge, and safety valve to prevent excessive pressures. At normal operating pressure, the reservoir contains sufficient air for five immediate closing operations without operation of the compressor. A drain valve is provided to remove condensed moisture from the reservoir. The air supply system meets all the requirements of the ASME and State and Insurance codes.

The weatherproof cabinet has large access doorway, sealed with rubber gaskets, to provide easy access for inspection and maintenance. A heater element provides continuous inside-outside temperature differential, with additional thermostatically-controlled heater for winter use.

Included in the housing are necessary auxiliary switches, cut-off switch, latch check switch, alarm switch, and operation counter. The control relays and three control knife switches (one each for the control circuit, compressor motor, and heater circuit) are mounted on a hinged panel. Terminal blocks on the side and back of the housing are provided for control and transformer wiring.



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High speed reclosing – When equipped with type AA pneumatic mechanisms, these breakers are ideal for high speed reclosing. Reclosing speeds of 20 cycles (60-cycle basis) from the instant of initial tripping impulse until the current is reestablished are common, and faster reclosing speeds have been obtained.

On the AA-10 mechanism, used with these breakers, selective tripping provides unretarded opening even when the breaker is closed on a fault, but at the same time provides for high speed or ultra high speed reclosing. Starting from a normally closed position with no high pressure air in the closing cylinder, the breaker trips in such a manner that the closing piston and the contacts remain tied together. Preset relays start the closing action by admitting air into the cylinder shortly after the contacts have parted. The air pressure stops the movement of the contacts before they reach the full open position, reverses their travel, and immediately carries them to the closed position. This ability to reverse the direction of contact movement before the contacts reach the full open position holds the reclosing time to a very minimum.

# 🎲 Pole Unit Tank

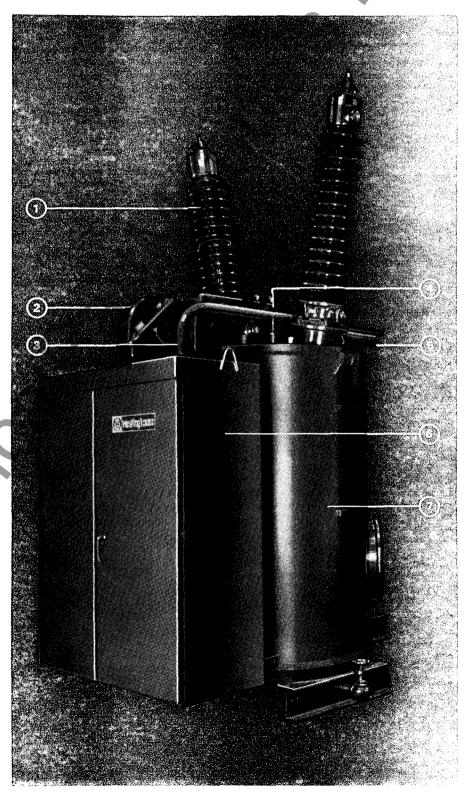
Breaker tanks are of boiler-plate construction with dome-shaped tops and bottoms. All seams are welded and carefully inspected and tested to prevent oil leakage.

Hinged manhole covers on the side of each tank provide access to the interior for inspection and maintenance.

Combination oil drain and fill valve is connected to the lowest point on each tank bottom.

Filling from the bottom minimizes inclusion of air and consequent reduction of dielectric strength.

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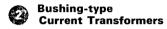


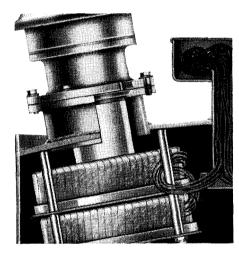


# **Design Features, Internal**

# Pole Unit Lever System

A simple lever system inside each tank transmits the horizontal motion of the interpole pull rods into straight-line vertical movement for the contact lift rods. Hydraulic bumpers cushion the opening stroke and eliminate rebound. Gas-tight seals prevent the gas from passing from one pole unit to another, or into the mechanism housing.





Type GM breakers are normally equipped with six multi-ratio bushing-type current transformers of relay accuracy mounted one on each bushing of the breaker. Space is available for two transformers per bushing when required. The standard transformer is the type BYM, 1200/5 or 2000/5 ampere, 10L800 accuracy. When desired, linear couplers for use for bus-differential protection, or metering accuracy transformers, can be provided. All of these transformers meet NEMA and ASA published standards.

