

BK 400 relay - Safety critical, 4 contacts

Datasheet



Description

The BK 400 safety critical, heavy duty and weld resistant relay has 4 double make / double break C/O contacts (form Z). Weld no transfer and silver tin oxide safety contacts are standard. The plug-in design offers secure locking feature for maximum ease of maintenance (no wires need to be disconnected or other hardware removed for relay inspection or replacement).

The resistance to impact and vibration is conforming the standards for Railway Transported Equipment. Positive mechanical keying of relay to socket is built into relay and socket during manufacture and terminal identifications are clearly marked on identification plate that is permanently attached to the relay.

The BK 400 is pluggable in the following sockets: EA 102 B, EA 102 BF, EA 103 BF, EA 104 B, EA 104 BF, EA 105 BF, EA 112 BF.

Application

The BK relay is designed for safety critical applications where a high degree of resistance to welding is required. Stationary contacts are silver tin oxide. Mobile contacts are hard silver laminated to copper. In a power interruption situation relay armature will assure a “safe” position. This is due to the strength of the 2 compressed springs which pushes the armature back into the rest position.

Features

- Instantaneous
- Safety critical
- Weld resistant
- Weld no transfer safety contacts standard
- Plug-in design with secure locking feature
- 4 double make / double break C/O contacts (form Z), 12 A
- Contact life (mechanical) of 100 million cycles
- -40 °C...+80 °C operating temperature.

Benefits

- Proven reliable in heavy duty application
- Weld no transfer
- Long life cycle
- Easy to maintain and replace
- Used in safety critical application
- Low life cycle cost
- No maintenance

Railway compliancy

- NF F 62-002 Rolling stock- Instantaneous relays contacts and sockets
- NF F 70-031 section 7.1.2. and 7.1.3 (for weld resistant contacts)
- NF F 16-101/102 Fire behaviour - Railway rolling stock



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Functional and connection diagrams

| Timing diagram | Relay pin correspondence | |
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| | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="598 981 901 1220"> <p>Relay pin correspondence</p> <p>Example: BG keying</p> <p>1 2 3 4 (rear view of relay shown)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="917 981 1141 1176"> <p>N.B.1: On 500VDC and 700VDC relays, coil is connected only to D1 and D4. D2 and D3 are not wired and transil or diode protections are not available.</p> <p>N.B.2: Transil not needed on VAC coil relays</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1157 981 1308 1176"> <p>Led (V) option (respect polarity)</p> </div> </div> | |
| Connection diagram | | |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="279 1288 574 1668"> <p>VDC Models (no Transil protection)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="590 1288 941 1668"> <p>VDC Models (with Transil protection)</p> </div> <div data-bbox="957 1288 1300 1668"> <p>VAC Models N.B.: Transil not needed on VAC coil relays.</p> </div> </div> | | |



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Coil data - DC versions

| Keying | Unom (VDC) | Uoperating (VDC) | Pnom (W) | Uhold (VDC) | Udrop-out (VDC) | R coil (Ω) ⁽¹⁾ | L/R (ms) ⁽²⁾ |
|--------|------------|------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ME | 12 | 8 / 16 | 3.5 | 6.25 | 1.25 | 40 | 40 |
| AG | 24 | 16 / 33 | 3.5 | 13.5 | 2.5 | 170 | 40 |
| FL | 36 | 25 / 45 | 3.5 | 21 | 3.5 | 390 | 40 |
| DG | 48 | 33 / 60 | 3.5 | 28.5 | 4.5 | 625 | 40 |
| BG | 72 | 48 / 90 | 3.5 | 40.5 | 6.5 | 1600 | 40 |
| US | 96 | 65 / 120 | 3.8 | 50 | 9 | 2400 | 40 |
| EG | 115 | 77 / 144 | 3.5 | 60 | 11.5 | 4000 | 40 |
| FG | 550 | 400 / 660 | 4 | 300 | 50 | 75500 | 40 |
| UT | 700 | 450 / 900 | 4.2 | 380 | 60 | 115000 | 40 |

(1) Coil resistance tol.: $\pm 8\%$ at 20 °C

(2) Valid for closed relay.

