



## **PhiCap capacitors for power factor correction**

### **B32344D series**

**Series/Type:** B32344D  
**Ordering code:** B32344D....A...

**Date:** August 2006  
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**B32344D series**
**Construction**

- Dielectric: metallized polypropylene film
- Semi-dry; high viscosity PU resin; non-PCB
- Case: extruded round aluminum can with stud
- Mounting and grounding: threaded M12 stud on bottom of can
- Degree of protection: IP20 (optionally IP54 with terminal cover)
- Terminals: SIGUT screw terminals

**Features**

- Three-phase, provided with discharge resistors
- Dual safety system: overpressure disconnecter, self-healing technology
-  file # E106388
- Naturally air cooled (or forced air cooling)
- Indoor mounting

**Technical data and specifications**

| Characteristics                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rated capacitance $C_R$ and $Q_R$ | According to specification table |
| Tolerance                         | -5/+10%                          |
| Connection                        | D (Delta)                        |
| Rated voltage $V_R$               | According to specification table |
| Rated frequency $f_R$             | 50/60 Hz                         |

| Maximum ratings (to IEC 60831)                     |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maximum permissible voltage $V_{max}$              | $V_R + 10\%$ (up to 8 h daily)<br>$V_R + 15\%$ (up to 30 min daily)<br>$V_R + 20\%$ (up to 5 min daily)<br>$V_R + 30\%$ (up to 1 min daily) |
| Maximum permissible current $I_{max}$              | Up to $1.3 \times I_R$ (up to $1.5 \times I_R$ incl. combined effects of harmonics, over voltages and capacitance)                          |
| Maximum transient inrush current                   | Up to $200 \times I_R$                                                                                                                      |
| Power dissipation (dielectric)                     | < 0.2 W/kvar                                                                                                                                |
| Power dissipation (excluding discharge resistors)  | < 0.45 W/kvar                                                                                                                               |
| Test data (accord. to IEC 60831)                   |                                                                                                                                             |
| AC test voltage terminal-to-terminal               | $2.15 \times V_R$ , 2 s                                                                                                                     |
| Insulation voltage between terminals and container | 3000 V AC, 10 s                                                                                                                             |
| Dissipation factor $\tan \delta$ at 100 Hz         | $\leq 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$                                                                                                                   |



**Climatic category / -25/D (to IEC 60831)**

|                              |                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ambient temperature          | Max. temp. 55 °C;<br>Max. mean 24 h = 45 °C;<br>Max. mean 1 year = 35 °C;<br>Lowest temperature = -25 °C |
| Maximum permissible humidity | Average relative < 95%                                                                                   |
| Maximum permissible altitude | 4000 m                                                                                                   |

**Mean life expectancy**

|                                                      |                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $t_{LD}$                                             | $V_p$ to 100.000 operating hours |
| Max. 5000 switching operations per year to IEC 60831 |                                  |

**Design data**

|                                       |                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dimensions ( $\varnothing \times l$ ) | According to specification table                                                                                                         |
| Weight approx.                        | According to specification table                                                                                                         |
| Filling                               | High viscosity polyurethane resin                                                                                                        |
| Fixing                                | Threaded bolt M12                                                                                                                        |
| Max. torque (Al can stud)             | 10 Nm                                                                                                                                    |
| Mounting position                     | Upright.<br>See "Maintenance and Installation Manual" for further details.<br>Horizontal mounting with additional head support possible. |

**Terminals**

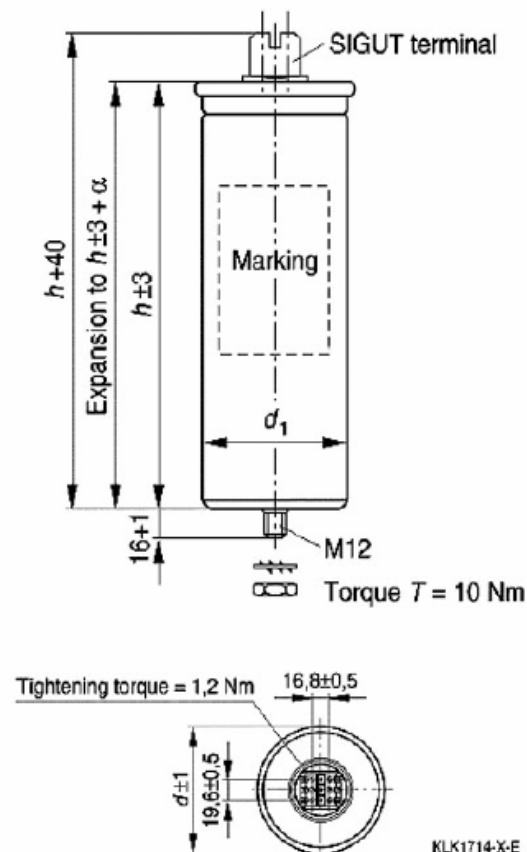
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Degree of protection     | IP20 (Optional IP54) (to IEC 529) |
| Max. torque              | 2.5 Nm                            |
| Terminal cross section   | 16 mm <sup>2</sup>                |
| Maximum terminal current | 60 A (continuous)                 |
| Creepage distance        | 12.7 mm (to UL 810)               |
| Clearance                | 9.6 mm (to UL 810)                |

**Safety**

|                            |                                               |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Mechanical safety          | Tear off fuses overpressure disconnecter      |
| Max. short circuit current | (AFC: 10 kA) (to UL 810)                      |
| Discharge resistor time    | $\leq 1$ min (75 V), IEC 60831 specify 3 min. |

**Reference standards**

|                                               |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| IEC 60831-1/2. UL 810-5 <sup>th</sup> edition |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|

