



Energy Division

Bowthorpe MV Surge Arresters OCP, Open Cage Polymeric series



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At the core of the Bowthorpe OCP design is our improved ZnO varistor disk, which has superior thermal and electrical characteristics and stability. The resulting new varistor and OCP design combination has resulted in superior energy handling and TOV performance.

The construction of the OCP design comprises of:

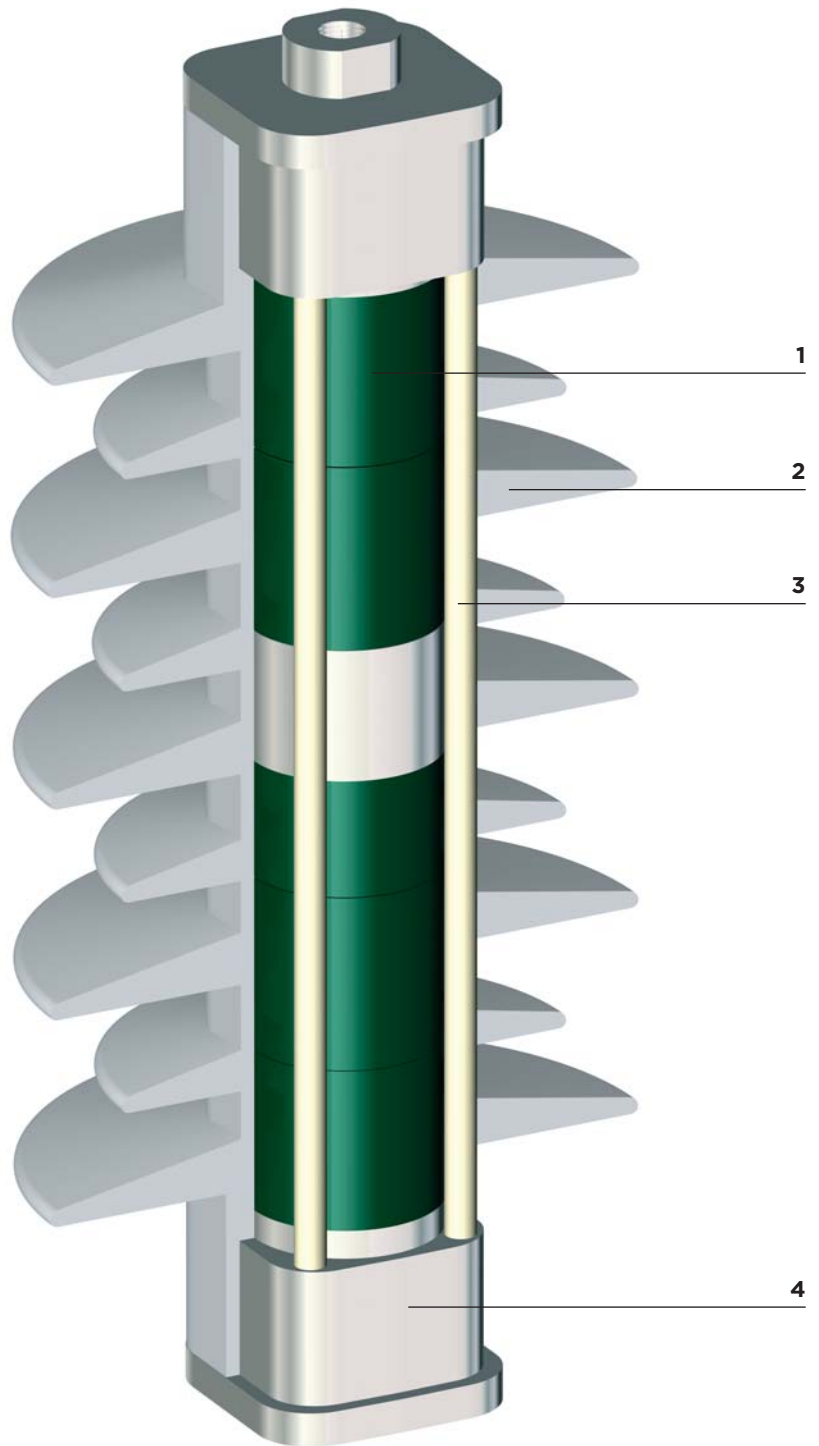
- 1 ZnO, (Zinc Oxide) varistors
- 2 Bowthorpe proprietary silicone housing
- 3 Flame retardant FRP structure
- 4 Corrosion resistant aluminium fittings

The crimped structural construction ensures light weight product with optimal mechanical strength. The manufacturing process ensures void free construction and optimum interface sealing. This is achieved by bonding the silicone housing directly to the ZnO discs and aluminium fittings using a Bowthorpe proprietary bonding solution.