Coil data - AC versions

| Keying | Unom (VAC) | Uoperating (VAC) | Pnom (VA) | Uhold (VAC) | Udrop-out (VAC) | R coil (Ω) ⁽¹⁾ | L/R (ms) ⁽²⁾ |
|--------|------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| EM | 127 | 88 / 143 | 4 | 71.5 | 12 | 4000 | 40 |
| CG | 220 | 176 / 242 | 3 | 129 | 21 | 14350 | 30 |

(1) Coil resistance tol.: $\pm 8\%$ at 20 °C

(2) Valid for closed relay.

Contact data – (AgSnO₂ contacts)

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Nominal current | 12 A resistive, 10 A resistive according to CF 62-002 |
| Nominal breaking capacity and life | Please refer to derating curves |
| Contact overload withstand | At 24 VDC: 200 A at L/R = 0 for 10 ms (10 operations at the rate of 1 operation per minute) |
| Contact closure time | Pick-up time N/O < 55 ms Drop-out* time N/C < 25 ms |
| Contact opening time | Pick-up time N/C < 50 ms Drop-out* time N/O < 15 ms |
| Minimum contact continuity | 20 mA at 110 VDC & 100 mA at 24 VDC |
| Number of contacts | 4 double make / double break contacts (form Z) |
| Contact material | Silver tin oxide (10%) mobile contacts /hard silver overlay laminated to copper fixed contacts |
| Contact resistance – initial | 30 m Ω max at 5 A |
| Contact resistance – end of life | 60 m Ω max at 5 A |

* With P option less than 95 ms



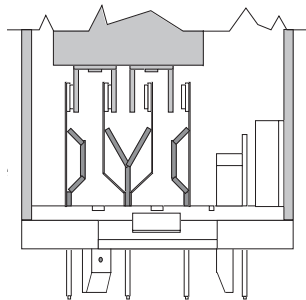
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Contact design

Weld no transfer function:

If one N/O contact welds, no N/C contact can close (and vice versa) and cause an overlapping of functions. A type test is realized to insure the relays meet this important safety requirement. 150% of max. operating voltage is applied to the relay while holding 1 N/C contact closed by mechanical means. Under these conditions, it is verified that no N/O contact makes.



Double break contacts

Extend the contact life on highly inductive DC currents.

Electrical characteristics

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| Dielectric strength | 2000 VAC, 1 min between contacts, 2600 VAC, 1 min between contacts, coil and frame |
| Insulation resistance | ≥ 1000 MΩ at 500 VDC |



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Mechanical & environmental characteristics