The leads are brought out through a neoprene rubber compression seal to prevent entrance of moisture or loss of oil into the conduit. Leads are terminated in the mechanism housing for convenience in changing ratios.



# Micarta® Lift Rod and Guide

Wood-base Micarta is used for contact lift rods and guides. Laminated selected wood impregnated with phenolic resin and molded under heat and pressures, produces a dense, uniform, high-strength, shock-resistant material of high dielectric strength, especially adaptable to this application.



A moving contact of ample conductivity bridges the two stationary contacts to complete the circuit. The structural shape provides adequate mechanical strength and the smooth curved surfaces with rounded edges reduce the dielectric stresses.

The moving contacts used with MF-3A and multi-break grids make butt-type connection with captive lower contacts mounted inside the grid.

# 5 Tank Air Cells

To absorb the pressure shock transmitted through the oil during heavy fault interruptions, two inverted air cells are provided near the bottom of type GM breakers rated 10,000 mva and above. Air is trapped automatically in these cells when the tanks are filled with oil. This forms an air cushion which reduces the pressure shock. Floats within the air cells minimize the absorption of air into the oil by reducing the area of contact between air and oil and by preventing oil circulation.

## 6 De-ion Grid Interrupters

#### Multi-flow Grids

Multi-flow De-ion grids provide highly effective circuit interruption. These grids consist essentially of two chambers: an upper pressure chamber in which a pressure generating arc is drawn, and a lower de-ionizing chamber in which the arc is confined and extinguished within vulcanized fiber plates bolted together with wood-base Micarta tie rods.



**Type MF-3A** grids provide simultaneous opening of pressure-generating contacts and interrupting contacts. A side operating rod operates the rocker-type pressure-generating contact at the same time the lower contact parts. High ohmic resistors divide the recovery voltage equally between the two grids in each pole.

A spring-operated piston acts as an oil pump to provide supplementary oil flow to the interrupting chamber when the breaker interrupts low currents. The captive construction of the lower moving contact within the grid permits closer fit in the orifice plates, more efficiently directing the flow of oil into the interrupting chamber. It also provides greater tolerance in the alignment between the lower end of the grids and the moving contact crossarm on the breaker lift rod.

#### Multi-break Grids

Multi-break De-ion grids are available for use with those type GM oil circuit breakers having the higher ratio of interrupting capacity to service voltage.

#### **Five-cycle Grids**

**Type MB-1** grids have a single set of finger and bayonet contacts mounted within a heavy insulating tube and a spring driven pump mounted in the lower casting of the grid, otherwise it is similar to the type MB-2 grid.





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Three-cycle Grids, Continued



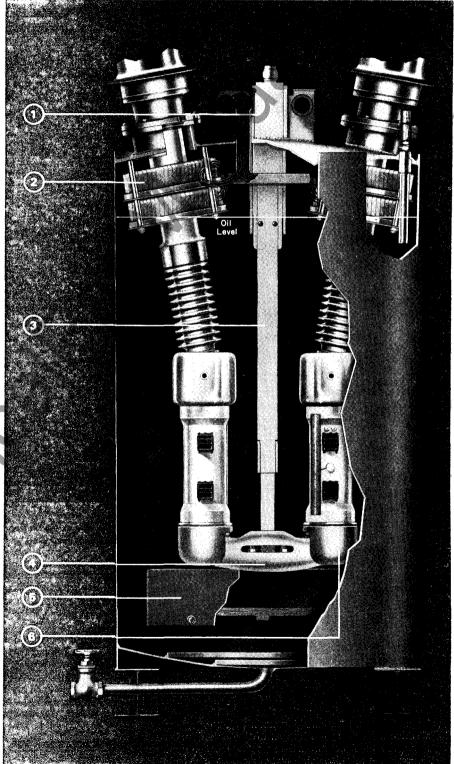
Type MB-2 De-ion grids used on high interrupting capacity 115 through 161 kv breakers each have two sets of finger and bayonet contacts in series mounted within a heavy insulating tube. The contact elements are unit assemblies that operate in unison and require no critical adjustment. The stationary contacts are heavy-duty, silver-plated fingers with arc-resisting silver tungsten surfaces that provide long life. The moving contacts are properly spaced and insulated from each other by woodbase Micarta rods.

Each set of contacts part within a removable laminated and cemented fiber block that guides the oil flow in the arcing region of each contact gap, and vents the arc gases and contaminated oil into the breaker tank. The oil stored in the arcing regions produces self-generated de-ionizing action that is effective for high current operation. A springdriven pump at the top of each assembly provides oil flow at each break for the interruption of line charging currents. This pump also performs a flushing action immediately following each interruption to clear out all gases and arc products in preparation for the next operation.

