

VLF CR-28 and TDS 40/60 Plus

Portable VLF test systems for testing medium voltage cables

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- **VLF, DC and sheath fault testing in one device**
- **Portable thanks to two-part construction**
- **High test capacitance**
- **Integrated discharge system**

DESCRIPTION

The VLF CR-28 and TDS 40/60 Plus are portable, efficient, high-performance systems for testing cables with 0.1 Hz cosine-rectangular voltages, in keeping with IEC standard. In accordance with these guidelines, the dielectric strength of cables and joints must be checked after installation or repair.

Three portable systems are available, each with different voltage levels (28, 40 and 60 kV):

- VLF CR-28 up to 15 kV rated cables
- TDS 40 up to 23 kV rated cables
- TDS 60 up to 36 kV rated cables

High test capacity

The systems consist of a control unit and an HV unit. Because of their two-part construction, the systems are easy to transport.

One of the advantages of the cosine-rectangular test method is the high test capacitance of up to 5 μ F at 0.1 Hz. This test capacitance allows all three phases to be tested simultaneously with the standardized test frequency of 0.1 Hz.

Proven procedure

Using 0.1 Hz cosine-rectangular voltage, weak points in the cable can be safely broken down. The benefits of the VLF method using 0.1 Hz cosine-rectangular voltage have been confirmed by numerous scientific examinations and practical field trials. Since the patent was granted in 1987, more than 2,500 systems have been sold worldwide. This proven voltage shape is recommended by the CENELEC HD 620 and HD 621 harmonisation documents and the IEC 60502-2 standard.

DC testing, sheath fault testing and pinpointing

By switching to DC testing, the cables and connected substations can be tested with negative and positive DC voltage. Aside from cable and sheath testing, the test systems can also be used to precisely pinpoint sheath faults (in combination with a step-voltage probe e.g. the ESG NT2).

Cable diagnosis

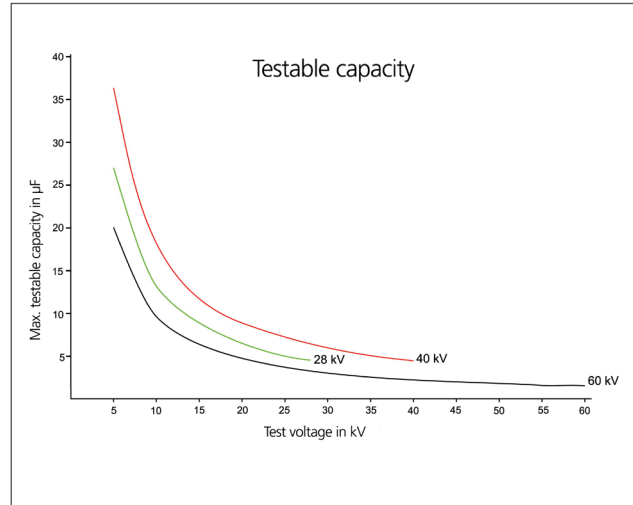
The TDS 40 and the TDS 60 are pre-configured as a power source for the PD coupler PDS 60-v3. The unit does not need to go back to the factory for an upgrade.

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TDS 60 in operation on the "Baltic 1" wind park (Baltic sea).



Test capacitance as function of the test voltage

Maximum safety

The integrated discharge and breakdown detection systems maximise user safety. Measuring the leakage current serves to develop a relative evaluation of cable insulation quality; test results can be archived for further processing through the logging function.

Because of its compact design and high voltage level, the TDS 60 is ideally suited for testing 30/36 kV cables in offshore areas.

Testing offshore cables regularly is vital because any downtime will result in massive financial losses.

The modified offshore system found in the TDS 60 meets all applicable requirements for sea-bound operations. Optional transport containers are also available, which protect the system against water ingress. The TDS 60 can be stored and transported easily in these containers. The TDS 60 can be stored and transported easily in these containers.