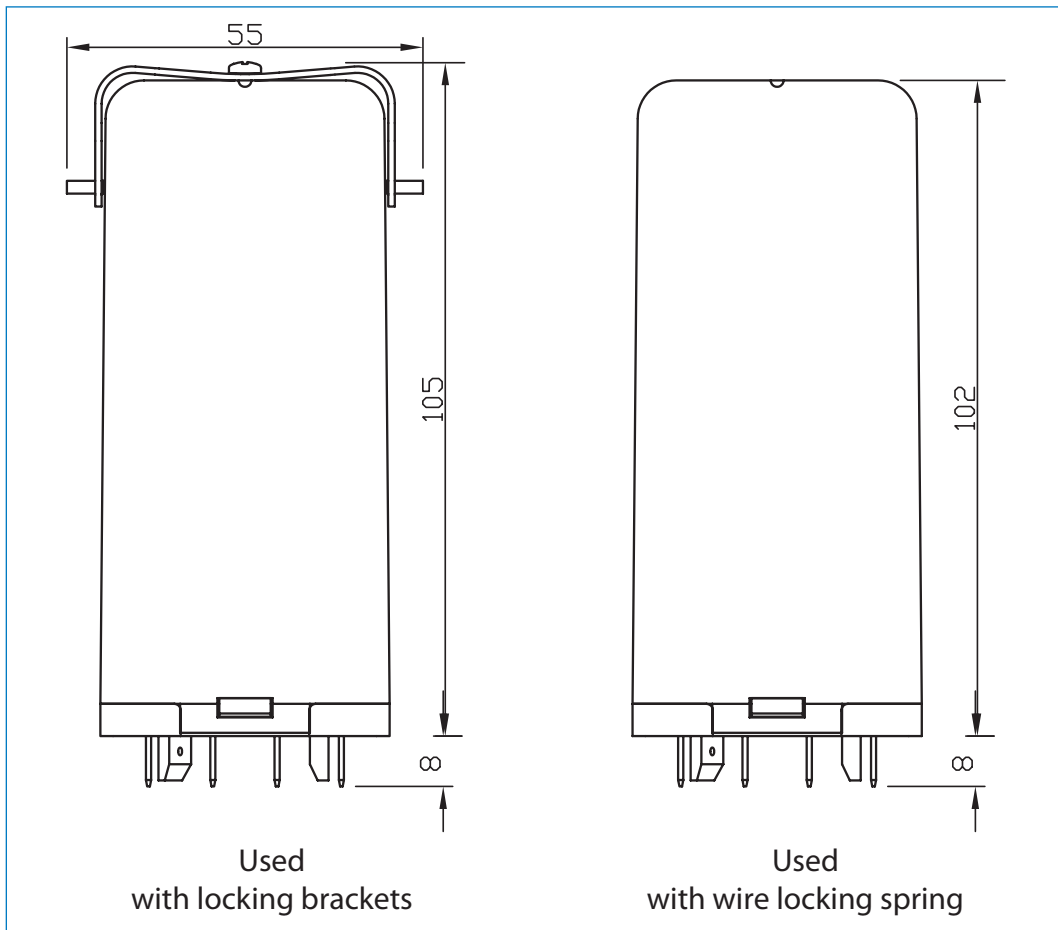
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| Operating temperature | - 40 °C...+ 80 °C |
| Mechanical life | > 100 x 10 ⁶ operations |
| Weight | 450 g |
| Vibration | NF F 62-002 tests are conducted in the X, Y, Z planes at frequency between 10 & 150 cycles (sinusoidal) at 2 g. |
| Shock | NF F 62-002 tests are applied in both directions in the X, Y & Z planes. Then successive shocks are administered consisting of the positive component of sinusoidal with a value of 30 g, 18 ms. Other vibration and shock tests can be performed on request |
| Humidity | 93% RH, 40 °C for 4 days |
| Salt mist | 5% NaCl, 35 °C for 4 days |
| Fire and smoke | Materials: Polycarbonate (cover) / Polyester melamine (base) Note: These materials have been tested for fire propagation and smoke emission according to standards NF F 16-101, NF F 16-102 and have been approved to be used on the English/French train channel shuttle. |
| Protection level | IP40 (relay on socket) |



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Dimensions (mm)



