

INGVAR

Primary Current Injection Test System



- **Most Advanced Primary Current Injection Test System to simplify all types of switchgear and CT commissioning, ground grid, circuit breaker testing and more**
- **Up to 5000 A output current**
- **Two units, each of about 20 kg (44 lbs), simplifies transportation**
- **Unique I/30 function allows the current to be pre-set using low current to prevent test sample heating, thus eliminating corruption of test result**

Description

This powerful test system is designed for primary injection testing of protective relay equipment and circuit breakers. It is also used to test the turns ratio of current transformers and for other applications that require high variable currents.

The system consists of a control unit and a current unit. The two parts are portable, and INGVAR can be quickly assembled and connected.

The control unit has many advanced features – a powerful measurement section for example, that can display turns ratio as well as time, voltage and current. A second measurement channel can be used to test an additional current or voltage. Current transformer turns ratio, impedance, power, power factor ($\cos \phi$) and phase angle are calculated and shown in the display. Current and voltage can be presented as percentages of nominal value. The fast-acting hold function freezes short-duration readings on the digital display when the voltage or contact signal arrives at the stop input, the object under test interrupts the current or injection is stopped.

Application

▪ Primary current injection testing and breaker testing

These tests require high currents and the ability to measure very short duration, current flow. INGVAR has been designed especially to meet these needs. No extra contacts are needed to measure the operating time of a low-voltage breaker. Testing stops at the instant when the main breaker contacts open to interrupt the current. Output current initiation is synchronized with the currents zero-crossover point to ensure good repeatability and minimized DC offset.

▪ Testing current transformers

For turns ratio testing, the primary current and either the secondary current or the turns ratio are displayed simultaneously. Since the turns ratio is displayed directly as the nominal value (1000/5 for example), no further calculation is needed. Burden of secondary circuits can be measured and presented in VA.

▪ Polarity testing

The currents phase displacement is shown, and the polarities of the outputs are clearly marked.

▪ Heat runs

INGVAR is ideal for performing heat runs. Current can be applied continuously or through programmable intervals. The times can be shown in minutes and hours which facilitates long-term testing capability.

▪ Automatic reclosers and sectionalizers

INGVAR can also be set to test circuit breakers with reclosing relays. Operating limits, partial times, total times and the number of operations before lockout can be measured. User-selectable reclosing sequences can be programmed for testing sectionalizers.

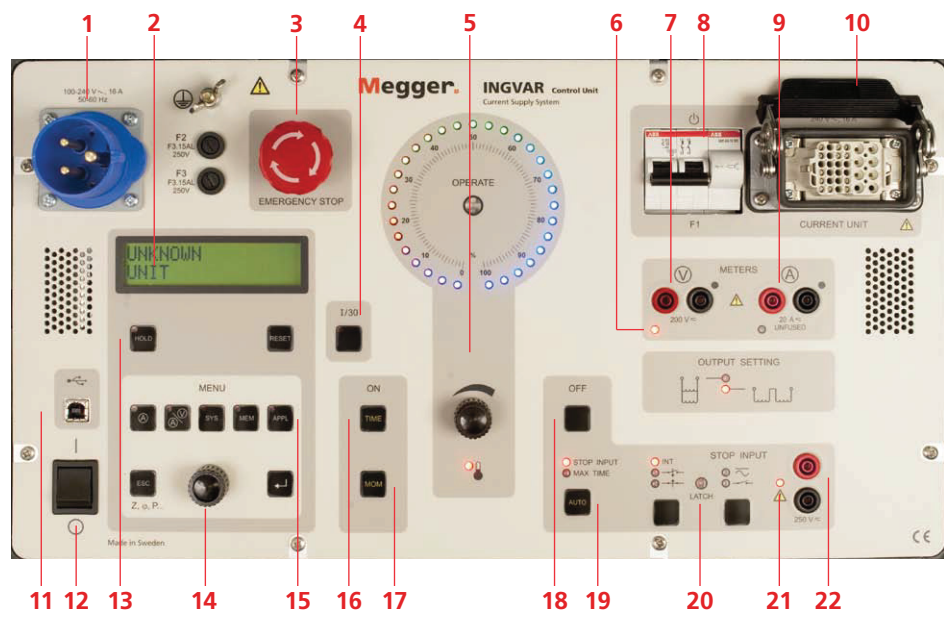
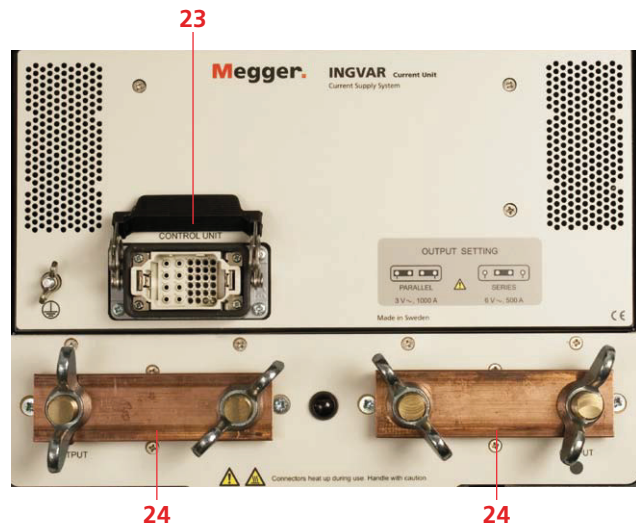
▪ Testing integrity of ground grids and safety-ground devices

One way to test ground grids is by injecting current between a reference ground and the ground to be tested and measuring the voltage drop and the percentage of current flowing through the ground grid.

