Sensors, Couplers and Filters for the deployment of smart devices in MV and LV networks

- Narrowband PLC couplers
- Wideband PLC couplers
- PLC couplers for Cenelec-A band
- Current & Voltage sensors
- Combined devices
- Filters for Cenelec-A band (PRIME, G3, Meters & More)
Introduction

Electrical utilities rely on distribution grid automation to improve service, reduce operation costs, and manage the grid in real time. This technology requires the deployment of electronic equipment in the distribution system.
Such electronic equipment requires sensors to measure important electrical parameters such as voltage, current and phase angles. Also, couplers are required to communicate these electronic devices using Powerline Communications (PLC) technology. Couplers should be adapted to the different frequencies and available space either in Medium Voltage or Low Voltage points.

Full range of PLC Sensors and Couplers to implement advanced automation and monitoring functions in existing distribution facilities.
ZIV sensors provide reliable current, voltage, and phase angle values to automation and monitoring equipment and fault circuit indicators.

**Description**

**Sensors**

ZIV offers different types of sensors specially designed for distribution system current and voltage acquisition.

ZIV resistive voltage sensors are in direct contact with the medium-voltage conductors and, therefore, they are subject to all applicable industry safety standards depending on voltage level and installation.

Sensors provide reliable voltage and phase angle values to automation and monitoring equipment.

- **DRMT-1/10K** Resistive voltage sensors, suitable for masonry switchgear and air insulated switchgear (AIS).
- **DRMO-1/10K/05** Resistive voltage sensor, for outdoor use.
- **ACA-1R** Resistive voltage sensors, suitable for gas insulated switchgear (GIS).
- **SISP-1** Inductive voltage sensor, completely insulated, for sensing the signal in the PRIME frequency band, and installation in the Low-Voltage feeders.
- **SCXI** Inductive current sensors, suitable for masonry switchgear, AIS and GIS.
- **ACA-1/RC** Combined sensor & PLC coupler, suitable for GIS.
- **CAMS-10/RC** Combined sensor & PLC coupler, for outdoor and indoor use.
In order to achieve good PLC performance, impedance matching is one of the key factors. The couplers match the impedance between the PLC modem and the MV cable and, at the same time, protect the electronic equipment from transients and provide electrical insulation against MV power frequency.

**PLC couplers**

ZIV has a full range of capacitive and inductive couplers. These inject the high-frequency signals, generated by the PLC communications equipment.

Transmission is performed between phase and ground or through the earth connection of the underground cable shields.

All PLC couplers are designed to meet the corresponding industry standards, for safe communication access to the medium voltage and low voltage grid equipment.

**CAMT-5LSR** Wideband PLC couplers, capacitive, for outdoor and indoor use.

**CAMT-6**

**ACA-500** Wideband PLC couplers, capacitive, suitable for gas insulated switchgear (GIS).

**ACA-36**

**AIMT-4** Wideband PLC couplers, inductive, suitable for masonry switchgear, AIS and GIS.

**MVSD-1** Wideband PLC coupler, inductive, suitable for GIS and AIS with access to the cable screen.

**TGMT-2** Wideband PLC coupler, inductive, allows clamping a three-phase medium-voltage insulated cable.

**MVCD-1** Narrowband PLC coupler, inductive, suitable for GIS and AIS with access to the cable screen.

**CAMS-10C** PLC coupler, capacitive, for outdoor and indoor use.

**AIBZ-1** PLC coupler, inductive, for CENELEC A band, suitable for masonry switchgear and GIS with access to the cable screen.

**TABT-2** Insulated PLC coupler, capacitive, low voltage, for CENELEC A band intended for measuring the PLC signal present in Low-Voltage feeders.

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## Current and Voltage sensors

**ACA-1R**

The ACA/R is a resistive voltage sensor intended for installation into a symmetrical tee connector in gas insulated switchgear (GIS).

The dimensions of the sensor comply with UNE EN-50181 standard.