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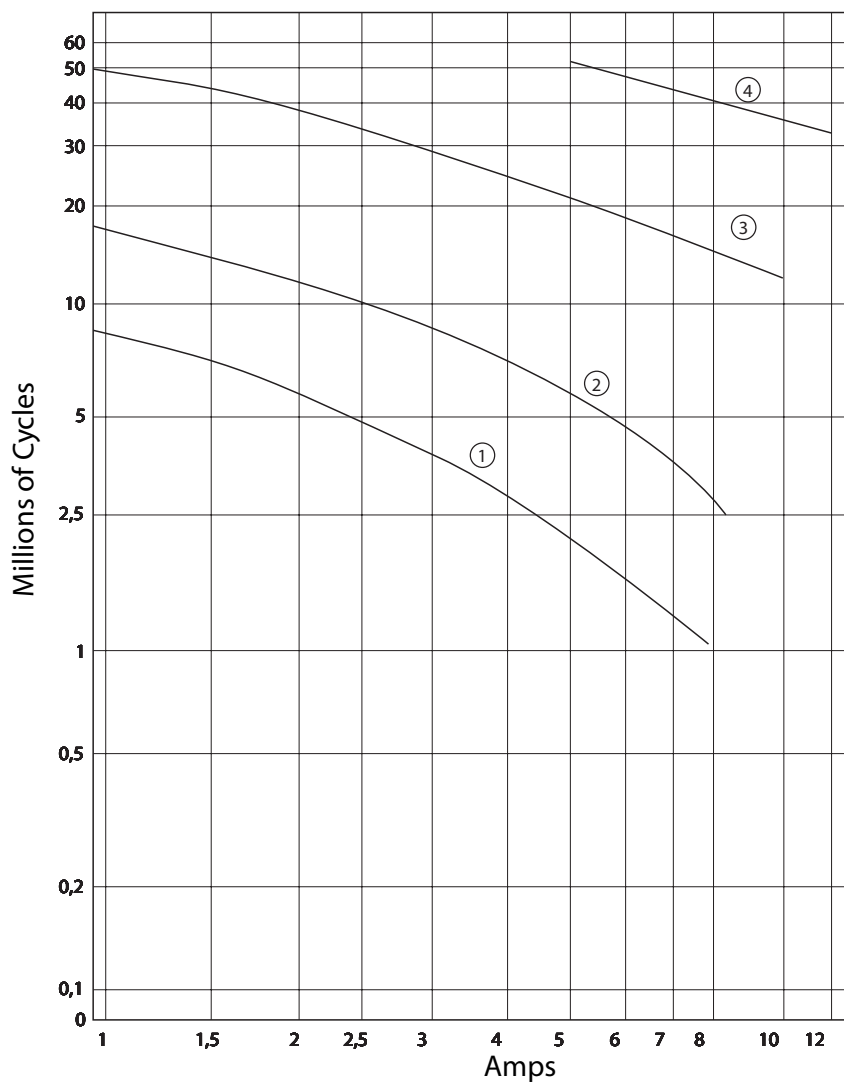
Dynamic relay selection curve - No. 1

AC Current breaking capacity versus life expectancy in millions of cycles.

Rate of contacts opening and closing = 1200 operations per hour.

Curves shown for resistive (Power factor = 1)

| Curves | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| VAC | 220 | 125 | 48 | 24 |



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Dynamic relay selection curve - No. 2

DC Current breaking capacity versus life expectancy in millions of cycles.

Rate of contacts opening and closing = 1200 operations per hour.