Features and Benefits

1. **Mains inlet**, 3 pin CEE connector (16 A)
2. **Display**. The display presents time, output current, voltage, current shown on ammeter 2 and phase angle. You can scroll through entities Z, P, Q, R, X, S, power factor (cos φ) and I max.
3. **Emergency stop button**.
4. **Current reduction button**. Used during setting to reduce the output current to 1/30. Useful in order to avoid for example unintentional tripping and overheating.
5. **Current adjustment knob**.
6. **Indicator lamps**. Indicate whether ammeter 2 or the voltmeter is enabled.
7. **Input for voltmeter**. Used to measure voltage and other quantities.
8. **Miniature circuit breaker used for current output**. Interrupts output current. Can also be actuated manually for safe disconnection of load.
9. **Input for ammeter 2**. Used to measure current in an external circuit (in a current transformer's secondary winding for example).
10. **Multiconnector** for interconnection of control and current units.
11. **USB port**, type B
12. **ON/OFF switch**
13. **Hold function**. This function freezes readings on the display.
14. **Selection/setting knob**. Selects the desired menu option (shown in the display window). Also used to change numerical values.
15. **Setting buttons**. Personnel unfamiliar with INGVAR can use the pre-defined settings very effectively, while experienced users can make their own basic settings.
 - **Ammeter**. Used to set the main current-output ammeter. You can select the desired range or select autoranging.
 - **V/A Meter**. Toggles between the voltmeter and ammeter 2. Also used to select the desired range or select autoranging.
 - **System**. Used for general settings.
 - **Memory**. Used to save or recall settings to or from the ten INGVAR memories. One of these memories contains the default (pre-defined) settings that are invoked when INGVAR is powered up.

- **Application**. Used to invoke the desired measurement mode: a) automatic recloser, b) sectionalizer. INGVAR can also be set to generate pulse trains with user-selectable pulse and pause times.
- 16. **Injection**. Starts current injection and timing.
- 17. **Momentary Injection**. When this button is used, injection continues only as long as it is pressed. Useful in order to avoid for example overheating.
- 18. **Manual shut-off**. Injection and timing are stopped when this button is pressed.
- 19. **Automatic injection stop**. Generation stops after a user-specified interval or when condition at the input is met. The diodes show the selected OFF condition.
- 20. **Stop-condition indicator**. Indicates that the stop condition is fulfilled.
- 21. **Status indicator**. Indicates if a contact connected to the input is closed or if voltage is present.
- 22. **Stop input**. Used to freeze a reading or stop injection. Activated when current is interrupted by the object being tested, when an external contact is actuated or when a voltage is applied or removed.
- 23. **Multiconnector** for interconnection of current and control units.
- 24. **Current bars** for parallel or serial connection of the outputs.



Specifications INGVAR

Specifications are valid for an ambient temperature of +25°C and nominal input voltage. The specifications are subject to change without notice.

System designation

An INGVAR-system consists of a Control Unit and one Current Unit.

Environment

Application field The instrument is intended for use in medium-voltage substations and industrial environments.

Temperature

Operating 0°C to +50°C (+32°F to +122°F)

Storage & transport -25°C to +55°C (-13°F to +127°F)

Humidity 5% – 95% RH, Non-condensing

Altitude <2000 m

(operational)

Pollution degree 2

CE-marking

EMC 2004/108/EC

LVD 2006/95/EC

General

Measurement category CAT I
Rated transient overvoltage: 2200 V

Mains voltage 100 – 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz

Mains inlet IEC 60309-1, -2, 16 A

Input current Output current x open circuit voltage / input voltage

Protection The output transformer has a built-in thermal cut-out, and the primary side is protected by a miniature circuit breaker

Dimensions

Control Unit 546 x 347 x 247 mm
(21.5" x 13.7" x 9.7")

Current Unit 410 x 340 x 205 mm
(16.1" x 13.4" x 8")

Weight

Control Unit 20 kg (44 lbs)

Current Unit 20 kg (44 lbs)

Data transfer USB Type B Female

Display

Type LCD

Available languages English, German, French, Spanish, Swedish.