The silicone housing was developed using the knowledge accumulated over 35 years of internal materials science expertise and experience, resulting in an optimum shed profile and a material with excellent tracking and erosion resistance.

Features of our new hydrophobic silicone OCP design are:

- Alternating sheds for superior pollution flash over resistance
- Superior TERT performance
- Constant voltage: 4.5kV, >360min
 - Stepped voltage: >300min
 - All eventual failures by erosion only, ie no tracking in step voltage test
- Housing tested to IEC 1000hr salt fog test



Excellent hydrophobicity



Safe short circuit failure



Superior TERT performance

Bowthorpe EMP Open Cage Polymeric series arresters OCP2

Application:

Protection of MV networks, sensitive equipment and substations from lightning and switching surge related over-voltages in areas with relatively high iso-keraunic levels.

Generic technical data:

OCP2 series	3-29kV Uc
Rated discharge current (8/20µs):	10kA
Line discharge class 2 according to	IEC 60099-4
Operating duty impulse withstand current (4/10µs):	100kA
Long duration current impulse (2000µs):	530A
High current short circuit: (pre-failing method) (Safe non-shattering failure mode)	40kA
Energy 2 Long duration impulses:	6.0kJ/kVUc



Bowthorpe OCP benefits:

Tested in accordance with IEC60099-4 at independent accredited laboratories

Superior protection margins

Direct molded housing to prevent moisture ingress

Low residual voltages

High-energy handling

Superior TOV performance

Safe non-shattering short circuit behavior to higher current levels

Maintenance free

Hydrophobic silicone housing: (Tracking and erosion resistant)

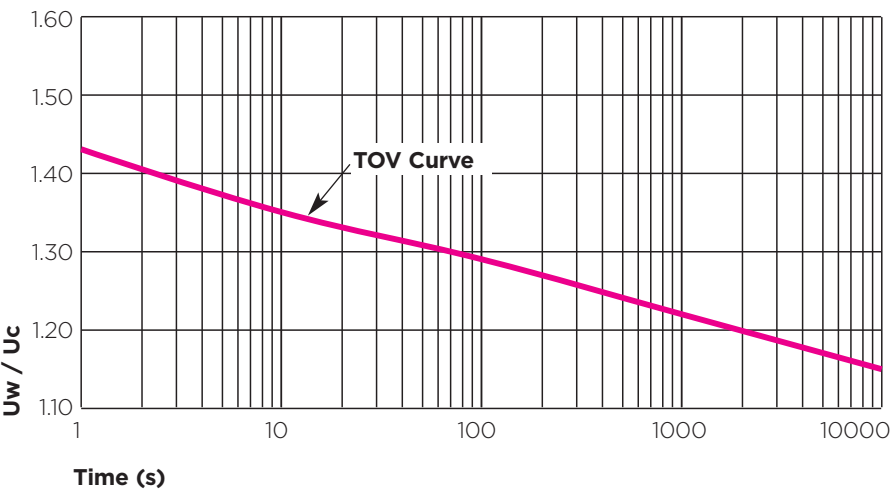
Excellent cantilever and tensile performance

Excellent mechanical, vibration and impact withstand capability

Quality design and manufacturing, ISO 9001 and 14001 compliant

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TOV for OCP2 with prior energy



Temperature of samples (pre-heated): 60° C according to IEC 60099-4, Ed 2.0 2004. TOV Curve applies to an arrester which has a pre-stress applied prior to TOV verification. This pre-stress is equivalent to two long duration current impulses having duration of 2000µs and total energy equal to 6.0 kJ/kV Uc.