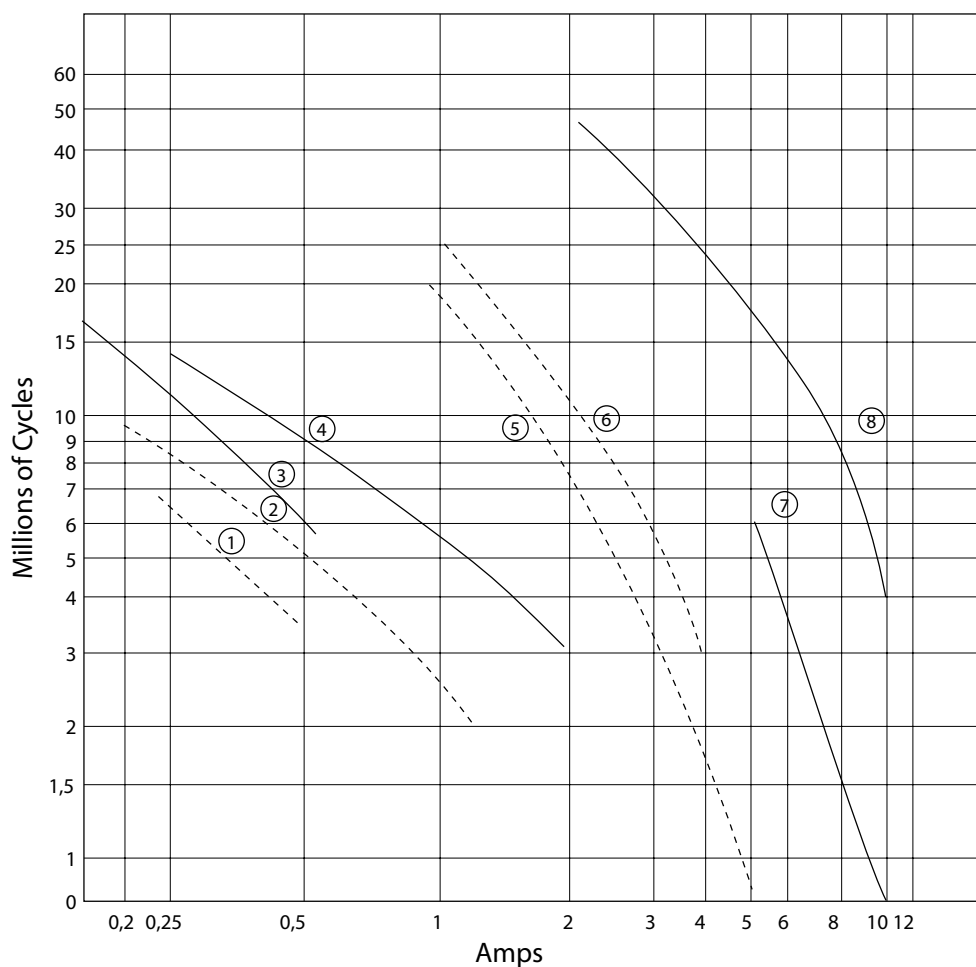
Curves shown for inductive load -

— L/R = 20 ms continuous current

- - - L/R = 40 ms continuous current

* By connecting 2 contacts in series, DC current breaking capacity increases by 50%

| Curves | 1-3 | 2-4 | 5-7 | 6-8 |
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| VDC | 220 | 125 | 48 | 24 |



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Dynamic relay selection curve - No. 3

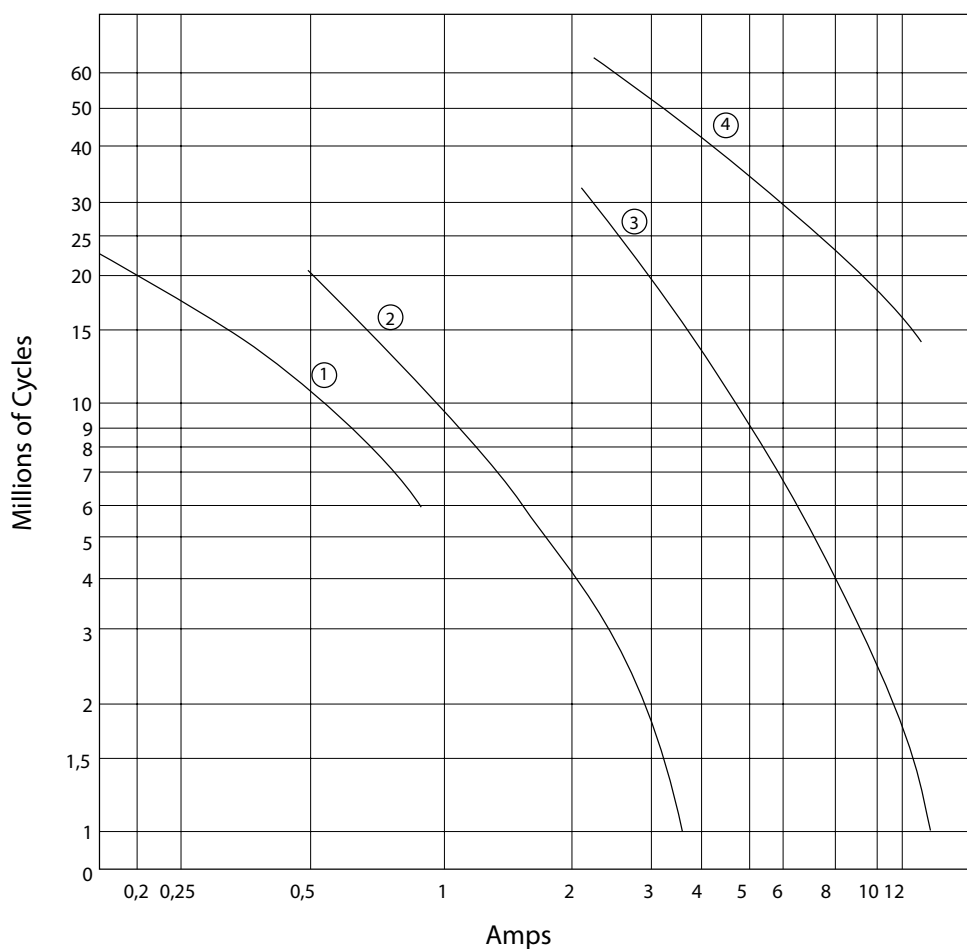
DC Current breaking capacity versus life expectancy in millions of cycles.