### Electrical characteristics

- **Connection type**: Phase-to-ground
- **System voltage (between phases)**: 24 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- **Accuracy**: ±1% and ±0.5% (ACA-1R/10K and ACA-1R/10K/05 respectively)
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

### Mechanical characteristics

- **Dimensions**: Height: 148 mm, Max. Ø: 74 mm
- **Equipment connection**: BNC connector
- **Ground connection**: M6 rod and nut
- **Weight**: 965 g

For fault detection applications, protective relaying, and distribution grid monitoring.

**DRMT-1/10K**

The DRMT is a resistive voltage sensor intended for installation in masonry switchgear and air insulated switchgear (AIS).

The DRMO-1/10K/05 is for outdoor use.

### Electrical characteristics

- **Connection type**: Phase-to-ground
- **System voltage (between phases)**: 24 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- **Accuracy**: ±1% and ±0.5% (DRMT-1/10K and DRMO-1/10K/05 respectively)
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

### Mechanical characteristics

- **Dimensions**: Height: 215 mm, Max. Ø: 105 mm
- **Line connection**: M10 rod or M10 groove
- **Equipment connection**: BNC connector
- **Ground/Mounting**: M12 groove and M8 earth connection
- **Weight**: 1350 g
The SCXI is an inductive current sensor that is made up of a toroidal transformer of two semi-cores. Intended for easy installation in masonry switchgear, AIS and GIS.

**Electrical characteristics**

- **Type**: Inductive (split-core type)
- **Connection**: Over insulated cable
- **Transformation ratio**: 500:1
- **Accuracy**: ±2%
- **Temperature range**: From –25 to +55 °C

**Mechanical characteristics**

- **Dimensions**
  - External Ø: 111 mm
  - Internal Ø: 55 mm
  - Width: 134 mm
  - Thickness: 31 mm
- **Connection**: Screw terminal for 1.5 mm² cable
- **Max. MV cable Ø**: 50 mm
- **Locking system**: Two Allen M5 screws
- **Weight**: 600 g

A wideband capacitive PLC coupler (500 pF) and a voltage divider are integrated in the same device. Intended for installation into a symmetrical tee connector in gas insulated switchgear (GIS).

**ACA-1/RC**

- **System voltage (between phases)**: 24 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- **Frequency range**: 2 ÷ 30 MHz
- **Accuracy**: ±1%

A capacitive PLC coupler (10 nF) and a voltage divider are integrated in the same device. Indoor and outdoor use.

**CAMS-10/RC**

- **System voltage (between phases)**: 24 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- **Frequency range**: 100 kHz ÷ 10 MHz

By installing an SCXI sensor in each of the three phases of the distribution MV cables, the vector sum of the three measured current values can be calculated.
Capacitive PLC couplers intended for wideband transmission, for injecting and transmitting the PLC signal over the Medium-Voltage feeders. Indoor and outdoor use.

**Electrical characteristics**

- **Coupling**: Phase-to-earth by means of capacitor of 500 pF
- **System voltage**: 24 kVrms (CAMT-5LSR) 36 kVrms (CAMT-6)
- **Frequency range**: 2 ÷ 30 MHz
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

**Mechanical characteristics**

- **Dimensions**: CAMT-5LSR: 249 mm (Height) 110 ± 3.6% mm (Max. Ø) CAMT-6: 334 mm (Height) 114 mm (Max. Ø)
- **Line connection**: M10 rod or M10 screw base
- **Equipment connection**: BNC connector
- **Ground/Mounting**: M12 groove and M8 earth connection
- **Weight**: CAMT-5LSR: 1.6 kg CAMT-6: 2.3 kg

**Coupler elements**

PLC couplers are designed to meet the corresponding industry standards, for safe communication access to the distribution grid equipment.
AIMT-4
Inductive PLC coupler intended for wideband transmission.
For use in masonry switchgear, AIS and GIS.

Electrical characteristics
Type: Inductive (split-core type)
Coupling: Phase-to-ground (over insulated cable)
Frequency range: 2 ÷ 30 MHz
Temperature range: From –25 to +55 °C

MVSD-1
MVCD-1
Inductive PLC couplers intended for injecting and transmitting the PLC signal through the ground connection.
For use in AIS and GIS.