Transport container TDS 60

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MAXIMUM TEST LENGTH

	VLF CR-28	TDS 40 Plus	TDS 60 Plus
11 kV, 240 mm² VPE/PE cable with Up = 19 kV_{rms}	Single phase: 15 km (system: 5 km)	Single phase: 22 km (system: 7.3 km)	Single phase: 12 km (system: 4 km)
15 kV, 240 mm² VPE/PE cable with Up = 27 kV_{rms}	Single phase: 12.5 km (system: 4.2 km)	Single phase: 16 km (system: 5.4 km)	Single phase: 10 km (system: 3.4 km)
22 kV, 240 mm² VPE/PE cable with Up = 40 kV_{rms}		Single phase: 17.4 km (system: 5.8 km)	Single phase: 10.4 km (system: 3.4 km)
36 kV, 240 mm² VPE/PE cable with Up = 60 kV_{rms}			Single phase: 10 km (system: 3.3 km)

TECHNICAL DATA *

	VLF CR-28	TDS 40	TDS 60
VLF output voltage	0 ... 28 kV _{rms}	0 ... 40 kV _{rms}	0 ... 60 kV _{rms}
Resolution		0.1 kV	
Accuracy		3 %	
Leakage current measurement	0 ... 12 mA	0 ... 7 mA	0 ... 5 mA
Resolution		10 µA	
Accuracy		3 %	
Voltage wave shape		Cosine-rectangular	
Frequency		0.1 Hz	
Testable cable capacitance			
Plus version		4.8 µF / 40 kV _{rms}	2 µF / 60 kV _{rms}
Basic version	5 µF / 28 kV _{rms}		
DC output voltage			
Basic version	0 ... - 28 kV		
Plus version		0 ... ± 40 kV	0 ... ± 60 kV
DC leakage current measurement	0 ... 12 mA	0 ... 7 mA	0 ... 5 mA
Discharge system	Integrated	Integrated	Integrated
Input voltage	110/230 V, 50/60 Hz, 300 VA	110/230 V, 50/60 Hz, 300 VA	110/230 V, 50/60 Hz, 300 VA
Sheath testing / sheath fault pinpointing		Testing: 2 ... 10 kV Pinpointing: 2 ... 10 kV, Pulse-ratio 1:3 / 1:5 / 1:9	
Leakage current measurement		yes	
Breakdown detection		yes	
Measurement log printout		optional	
Reporting		yes	
Parameterisation via chip card		yes	
Operating temperature	- 20 ... + 55 °C	- 20 ... + 40 °C	- 20 ... + 40 °C
Weight (depends on options fitted)	approx. 25 kg + 25 kg	approx. 55 kg + 48 kg	approx. 85 kg + 48 kg
Dimensions (W x H x D), divided between two devices	550 x 800 x 420 mm	550 x 1100 x 420 mm	550 x 1100 x 420 mm

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ORDER INFORMATION	
Product	Order nor.
VLF CR-28 kV Basic equipment, cable set HV/LV, accessory bag	899005936
TDS 40-P Basic equipment, cable set HV/LV, accessory bag	138315795
TDS 60-P Basic equipment, cable set HV/LV, accessory bag	138315410
Mandatory selection mains cable (1x)	
Mains cable EU	810000024
Mains cable UK	118307335
Mains cable US	502025220
Mains cable AUS	90020435
Options VLF CR-28:	
HV cable drum VLF CR-28 - 25m	890027128
HV cable drum VLF CR-28 - 50m	108300941
Rain protection hood VLF CR-28	899007335
Trolley for VLF CR-28	890017697
Flight case VLF CR-28 – control unit	90025453
Flight case VLF CR-28 – HV unit	90025452
VLF CR-28 Calibration certificate	2004125
Options TDS 40/60:	
HV connection cable TDS 40/60 - 10m -> not suited for PD Diagnosis	890016969
HV connection cable TDS 40/60 - 15m -> not suited for PD Diagnosis	118306651
HV cable drum TDS 40/60 – 25m -> not suited for PD Diagnosis	899006166
HV cable drum TDS 40/60 – 50m -> not suited for PD Diagnosis	890011610
HV cable drum TDS 40/60 – 80m -> not suited for PD Diagnosis	2010868
Earth cable 10m	2012514
Rain protection hood TDS 40	899005660
Rain protection hood TDS 60	899007332
Flight case TDS 40/60 – control unit	90021853
Flight case TDS 40 – HV unit	90021851
Flight case TDS 60 – HV unit	90021852
Offshore proof transit case – TDS 60	890025130
Offshore housing for TDS 60	128314542
Trolley for TDS 40	820017871
Trolley for TDS 60	128310100
Vehicle mounting kit TDS 40/60	2013689
TDS 40 Calibration certificate	2008887
TDS 60 Calibration certificate	2008888
General options:	
Additional smartcards	899004930
Additional smartcard reader	899005375

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