Rate of contacts opening and closing = 1200 operations per hour.

Curves shown for resistive load ($L/R = 0$). Continuous current.

* By connecting 2 contacts in series, DC current breaking capacity increases by 50%

| Curves | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|
| VDC | 220 | 125 | 48 | 24 |



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Dynamic relay selection curve - No. 4

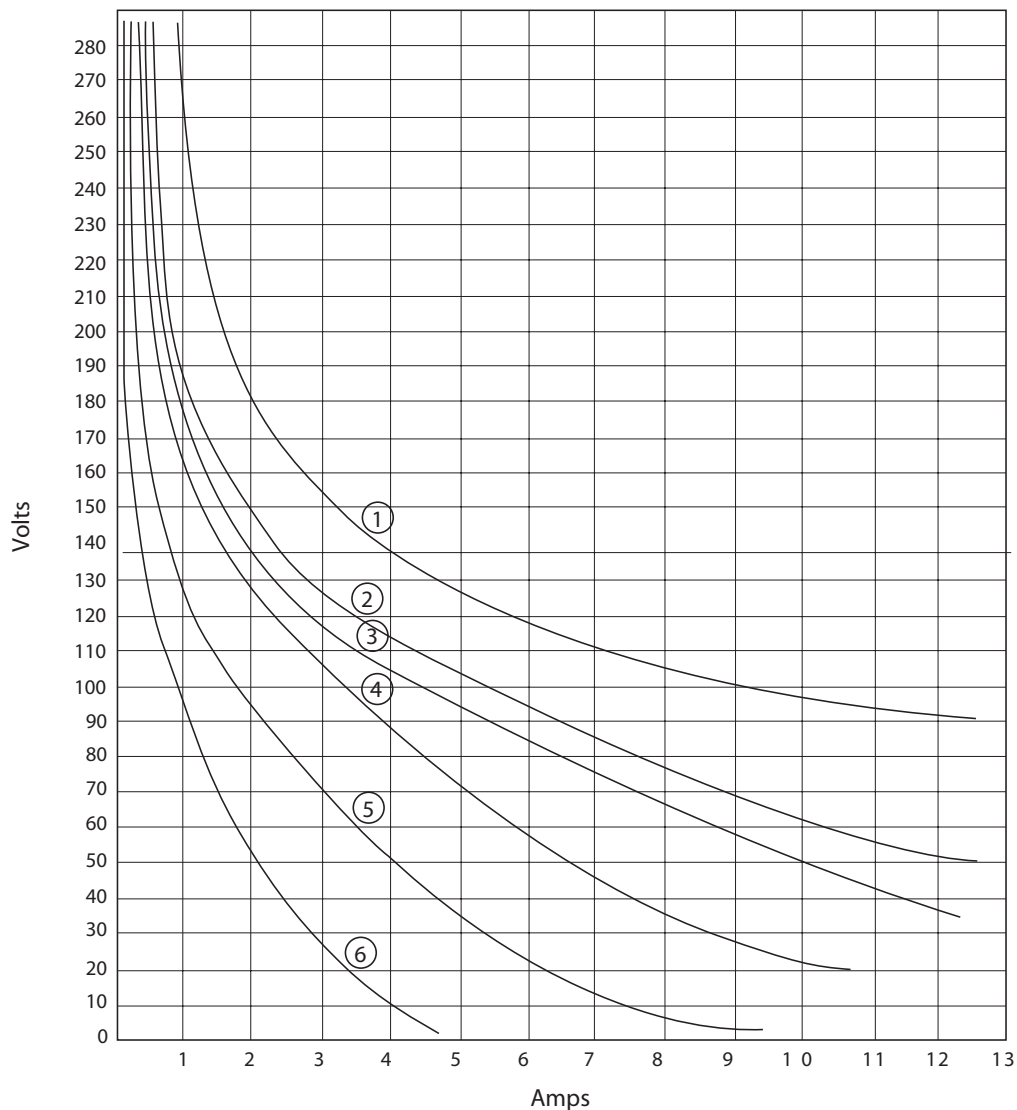
Maximum contact breaking capacity versus voltage for a given L/R

Rate of contacts opening and closing = 600 operations per hour.