Electrical characteristics
Coupling: Inductive (installed in series in the earth connector of the MV cable shield)
Maximum system voltage: 36 kV<sub>rms</sub>
Frequency range: 500 kHz ÷ 30 MHz (MVSD-1)
10 kHz ÷ 1 MHz (MVCD-1)
Temperature range: From –10 to +60 °C

Mechanical characteristics
Dimensions: Height: 31 mm, Width: 134 mm, Depth: 111 mm
Max. MV cable Ø: 50 mm
Equipment connection: 0.5 m RG-58 extension cable, BNC connector
Locking system: Two M5 x 30 (DIN 912) Allen screws
Weight: 600 g

Dimensions: Height: 163.5 mm, Width: 212 mm, Depth: 129 mm
Mounting: Two Ø6.5 clamping screws
Shield connection: Two M8 terminals for 16 mm<sup>2</sup> cable
Equipment connection: BNC
Weight: 3.25 kg

The idea behind the mechanical design of the inductive couplers is to make installation easy and convenient.
## PLC couplers

### CAMS-10C

Capacitive PLC coupler for injecting and transmitting the PLC signal over Medium-Voltage feeders. Indoor and outdoor use.

**Electrical characteristics**
- **Coupling**: Phase-to-earth by means of capacitor of 10 nF
- **System voltage (between phases)**: 24 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- **Frequency range**: 100 kHz ÷ 10 MHz
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

**Mechanical characteristics**
- **Dimensions**: Height: 315 mm, Max. Ø: 172 mm
- **Line connection**: M16 hex head screw (tubular blade terminal)
- **Equipment connection**: BNC connector
- **Ground/Mounting**: Three M8 rods
- **Weight**: 7.75 kg

### TGMT-2

The TMGT-2 is an inductive PLC coupler intended for wideband transmission, for three-phase MV cables. It can be used indoors and outdoors thanks to its resin encapsulation.

**Electrical characteristics**
- **Type**: Inductive (split-core type)
- **Coupling**: Between the 3 phases and ground over insulated cable
- **Maximum system voltage (between phases)**: 24 kV<sub>rms</sub>
- **Frequency range**: 2 ÷ 30 MHz
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

**Mechanical characteristics**
- **Dimensions**: External Ø: 174 mm, Internal Ø: 115 mm, Width: 195 mm, Thickness: 47 mm
- **Max. MV cable Ø**: 110 mm
- **Equipment connection**: BNC connector (2 m cable)
- **Locking system**: Two Allen M5 screws
- **Accessories**: BNC cable extension
- **Weight**: 2 kg
**AIBZ-1**
The AIBZ-1 is an inductive PLC coupler intended for CENELEC A-band transmission via the distribution MV cable shield.
Ideal for Narrowband applications.
For use in masonry switchgear and GIS with access to the cable shield.

**Electrical characteristics**
- **Type**: Inductive (split-core type)
- **Coupling**: Over the earth connection of the MV cable shield
- **Frequency range**: 100 kHz ÷ 5 MHz
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

**Mechanical characteristics**
- **Dimensions**: Height: 29 mm, Width: 72 mm, Depth: 108 mm
- **Connector type**: BNC
- **Locking system**: By side levers
- **Weight**: 300 g

**SISP-1**
The SISP-1 is a PLC inductive sensor especially designed to operate in LV in the PRIME (CENELEC-A) frequency band.
The PLC signal from the PRIME meters is sensed by the SISP-1 and received by the line detection nodes. A sensor connected to each line of a secondary substation will make it possible, by means on an intelligent algorithm in the concentrator, to detect the line to which the meters are connected.