Quick inspection of the fixed and moving contacts may be made simply by loosening the "keeper" plate on one side of the grid and removing the fiber interrupter blocks.



Grid interrupter block, cutaway view





#### **Operation** Three Cycle Fault Current Interruption Type MF-3A Grid

When the breaker is called upon to open under fault conditions, the breaker accelerating springs act through the lift rod to open the moving contacts rapidly. Three springs open the lower contact inside the grid and at the same time the rocker-type upper contact is opened by the action of the springoperated side operating rod extending from the moving contact to the top of the grid.

As the contacts part, the pressure-generating arc drawn in the upper chamber, between the upper and intermediate contacts, forces the oil in the center chamber through the inlet orifices into and along the closely confined main interrupting arc. Gases formed by contact of oil with the arc pass through exhaust vents in the grid into the main body of oil in the breaker tank.

The multi-flow principle of arc interruption uses a number of inlet orifices and exhaust vents proportioned to the voltage rating. As the moving contact uncovers successive inlet orifices the flow of fresh oil from the pressure generating chamber de-ionizes the entire length of the arc and interrupts it at a minimum length and in the shortest time.

The symmetrical arrangement of the inlet orifices and vents within the grid structure provides balanced flow and reaction forces. The flow of oil and gas centers the arc in the interrupting chamber away from the fiber plates, minimizing wear of the interrupter.

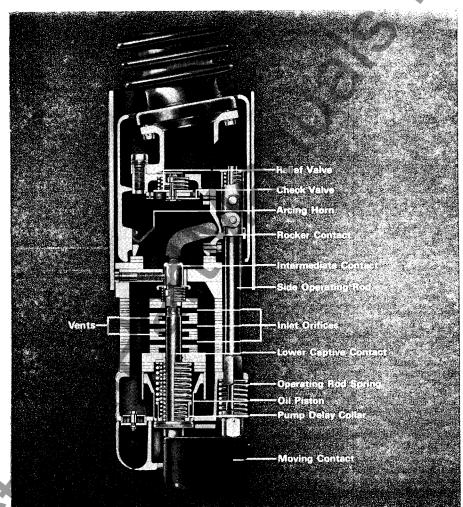
Following the interruption, the arc gases and carbonized oil are flushed through the vents and replaced by fresh oil in preparation for the next operation. This flushing action is provided by the operation of a spring driven piston located at the bottom of the grid. The check valve in the top of the pressure chamber opens to release the residual gas and the chamber refills with fresh oil.

During normal operation this open valve permits circulation of oil through the grid to cool the current carrying parts.

As a protective feature, a safety valve is provided to open if the gas pressure within the pressure chamber should become too great during an interrupting operation.

### **Low Current Operation**

To assure three-cycle interrupting time for low magnetizing and line-charging currents, the oil driving piston at the bottom of the grid augments the oil flow from the pressure arc. To avoid arc re-strikes and overvoltage



surges when interrupting line-charging currents, the oil piston action is purposely delayed. Interruption is attempted only after the contacts are parted sufficiently to support the double voltage which will appear across the contacts one-half cycle after interruption.

#### Scavenging Action for Reclosing Duty

At higher currents, where the pressure-arc generates greater pressure than that obtainable from the piston, the piston does not operate until after the arc is interrupted; it then serves to flush the arc products from the grid. This is particularly important on high speed reclosing where it is desirable to clean out the gases from the first interruption before the circuit breaker may be called upon to open the circuit again within 20 cycles or less.



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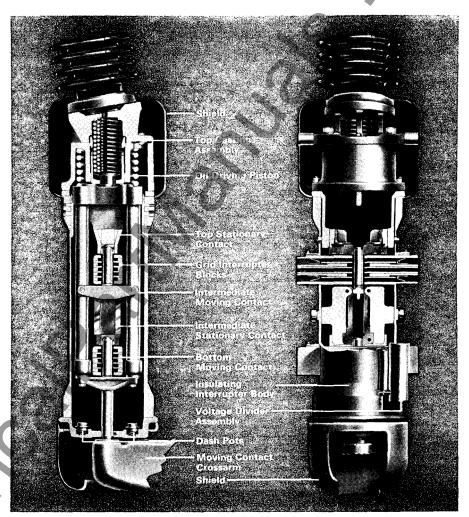
#### **Operation,** Continued **Three Cycle Fault Current Interruption** Type MB-2 Grids