Uw = TOV withstand voltage; Uc = continuous operating voltage

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OCP2	U continuous kV(r.m.s)	U rated kV(r.m.s)	U residual in kV when tested to the following impulse waveforms						
			Lightning (8/20μs)			Steep lightning (1/20μs)		Switching (30/60μs)	
			5kA	10kA	20kA	10kA	125A	500A	
3	3	3.7	9.18	9.72	10.84	10.10	7.37	7.76	
4	4	5.0	12.24	12.96	14.46	13.47	9.83	10.35	
5	5	6.2	15.30	16.20	18.07	16.84	12.29	12.94	
6	6	7.5	18.36	19.44	21.68	20.21	14.75	15.53	
8	8	10.0	24.48	25.92	28.91	26.94	19.66	20.70	
9	9	11.2	27.54	29.16	32.53	30.31	22.12	23.29	
10	10	12.5	30.60	32.40	36.14	33.68	24.58	25.88	
12	12	15.0	36.72	38.88	43.37	40.42	29.50	31.06	
15	15	18.7	45.90	48.60	54.21	50.52	36.87	38.82	
18	18	22.5	55.08	58.32	65.05	60.62	44.24	46.58	
20	20	25.0	61.20	64.80	72.28	67.36	49.16	51.76	
21	21	26.2	64.26	68.04	75.89	70.73	51.62	54.35	
22	22	27.5	67.32	71.28	79.51	74.10	54.08	56.94	
24	24	30.0	73.44	77.76	86.74	80.83	58.99	62.11	
29	29	36.3	88.74	93.96	104.81	97.67	71.28	75.05	

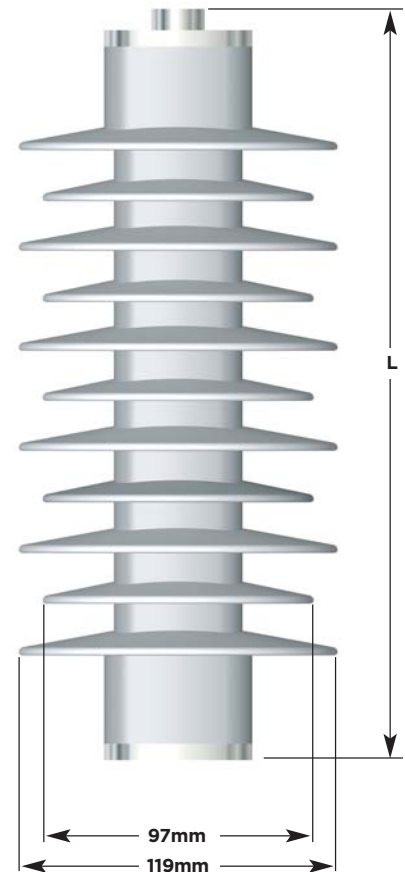
OCP2-xxS; Standard housing parameters

OCP2	Sheds	Impulse voltage 1.2/50µs (kV)	Power frequency voltage withstand, wet (kV)	Flash over distance (mm)	Creepage (mm)	Height L (mm)
3	5	145	47	176	380	183
4	5	145	47	176	380	183
5	5	145	47	176	380	183
6	5	145	47	176	380	183
8	5	145	47	176	380	183
9	5	145	47	176	380	183
10	5	145	47	176	380	183
12	5	145	47	176	380	183
15	7	165	57	214	505	220
18	9	180	70	254	632	260
20	9	180	70	254	632	260
21	11	200	80	293	758	299
22	11	200	80	293	758	299
24	11	200	80	293	758	299
29	13	230	95	334	885	340

OCP2-xxL; Extended housing parameters

OCP2	Sheds	Impulse voltage 1.2/50µs (kV)	Power frequency voltage withstand, wet (kV)	Flash over distance (mm)	Creepage (mm)	Height L (mm)
3	7	165	57	214	505	220
4	7	165	57	214	505	220
5	7	165	57	214	505	220
6	7	165	57	214	505	220
8	7	165	57	214	505	220
9	7	165	57	214	505	220
10	7	165	57	214	505	220
12	7	165	57	214	505	220
15	9	180	70	254	632	260
18	11	200	80	293	758	299
20	11	200	80	293	758	299
21	13	230	95	334	885	340
22	13	230	95	334	885	340
24	13	230	95	334	885	340

