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1 Scope

This document specifies the three-pole temperature compensated circuit breakers with signal contacts, polarized or not, rated from 1 A to 25 A and used in aircraft on-board circuits. It describes specific environmental, electrical and mechanical characteristics and the stringency of tests to be applied according to test methods of EN 3841-100.

These circuit breakers are intended for use in aircraft with electrical supplies in accordance with EN 2282 (all categories).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 2083, *Aerospace series — Copper or copper alloy conductors for electrical cables — Product standard*

EN 2282,[1] *Aerospace series — Characteristics of aircraft electrical supplies*

EN 2825, *Aerospace series — Burning behaviour of non-metallic materials under the influence of radiating heat and flames — Determination of smoke density*

EN 2826, *Aerospace series — Burning behaviour of non-metallic materials under the influence of radiating heat and flames — Determination of gas components in the smoke*

EN 3841-*, *Aerospace series — Circuit breakers — Test Methods*

EN 3844-1, *Aerospace series — Flammability of non-metallic materials — Part 1: Small burner test, vertical — Determination of the vertical flame propagation*

TR 6083,[2] *Aerospace series — Cut-outs for installation of electrical components*

MIL-I-81969/1A,[3] *Installing and removal tools, connector electrical contact, type III, class 2, composition C*

MIL-I-81969/14C,[3] *Installing and removal tools, connector electrical contact, type III, class 2, composition B*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 3841-100 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp/

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

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4 Description

These circuit breakers are operated by a “push-pull” type single push button (actuator) and with delayed action “trip-free” tripping. Their function is ensured up to the short-circuit current.

5 Design

5.1 Materials

5.1.1 Metallic materials

All metallic parts shall be resistant to corrosion or finished against corrosion. When dissimilar materials are in close contact, an adequate protection against corrosion shall be used so that the electromotive force of the galvanic couple does not exceed 0,25 V.

When bimetals are used, an eventual corrosion shall not affect the good operation of the circuit breaker.

5.1.2 Insulation materials

The insulating parts shall be made of auto-extinguishing or non-flammable materials; they shall not emit damaging or explosive vapours, even in presence of fire or internal electric arc.

They shall be insensitive to moulds and microorganisms action.

Application of any material or protective coating which might crack, break or flake shall be forbidden.

Materials which are not specified, or which are not specially described shall be as light as possible for the requested use.

Materials shall be selected according to security criteria (toxicity, smoke density) as defined in contractual documents.

5.2 Design

5.2.1 Insulating box

The insulating box shall integrate besides the mechanism, the connection and attachment unit.

5.2.2 Free release mechanism

Design of circuit breaker mechanism shall allow free release, i.e. the circuit breaker cuts out in case of overload and remains cut out even if the actuator is kept by force in engaged position.

A new engagement of circuit breaker is only possible after a first total release of the control actuator.

The operation in these conditions shall not affect further performances of the circuit breaker.

5.2.3 Attachment

All visible parts shall be black-coloured and non-reflective.

5.2.4 Electrical connection units

They shall be able to receive the lugs (or contacts).

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5.2.5 Control actuator

In engaged position, the visible part of the control actuator shall be of the colour stated in the product standard. In disengaged (or opened) position, the control actuator shall show a white strip.

The outer part of this actuator shall be isolated from all undervoltage parts.

The control actuator shall not stay in a transition position or give a false indication about the circuit breaker condition. It shall not be removable.

When pushing it, power contacts of the circuit breaker engage and indicating contact opens.

When pulling it, power contacts of the circuit breaker open and indicating contact closes.

The circuit breaker rating is indicated in indelible white colour on the front part of the control actuator.

The product standard gives the digits positioning.

5.2.6 Rating inviolability

The circuit breaker shall be designed in such a way that the calibration unit cannot be reached without breaking a sealing.

5.2.7 Leakage lines

The leakage lines and the minimal space to be foreseen between the undervoltage parts and any other part of the circuit breaker made of non-insulating material, as well as between the undervoltage parts of opposite polarity, shall be sufficient to avoid any default or arc tracking in all uses and climatic conditions.

5.2.8 Protection against non-release

Electrical overload happening on a circuit breaker locked in its engaged position (sticked contacts or non-operating release mechanism), shall cause the opening of the circuit-by-circuit breaker destruction without any fire or important smoke release.

6 Characteristics

6.1 General characteristics

See Table 1.

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