Curves shown for resistive load (L/R = 0) and inductive loads. Continuous current.

Life expectancy: 800,000 cycles

| Curves | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------|
| L/R= | 0ms | 15ms | 20ms | 40ms | 60ms | 100ms |



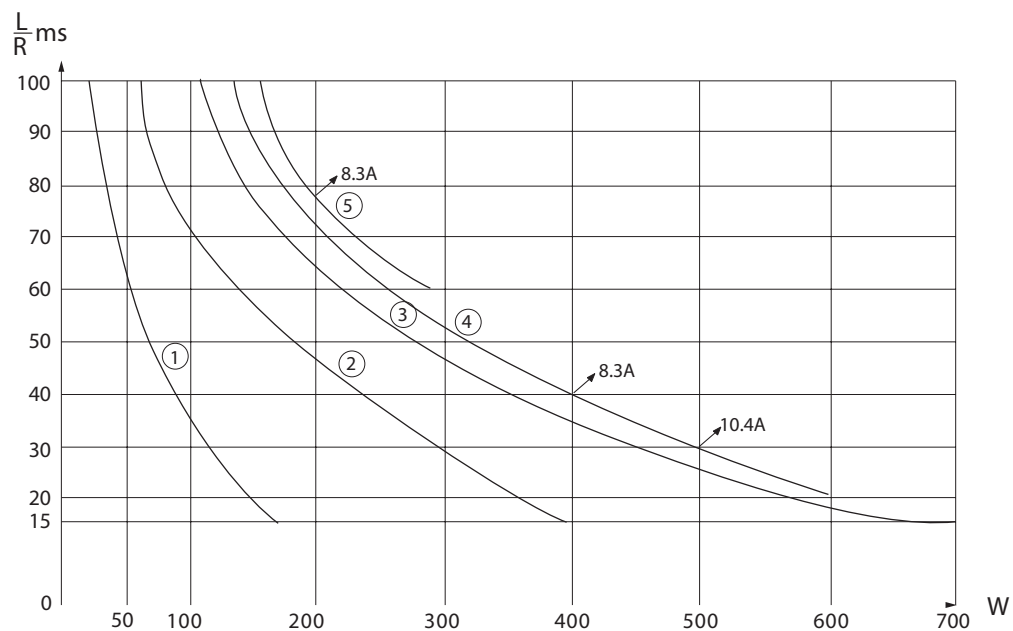
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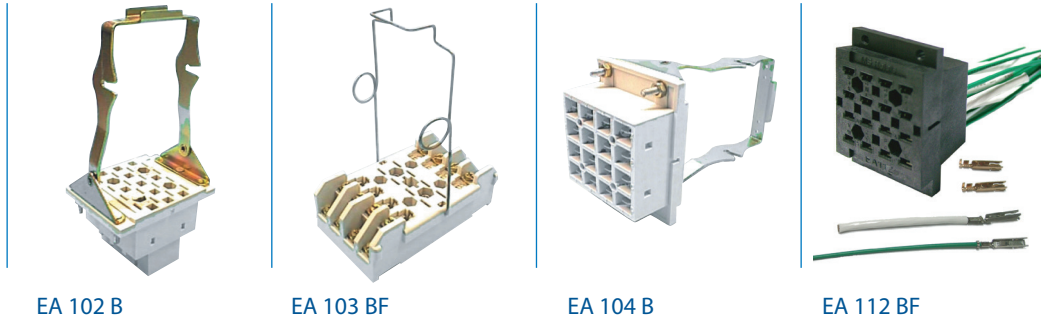
Maximum power interruption versus load time constant (L/R) for a given voltage
Curves shown for resistive load $I = P/V$

| Curves | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| VDC | 220 | 125 | 72 | 48 | 24 |



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Mounting possibilities / sockets