Tested in accordance with
IEC 60099-4, Ed 2.0 2004



Notes:

Mechanical strength data:

Cantilever	Nm	350
Tensile	kN	2
Torque	Nm	50

For accessory and ordering information, please refer to page 10

Bowthorpe EMP Open Cage Polymeric series OCP accessories

OCP series naming and order query description:

Example: OCP = “Open Cage Polymeric”

OCP0 - 12S - ABC

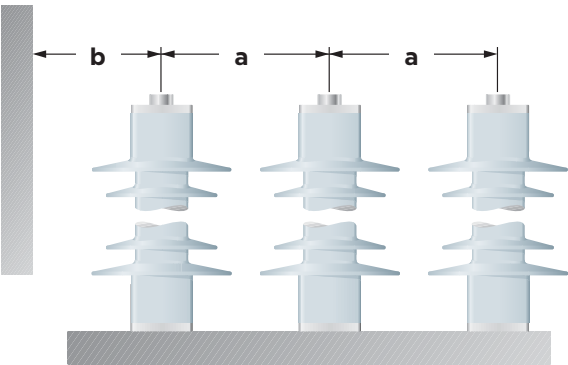
Line discharge class: _____
0 = 5kA, 65kA high current
1 = 10kA, 100kA high current, class 1
2 = 10kA, 100kA high current, class 2

Uc _____

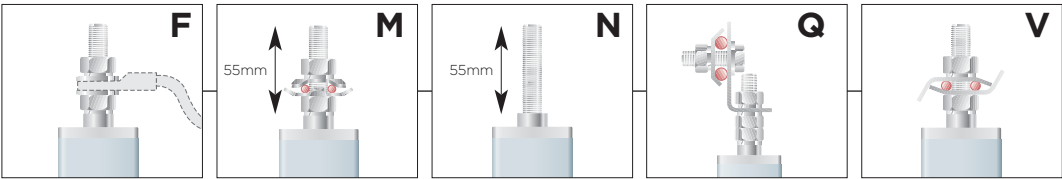
Housing creepage: _____
S = standard creepage
L = extended creepage

Accessory selection _____
M = Mounting bracket
E = Earth connection
L = Line connection

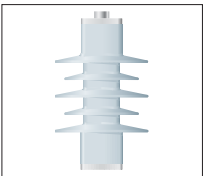
System Voltage Um	ph/ph (a)	ph/ground (b)
12	185	165
24	315	295
36	445	425



Line lead accessories



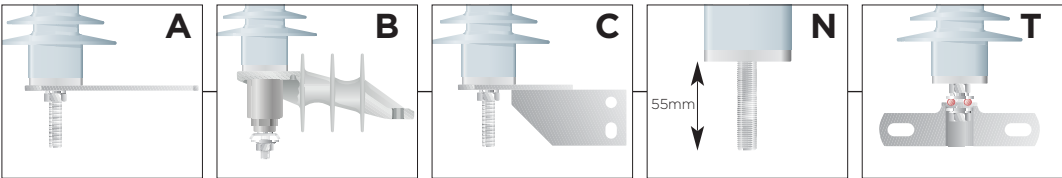
Arrester Type = Continuous Operating Voltage U_c in kV



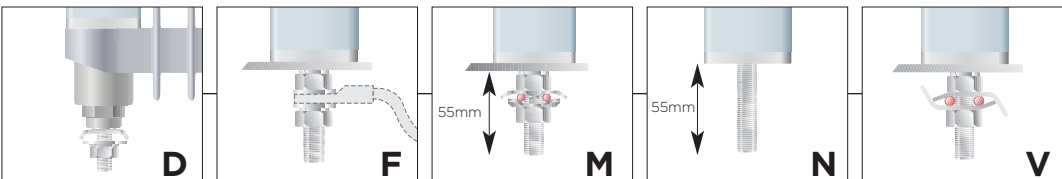
OCP	03	04	05	06
	08	09	10	12
	15	18	20	21
	22	24	29	

OCP ☐ - **12** ☐ - ☐ ☐ ☐

Mounting accessories



Ground lead accessories



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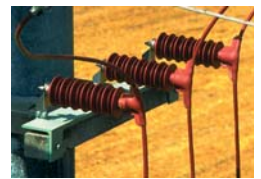
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