The type MB-2 multi-break De-ion Grid has two sets of finger and bayonet contacts in series mounted in a ladder arrangement within a heavy insulating tube. Under normal operating conditions with the breaker carrying load current oil circulates by natural convection through a spring biased inlet check valve located at the bottom of the grid, the exhaust passages in the interrupter blocks and out through the check valve in the top of the grid to cool the current carrying parts. On fault operation of the breaker as the accelerating springs act through the lift rod to drive the cross arm toward the open position, two accelerating springs in the top casting assembly of the grid drive the interrupter contacts toward the open position. Arcs are drawn between the captive moving contacts and the stationary finger contacts within the fiber interrupter blocks. The heat from these arcs volatilizes some of the oil and generates a pressure which immediately closes the check valves.

Since the grid is now essentially a sealed vessel except for the exhaust vents in the interrupter blocks, the pressure generated by the arcs forces oil to flow into the two intake passages on each side of the interrupter blocks and axially along the arc to deionize it and interrupt the flow of current. The gases formed by contact of the oil with the arc pass through the exhaust passages in the interrupter block and into the main body of oil in the breaker tank. Each interrupter block has one main unobstructed exhaust passage-way out each end of the assembly with two additional vents having pressure relief devices which will open on high capacity faults and allow additional venting. Thus a self-generated pressure and oil flow principal is utilized in the tubular type grids to interrupt the flow of fault current

During interruption, voltage distribution between the two interrupters in each pole and between the arcing contacts within an interrupter is equalized by voltage dividers made up of a resistor-capacitor network shunting each interrupter and tapped across each interrupter break. These units are of tubular construction containing carbon-composition resistor cylinders and rutile capacitors of high ohmic value. The symmetrical arrangement of the inlet orifices and vents within the interrupter blocks provides balanced oil flow and reaction forces. The flow of oil and gas centers the arc within the interrupting block away from the fiber plates minimizing wear. Blocks are easily removed for inspection, and may be inverted in the grid structure, adding to their operating life.

When these blocks are removed, the contact



surfaces can be easily inspected. The complete stationary and moving contact assemblies can be withdrawn from the tube for maintenance without disturbing the alignment of the tube or pump assembly.

#### **Low Current Operation**

A spring driven oil piston is located in the top casting assembly. During high current operation the back pressure generated by the arcs is sufficient to stall the movement of the oil piston but for low current operation the oil piston operates to augment the oil flow due to the self-generated pressure to achieve three cycle interrupting time even for low magnetizing and line-charging currents. To avoid arc restrikes and the resulting overvoltage surges when interrupting line charging currents, the oil piston action is purposely delayed. Interruption is attempted only after the contacts are parted sufficiently to support the double voltage which will appear across the contacts one half cycle after interruption.

#### **Scavenging Action for Reclosing**

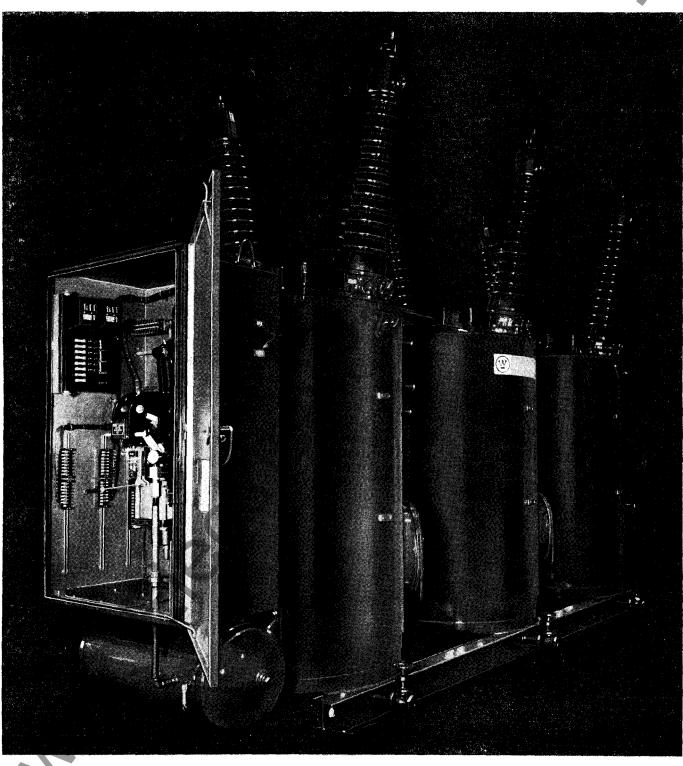
At the higher currents, where the arcs generate greater pressure than that obtainable from the piston, the piston does not operate until the arc is interrupted, it then serves to flush the arc products from the grid. This is particularly important on high speed reclosing where it is desirable to clean out the gases due to the first interruption before the circuit breaker may be called upon to open the circuit again within 20 cycles or less.