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Panel/flush mounting

| | |
|-----------|---|
| EA 102 B | Locking bracket (905843), rear connection, double Faston 5 mm. |
| EA 102 BF | Wire locking spring (926853), rear connection, single Faston 5 mm. |
| EA 104 B | Locking bracket (905843), rear connection, single Faston 5 x 0.8 mm. |
| EA 104 BF | Wire locking spring (926853), rear connection, single Faston 5 x 0.8mm. |
| EA 112 BF | Wire locking spring (926853), rear connection, crimp contact |

Surface/wall mounting

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|------------|---|
| EA 103 BF* | Wire locking spring (926853), front connection, M3 screw 6,5 mm ring terminals (2,5 mm ²) |
| EA 105 BF* | Wire locking spring (926853), front connection, single Faston 5 mm |



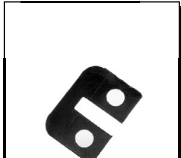
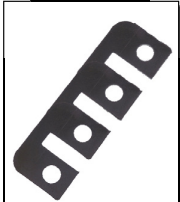
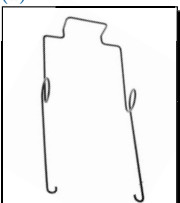
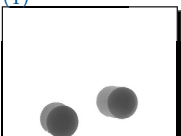


* Mounting possibility on 35 mm rail EN 50022 by adding suffix D to the part number (see socket datasheet)

Note: Keying of relay to socket can be specified by adding the keying letters in the part number. See all details in the related socket datasheet.

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Spare parts

Spare parts - order part numbers

| | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| (1)  LOCKING BRACKET 905843 | (1)  SCREW FOR BRACKET C927210 | (1)  METAL STRAP (2) P928060 | (1)  METAL STRAP (4) P928061 |
| (1)  WIRE LOCKING SPRING 926853 | (1)  ROUND PLASTIC PLUGS 414928005 | (2)  HEX. PLASTIC KEYS 414905678 | (3)  LOCK PINS ASSY 2 SCREWS 906364 212903020 |

(1) Parts only for socket
 (2) Parts for relay and socket
 (3) Parts only for relay



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User specifications

Installation

Install socket and connect wiring correctly according identification to terminals. Plug relay into socket. Reverse installation into socket not possible due to mechanical blocking by locking bracket.
Don't reverse polarity of coil connection. Relays can be mounted (tightly) next to each other and in any attitude.
Warning! Never use silicon near by relays

Operation

Before operate always apply voltage to coil to check correct operation.
Long term storage may corrode the silver on the relay pins. Just by plugging the relay into the socket, the female bifurcated receivers will automatically clean the corrosion on the pins and guarantee a good connection.
Do not use the relay in places with flammable gas as the arc generated from switching could ignite gasses.

Maintenance

Correct operation of relay can easily be checked as transparent cover gives good visibility on the moving contacts. When the relay doesn't seem to operate correctly, please check presence of coil voltage. Use a multimeter. If LED is used, coil presence should be indicated. If coil voltage is present, but the relay doesn't work, a short circuit of suppression diode is possible (The coil connection may-be reversed). If relay doesn't work after inspection, please replace relay unit by a similar model. Send defective relay back to manufacturer. Normal wear and tear excluded.



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Ordering scheme



This example represents a BK 400 72 BG S V
 Description: BK 400 series relay, Unom: 72 VDC, keying BG, transil coil protection, LED indicator, relay cover with lock pins

1. Relay model

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2 & 3. Nominal voltage and keying

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| ME | 12 VDC |
| AG | 24 VDC |
| FL | 36 VDC |
| DG | 48 VDC |
| BG | 72 VDC |
| US | 96 VDC |
| EG | 115 VDC |
| FG | 550 VDC |
| UT | 700 VDC |
| EM | 127 VAC |
| CG | 220 VAC |

4. Coil overvoltage protection

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| - | No coil protection |
| P | Avalanche diode coil protection |
| S | Transil coil protection |
| Note: no protection for AC coil versions | |

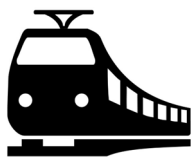
5. LED coil voltage indicator

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| - | No LED |
| V | LED voltage indicator |

6. Relay cover type

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| - | Relay cover with lock pins |
| F | Relay cover for wire locking spring |





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