Outputs

Outputs in parallel, 240 mains voltage

| Maximal current | Maximum generation time | Minimum rest time ¹⁾ | Load voltage |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 700 A | continuously | – | 2.6 V |
| 1000 A | 30 min | 5 min | 2.5 V |
| 2000 A | 3 min | 10 min | 2.1 V |
| 3000 A | 1 min | 12 min | 1.8 V |
| 5000 A | 2 sec | 3 min | 1.2 V |

Outputs in series, 240 mains voltage

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|--------|--------------|--------|-------|
| 350 A | continuously | – | 5.3 V |
| 500 A | 20 min | 15 min | 5.1 V |
| 1500 A | 2 min | 12 min | 3.5 V |

1) Time to reset the thermal protection.

Measurement section

Ammeters

Measurement method AC 50/60 Hz, DC RMS

Inaccuracy 1% of range ±1 digit

Ammeter 1

Ranges

Serial Low 0 – 1.00 kA

Serial High 0 – 2.00 kA

Parallel Low 0 – 3.25 kA

Parallel High 0 – 6.50 kA

Resolution

0-999 A 1 A

1.00 – 6.50 kA 10 A

Ammeter 2

Ranges 0 – 2 A / 0 – 20 A

Maximum current 20 A (The input is not protected by a fuse)

Voltmeter

Measurement method AC 50/60 Hz, DC RMS

Ranges 0 – 0.2 V, 0 – 2 V, 0 – 20 V, 0 – 200 V, AUTO

Inaccuracy 1% of range ±1 digit

Input resistance (Rin) 240 kΩ (range 0 – 200 V)
24 kΩ (other ranges)

Dielectric withstand 2.5 kV

Timer

Presentation In seconds, mains frequency cycles or hours and minutes

Ranges 0.000 – 99999.9 s
0 – 9999 cycles

Inaccuracy ±(1 digit + 0.01% of value)
For the stop condition in INT-mode 1 ms shall be added to the specified measurement error.

Stop input

Max. input voltage 250 V AC / 275 V DC

Phase angle

Range 0 – 359°

Resolution 1°

Inaccuracy ±2° (For voltage and current readings higher than 10% of the selected range)

Z, P, R, X, S, Q and power factor (cosφ)

The result is calculated using U, I and φ

Imax

Stores highest current value that exists ≥100 ms

INT-level

Threshold indicating that current is interrupted, can be set to approx. 0.5 or 2% of range for Ammeter 1

Optional accessories



HCP2000 — High Current Probe

The high current probe, HCP2000, is a tool that makes it possible to test Molded Case Circuit Breakers (MCCB), without removing/uninstalling the circuit breaker. The high current probe operates from 16 A up to 1500 A trip current.



Current transformer switchbox

The Current Transformer (CT) Switchbox for INGVAR is a tool that is used to facilitate CT testing. The secondary windings on the CT are connected to the CT Switchbox inputs and the CT Switchbox output is connected to INGVAR Ammeter 2 terminals. The switch on the CT Switchbox is used to select which secondary winding on the CT that should be measured. The windings that aren't measured are short-circuited. The CT Switchbox can handle up to 5 secondary windings.

Application example



MCCB testing using the HCP2000

Ordering information

| Item | Art.No. |
|---------------|----------|
| INGVAR | BH-72490 |

Including:

| | | |
|----------|--|---|
| GA-12700 | Interconnection cable 3 m (10 ft) | 1 |
| GA-12051 | Current cable 2 m (6.5 ft) 120 mm ² | 2 |
| 04-00087 | Mains cable 3 m (10 ft) | 1 |
| GA-00204 | Grounding cable 5 m (16 ft) | 1 |

Optional accessories

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| HCP2000, High Current Probe | AA-90165 |
| Current Transformer Switchbox | BH-90130 |
| Extension interconnection cable INGVAR, 5 m (16 ft) | GA-12705 |
| Extension interconnection cable INGVAR, 10 m (32 ft) | GA-12710 |

Multi-cable high current cable sets

| Length | Impedance (Twisted-pair cables) | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| Cross section area: 240 mm² (2x120) | | |
| 2 x 0.5 m (1.6 ft) | 0.21 mΩ | GA-12205 |
| 2 x 1 m (3.3 ft) | 0.32 mΩ | GA-12210 |
| 2 x 1.5 m (4.9 ft) | 0.42 mΩ | GA-12215 |
| 2 x 2 m (6.6 ft) | 0.53 mΩ | GA-12220 |
| Cross section area: 360 mm² (3x120) | | |
| 2 x 0.5 m (1.6 ft) | 0.18 mΩ | GA-12305 |
| 2 x 1 m (3.3 ft) | 0.25 mΩ | GA-12310 |
| 2 x 1.5 m (4.9 ft) | 0.32 mΩ | GA-12315 |
| 2 x 2 m (6.6 ft) | 0.39 mΩ | GA-12320 |
| Cable set, 2 x 5 m (16 ft) | | |
| Cross section area: 120 mm ² | | |
| Weight: 15.2 kg (33.5 lbs) | | |
| Impedance: 2.2 mΩ | | |
| | | GA-12052 |

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