#### **Five Cycle Fault Current Interruption** Type MB-1 Grids

The 69 kv, 5 cycle tubular interrupter differs from the type MB-2 in that it has only one set of finger and bayonet contacts and the oil driving piston is located in the lower casting of the interrupter assembly.

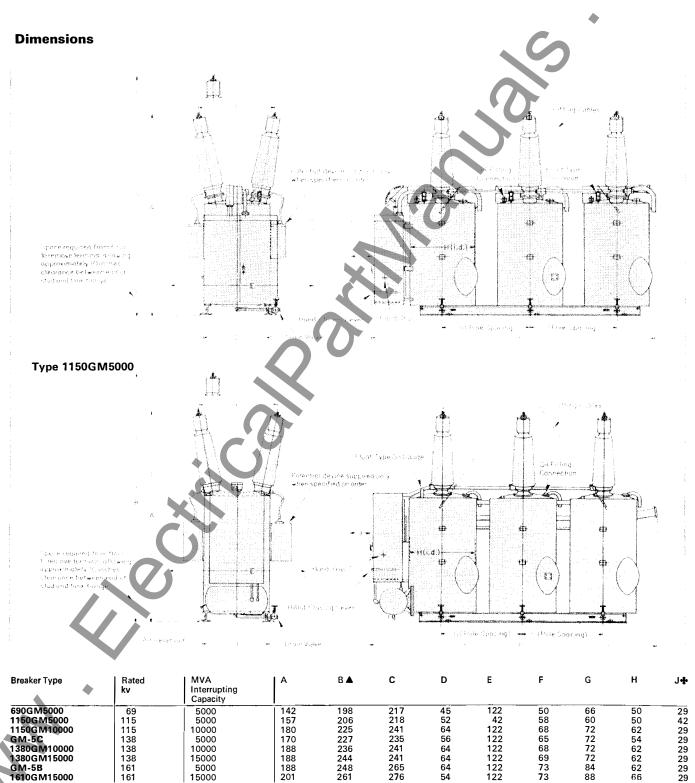






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Space required to remove bushing.
Space required to open mechanism door.





rated voltage	60 kv	115 kv		138 kv			161 kv	
type	690GM5000	1150GM5000	1150GM10000	GM-5C	1380GM10000	1380GM15000	GM-5B	1610GM1500
Ratings: Ratings based on recomm	endations of El	EI AEIC NEMA	A joint committee	on power c	ircuit breakers. For	r definitions, see t	echnical data	33-060.
Voltage Ratings								
Rated Kv	69	115	115	138	138	138	161	161
Maximum Design, Kv Minimum for Rated Mva, Kv	72.5 66	121 110	121 110	145 120	145 132	145 132	169 150	169 154
	00	110		120	102		100	104
Current Ratings Continuous, 60 Cycle, Amp	2000	1200	1600	1200	1600	2000	1200	1600
Momentary, Amp	70000	39000	78000	36000	66000	99000	29000	84000
4-second, Amp	44000	26000	52000	24000	44000	66000	19200	56000
nterrupting Ratings								
3-phase, Mva	5000 42000	5000 25000	10000 50000	5000 21000	10000 42000	15000 63000	5000 18000	15000 54000
Rated Voltage, Amp	44000	26000	52000	24000	44000	66000	19300	56000
Opening, Cycles	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
nsulation Level								
60-cycle Test, Kv	160	260	260	310	310	310	365	365
Impulse Withstand, Kv	350	550	550	650	650	650	750	750
Components								
Pneumatic Mechanisms, Type	AA-10	AA-10	AA-10	AA-10	AA-10	AA-10	AA-10	AA-10
De-ion Grids, Type	MB-1	MF-3A	MB-2	MF-3A	MB-2	MB-2	MF-3A	MB-2
Bushing Current Transformers								
Relaying Accuracy	10L800	10L800	10L800 1200/5	10L800	10L800	10L800	10L800	10L800
Maximum Ratio	2000/5 300 1100	1200/5 100 500	300 1100	1200/5 100 500	2000/5 300 1100	2000/5 300 1100	1200/5 100 500	2000/5 300 1100
	400 1200	200 600	400 1200	200 600	400 1200	400 1200	200 600	400 1200
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Condenser Bushings, Type	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weight and Oil Requirements								
Net Weight With Oil, Lb	28500	26100	51000	32250	53150	53500	51500	63100
Shipping Weight Less Oil, Lb	16700	14100	26000	19000	28500	29000	27700	33000
ank Diameter, In	50	54	62	54	62	62	62	66
Dil Capacity, Gal	1650	1680	3435	2250	3525	3525	3225	4095
Operating Currents						I		
Pneumatic Mechanism								
Closing (125v, D-c), Amp	9	2	9	9	9	9	9	9
Tripping (125v, D-c), Amp	10	20	20	20	20	20	20	20