**Electrical characteristics**
- **Type**: Inductive (split-core type)
- **Connection**: Clamping the neutral or the phase (insulated cable)
- **System voltage (between phases)**: 400 V\text{AC}
- **Temperature range**: From –10 to +60 °C

**Mechanical characteristics**
- **Dimensions**: Height: 29 mm, Width: 72 mm, Depth: 108 mm
- **Equipment connection**: BNC
- **Locking system**: By side levers
- **Weight**: 300 g

**TABT-2**
The TABT-2 is a capacitive PLC coupler designed for measuring the PLC signal present over Low Voltage grids.
It provides galvanic insulation and impedance matching as follows: 50 Ω equipment side to 12.5 Ω or 50 Ω line side.
For installation in Low-Voltage feeders.

**Electrical characteristics**
- **Coupling**: Phase-neutral
- **Frequency range**: 10 ÷ 600 kHz
- **Equipment side impedance**: 50 Ω
- **Line side impedance**: 12.5 or 50 Ω
- **Nominal power**: 5 W

**Mechanical characteristics**
- **Dimensions**: Height: 29 mm, Width: 50 mm, Depth: 86 mm
- **Line connection**: Two flexible conductors of 2 m length of 4 mm\textsuperscript{2}
- **Equipment connection**: BNC connector
- **Weight**: 120 g
Filters to mitigate conducted disturbances in LV PLC networks

Description

The CENELEC-A EN 50065 frequency band is used by PLC technologies such as PRIME, G3 or Meters & More for communications to support remote meter reading. This band, however, may be affected by conducted noise generated by domestic or industrial appliances.

The FBBP family of filters is used to mitigate such noise so that it does not interfere with the PLC signal, so enhancing the performance of the smart meter reading and enabling the construction of the intelligent grids of the future.

**FBBP-1 (50 A)**  
Single phase  
(Phase-Neutral connection)

**FBBP-2 (50 A x 3)**  
Three phase  
(Phase 1,2,3 connection)

**FBBP-4 (20 A, 40A and 65 A)**  
Single phase  
(without Neutral connection)

**FBBP-5 (65 A x 3)**  
Three phase  
(Phase 1,2,3 connection)

Other FBBP filters with different characteristics, for other applications or frequency bands, can be developed upon request.
Filters for CENELEC Band A (PRIME, G3, Meters & More)
# Technical specifications

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## FBBP-4

**Filter type**
- Notch band filter (second order)

**Connection type**
- Single phase (with no neutral phase connection)

**Maximum current**
- FBBP-4/20: Up to 20 A (4.4 kW)
- FBBP-4/40: Up to 40 A (9.2 kW)
- FBBP-4/65: Up to 65 A (15 kW)

**Attenuation in CENELEC Band A**
- (PRIME, G3, Meters & More) > 20 dB

**Finish**
- ABS fireproof plastic (UL 94 V0)

**Dimensions**
- FBBP-4/20: H: 60 mm, W: 60 mm, D: 50 mm (68.5 mm for DIN rail)
- FBBP-4/40/65: H: 83 mm, W: 147 mm, D: 59 mm (77.5 mm for DIN rail)

**Weight**
- FBBP-4/20: 290 g
- FBBP-4/40: 1 kg
- FBBP-4/65: 1.15 kg

**Connection**
- MPT1612 EUROCLAMP (for 16 mm² cables) or double screw terminals.
- Different connection terminals upon request

**Anchoring**
- FBBP-4/20: On a level base or DIN rail (option C)
- FBBP-4/40/65: Four Ø5 holes or DIN rail (option C)

## FBBP-5

**Filter type**
- Notch band filter (second order)

**Connection type**
- Three phase (with no neutral phase connection)

**Maximum current**
- Up to 65 A (3 x 15 kW)

**Attenuation in CENELEC Band A**
- (PRIME, G3, Meters & More) > 20 dB

**Finish**
- ABS fireproof plastic (UL 94 V0)

**Dimensions**
- H: 250 mm, W: 147 mm, D: 59 mm (77.5 mm for DIN rail)

**Weight**
- 3.8 kg

**Connection**
- MPT1612 EUROCLAMP (for 16 mm² cables)

**Anchoring**
- Through a plate with four lateral slots (H: 330 mm, W: 176 mm, D: 8 mm) or DIN rail of 340 mm in length
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