

ProDiag Breaker

Diagnosis of MV and LV Circuit Breakers



What is ProDiag Breaker?

ProDiag Breaker is a Schneider Electric diagnosis tool. ProDiag Breaker compares the mechanical and electrical parameters measured during the full operation of circuit breakers with the data collected from our production facilities. This allows detecting possible failure in advance. It measures, records and displays on a screen the key electrical parameters in MV and LV circuit breakers, relating to opening, closing and springloading operations. All this data is automatically compared with the criteria for the circuit breaker designated in the software, which indicates which values are within the acceptable range, which are on the limit and which are outside it. Two tests are always performed on each circuit breakers, one at minimum voltage and one at nominal voltage. A written report is generated and provided by Schneider Electric so that the customer can use it as a tool to define the necessary corrective action (maintenance, repair or replacement).

ProDiag Breaker is part of ProDiag preventive maintenance plan
Evaluation of circuit breakers using ProDiag Breaker includes:

- Evaluation of the operating mechanism.
- Measurement and comparison of the actual contact resistance with that specified by the manufacturer.
- Measurement and comparison of the insulation resistance.
- Evaluation of the general circuit breaker conditions based on the captured data.

Moreover, analysis of the ProDiag Breaker time/ travel curve combined with the current curve of the coil and phase contact detects possible faults, such as:

- Worn out latches and operating mechanisms.
 - Faulty coils.
 - Mechanical wear and tear and hardening of lubricating grease.
 - Defective shock absorbers.
 - Defective simultaneous contact operation (opening/closing).
- Some maintenance programmes involve dismantling the circuit breaker mechanism to check its condition. ProDiag Breaker using signals captured from the circuit breaker operation, reduces maintenance costs compared with programs which check the circuit breakers manually.

Where can ProDiag Breaker reduce costs?

- ProDiag Breaker significantly reduces the time taken to identify potential faults in a circuit breaker, using operational analysis rather than inspection and mechanical re-sets.
- The software analyses the captured data and identifies the specific problem area.
- A device's normal operating life is increased by timely diagnostics of when and what repairs are necessary.
- The tool comprises both hardware and software, resulting in a highly efficient predictive maintenance program.

Results

ProDiag Breaker provides a report of the complete nature of the circuit breaker, detailing: closing / opening time, contact simultaneity, bounce and resistance, mechanical closing and opening forces. This report enables any required maintenance to be targeted and time in order to optimize the customer's maintenance plan.

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ProDiag Breaker Objectives

Your priority is to enhance the reliability of your installation:

- to ensure its continuity of service,
- to minimize the time for maintenance & repair
- to perform maintenance
- Only on the equipment requiring it and only when necessary(conditional preventive maintenance)