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#### Specification Details Included with Standard Circuit Breaker:

Wemco® "C" universal oil Six Type O condenser bushings, threaded for terminal connection, and equipped with potential and/or power factor test tap Six Type BYM multi-ratio bushing current transformers Weatherproof metal conduit for transformer leads to mechanism housing Combination oil drain and filling valve for each pole unit Oil sight gauge Mechanical "open" and "closed" indicator Accelerating springs Maintenance closing device (one per station) Weatherproof mechanism housing and mechanism (see below)

#### Pneumatic Mechanism Housing Includes:

Pneumatic closing mechanism, 48, 125 or 250 volts d-c (specify) Shunt trip coil, 48, 125 or 250 volts d-c (specify) Control relay panel with electrically trip-free control relay •Refer to Westinghouse if other control voltages required Air compressor and reservoir with automatic controls Three 2-pole fused knife switches; one for control circuit, one for heater circuit, and one for compressor motor Necessary terminal blocks Type W auxiliary switch, 11-pole Type W cutoff switch, 2-pole Latch-checking switch Operation counter Thermostatically controlled space heaters Optional Equipment Available at Extra Cost:

# Optional Equipment Available at Extra Cost:

(for details see price modifications 33-240) Extra creepage or high altitude bushings Linear couplers for bus differential relaying Metering type bushing current transformers Terminal connectors Key interlocks

440-volt control or three-phase motor for pneumatic mechanism Special relays, meters, instruments and cabinets

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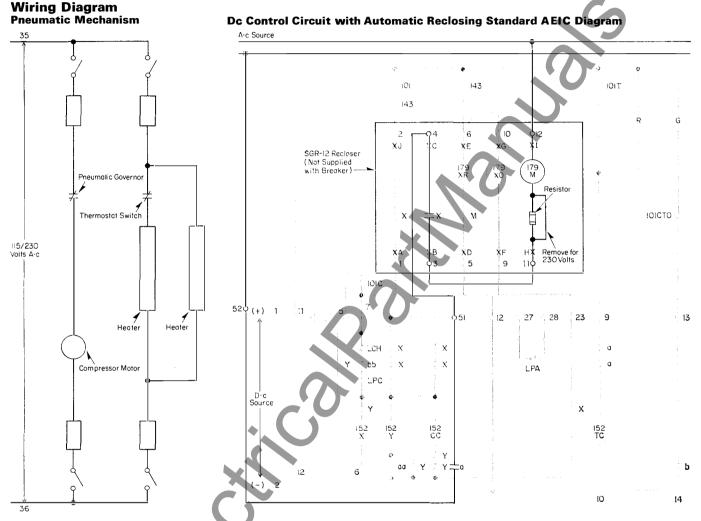


Diagram in Accordance with AEIC Industry Standard

Legend

- 1. Auxiliary switches shown for open breaker Note: 2. Relay contacts shown de-energized 3. Pressure switches shown for low pressure
- 152CC Closing coil
- 152TC Trip coil
- LCH Latch check switch
- LPA Low pressure alarm (closed on low pressure)
- LPC Low pressure cut-off (open on low pressure)
- 101 Control switch
- 143 Toggle switch
- Accessible terminals -
- Open contacts -11
- **Closed contacts** ч
  - A-c D-c

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# **Further Information**

Prices: Price List 33-220

Price Modifications 33-240

- AA mechanisms: Descriptive Bulletin 33-350 Condenser bushings: Descriptive Bulletin 33-354
- De-ion grids: Descriptive Bulletin 33-355
- Bushing current transformers: Descriptive Bulletin 33-356
- Type PBA bushing potential device: Descriptive Bulletin 33-357