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PHOTOVOLTAIC FUSE LINKS & FUSE HOLDERS FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC APPLICATIONS

GPV CYLINDRICAL fuse links CYL (10/14x85)











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20A...32A Breaking Capacity 10kA

STANDARDS IEC/EN 60269-1 IEC/EN 60269-6 UL248-1 UL248-19



Cylindrical fuse links for photovoltaic applications

gPV 10/14x85 cylindrical fuse links from DF Electric have been developed to offer a compact, safety and economic protection of photovoltaic modules (string protection) with voltages up to 1.500V DC.

The range comprises the following fuse links:

→ Size 10/14x85 1500V DC 20A to 32A

They provide protection against overloads as well as short-circuit (gPV class according to the requirements of IEC60269-6 and UL248-19 Standards).

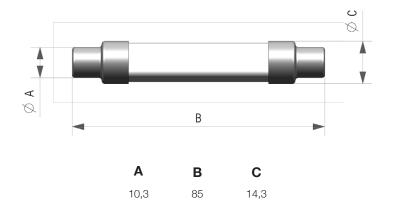
Made with ceramic tube with high withstand to internal pressure and thermal shock, that allows a high breaking capacity in a reduced physical space.

Contacts are made in silver plated copper and melting elements are made in pure silver in order to avoid the aging and thus keep unalterable the electric characteristics.

For these fuse links we recommend the utilization of PML fuse holders.



Dimensions



Weight 24gr

Range

In (A)	REFERENCE	PACKING Uni /BOX
20	492250	10/480
25	492255	10/480
30	492260	10/480
32	492262	10/480









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Technical data

Rated current 20A32A Rated breaking capacity 10kA Utilization category gPV Minimum interrupt rating 1,35·ln Non fusing current 1,13·ln	Rated voltage	1500V DC	
Utilization category gPV Minimum interrupt rating 1,35-ln	Rated current	20A32A	
Minimum interrupt rating 1,35-ln	Rated breaking capacity	10kA	
	Utilization category	gPV	
Non fusing current 1,13-ln	Minimum interrupt rating	1,35·ln	
	Non fusing current	1,13·ln	
Storage temperature -40°C 90°C	Storage temperature	-40°C 90°C	
Operating temperature * -40°C 80°C	Operating temperature *	-40°C 80°C	

^{*} For ambient temperatures higher than 25°C it is necessary to apply a derating in maximum current

Standards

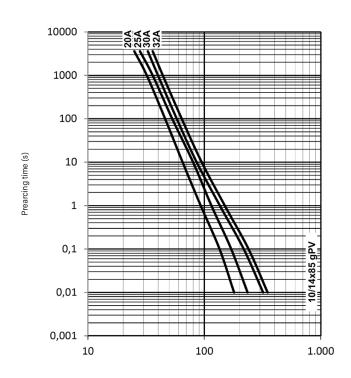
IEC/EN 60269-1 IEC/EN 60269-6 UL248-1 UL248-19 RoHS Compliant



Power dissipation

In	PREARCING I ² t	OPERATING I ² t	POWER DISSIPATION 0.7 · I _n	POWER DISSIPATION In
(A)	(A ² S)	(A ² S)	(VV)	(VV)
20	67	221	2,40	6,1
25	136	452	2,50	6,3
30	220	730	3,00	8,0
32	267	885	3,30	9,0

t-I characteristics



Prospective current (A)



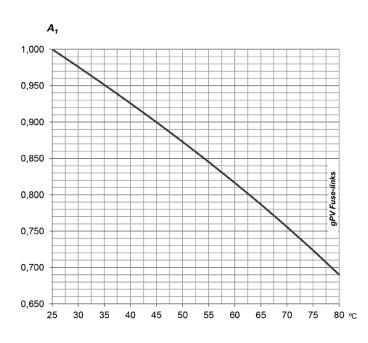








Ambient temperature derating factor



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(°C)	
25	1,00
30	0,98
35	0,95
40	0,93
45	0,90
50	0,87
55	0,84
60	0,82
65	0,79
70	0,76
75	0,72
80	0,69

Selection and applications guide

In photovoltaic plants, there are a special installation and working conditions that must be considered to select the appropriate fuse links.

These fuses are usually placed inside plastic watertight boxes, where high ambient temperatures are reached. This condition force to reduce the maximum current that can circulate through the fuse links, otherwise it would be have premature aging. To avoid nondesired operation of fuse links it is necessary to apply a derating when select the appropriate rated current.

On the other hand, the day/night cycles as well as the pass of clouds cause a constant current changes that generates continuous heating and cooling, and this cause a thermal stress in fuselinks materials, especially in the melting elements. To avoid premature aging another derating must be applied (DF Electric recommend a value of 0,80 for this application).

With these considerations it is possible to select the suitable fuse.

To verify that the rated voltage of fuse link is sufficient, the following points must be taken into account:

- \cdot Open circuit voltage $V_{\text{OC STC}}$ of PV modules.
- · Numbers of modules connected in series (M).
- · Safety factor (20%) to take into account the rise of open circuit voltage at very low temperatures.

According to this, rated voltage in DC of fuse links must be:

 $V_{DC}(fuse link) \ge V_{OC}(STC) \cdot M \cdot 1,2$

Open circuit voltage V_{OC STC} of PV modules is the maximum voltage that a Photovoltaic module can deliver when is working without load, measured under standard test conditions (STC).

This information is given by the manufacturer of PV modules.

To choose rated current of fuse links, points to be taken into account are the following:

- \cdot Short circuit current of PV modules $I_{SC\ STC}$
- · Derating factor for ambient temperature (A₁).
- Derating factor for current variation (A₂).

Short circuit current of PV modules I_{SC STC} is the maximum current that one module can deliver measured under standard test conditions (STC). This data is also given by the manufacturer of PV modules.

Recommended derating factor for current variation (A_2): 0,80.

Ambient temperature inside boxes where are placed protections can reach easily 40°C or 45°C (for tropical countries it is necessary to consider higher values).

It should be applied a derating factor (A₁) as function of ambient temperature.

With previous considerations, rated current of fuse-link should be:

$$I_N(\text{fuse link}) \ge \frac{I_{SC STC}}{A_1 \cdot A_2}$$

For example, if we consider a maximum ambient temperature of 45°C, the rating to use would be:

$$I_{N}(\text{fuse link}) \ge \frac{I_{SC \ STC}}{0,90 \cdot 0,80} \ge I_{SC \ STC} \cdot 1,4$$



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