**Dimensional drawing**

**Label drawing**


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Power Quality

**B32344D4252A040**

| $U_N$                          | $Q_N / 50$ Hz | $Q_N / 60$ Hz | SH        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 440V~                          | 25,00 kvar    | 30,00 kvar    |           |
| 415V~                          | 22,23 kvar    | 26,68 kvar    |           |
| 400V~                          | 20,65 kvar    | 24,78 kvar    |           |
| $U_i = 3/-K_v$ -25 / +55°C     |               |               | IEC 60831 |
| Overpressure disconnecter      |               |               | Non PCB   |
| Protected File E106388 10K AFC |               |               |           |
| Discharge before handling      |               |               |           |

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**B32344D series**

| Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 220 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection |                |                     |                |                     |                |       |            |        |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|
| Product / Type<br>Ordering code                                             | 50 Hz          |                     | 60 Hz          |                     | C <sub>R</sub> |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity   |
|                                                                             | Output<br>kvar | I <sub>R</sub><br>A | Output<br>kvar | I <sub>R</sub><br>A | μF             |       | mm         | kg     | per<br>box |
| B32344D2021A020                                                             | 1.7            | 4.4                 | 2.0            | 5.3                 | 3 x            | 37.0  | 79.5 x 138 | 0.4    | 6          |
| B32344D2021A520                                                             | 2.0            | 5.5                 | 2.5            | 6.6                 | 3 x            | 46.0  | 79.5 x 138 | 0.4    | 6          |
| B32344D2051A020                                                             | 4.2            | 11.0                | 5.0            | 13.2                | 3 x            | 92.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D2071A520                                                             | 6.3            | 16.4                | 7.5            | 19.7                | 3 x            | 137.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D2101A020                                                             | 8.3            | 21.9                | 10.0           | 26.3                | 3 x            | 183.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D2121A520                                                             | 10.4           | 27.4                | 12.5           | 32.9                | 3 x            | 229.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.5    | 4          |
| B32344D2151A020                                                             | 12.5           | 32.8                | 15.0           | 39.4                | 3 x            | 274.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4          |

| Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 230 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection |             |                  |             |                  |                |       |            |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------|------------|--------|----------|
| Product / Type                                                              | 50 Hz       |                  | 60 Hz       |                  | C <sub>R</sub> |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity |
| Ordering code                                                               | Output kvar | I <sub>R</sub> A | Output kvar | I <sub>R</sub> A | μF             |       | per box    | kg     | per box  |
| B32344D2022A030                                                             | 2.0         | 5.3              | 2.5         | 6.3              | 3 x            | 42.0  | 79.5 x 138 | 0.4    | 6        |
| B32344D2022A530                                                             | 2.5         | 6.3              | 3.0         | 7.5              | 3 x            | 50.0  | 79.5 x 138 | 0.4    | 6        |
| B32344D2052A030                                                             | 5.0         | 12.5             | 6.0         | 15.0             | 3 x            | 100.0 | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6        |
| B32344D2072A530                                                             | 7.5         | 18.8             | 9.0         | 22.5             | 3 x            | 150.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4        |
| B32344D2102A030                                                             | 10.0        | 25.0             | 12.0        | 30.0             | 3 x            | 200.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4        |
| B32344D2122A530                                                             | 12.5        | 31.3             | 15.0        | 37.5             | 3 x            | 250.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.5    | 4        |
| B32344D2152A030                                                             | 15.0        | 37.7             | 1)          | 1)               | 3 x            | 300.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4        |

| Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection |             |                  |             |                  |                |       |            |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------|------------|--------|----------|
| Product / Type                                                              | 50 Hz       |                  | 60 Hz       |                  | C <sub>R</sub> |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity |
| Ordering code                                                               | Output kvar | I <sub>R</sub> A | Output kvar | I <sub>R</sub> A | μF             |       | per box    | kg     | per box  |
| B32344D2021A540                                                             | 2.1         | 5.0              | 2.5         | 6.0              | 3 x            | 38.0  | 79.5 x 138 | 0.4    | 6        |
| B32344D2031A040                                                             | 2.5         | 6.0              | 3.0         | 7.2              | 3 x            | 46.0  | 79.5 x 138 | 0.4    | 6        |
| B32344D2051A040                                                             | 4.2         | 10.1             | 5.0         | 12.1             | 3 x            | 77.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.6    | 6        |
| B32344D2071A540                                                             | 6.3         | 15.0             | 7.5         | 18.0             | 3 x            | 115.0 | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6        |
| B32344D2081A340                                                             | 6.9         | 16.6             | 8.3         | 19.9             | 3 x            | 127.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 1.5    | 4        |
| B32344D2101A040                                                             | 8.3         | 20.1             | 10.0        | 24.1             | 3 x            | 154.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 0.9    | 4        |
| B32344D2121A540                                                             | 10.4        | 25.1             | 12.5        | 30.1             | 3 x            | 192.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4        |
| B32344D2151A040                                                             | 12.5        | 30.0             | 15.0        | 36.0             | 3 x            | 230.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4        |
| B32344D2161A740                                                             | 13.9        | 33.4             | 1)          | 1)               | 3 x            | 256.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.2    | 4        |

1) Product not applicable to 60 Hz, since the product's rated current is exceeded.

**B32344D series**

| <b>Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 380 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection</b> |                |            |                |            |         |       |            |        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------|-------|------------|--------|------------|
| Product / Type<br>Ordering code                                                    | 50 Hz          |            | 60 Hz          |            | $C_R$   |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity   |
|                                                                                    | Output<br>kvar | $I_R$<br>A | Output<br>kvar | $I_R$<br>A | $\mu F$ |       | Unit       | kg     | per<br>box |
| B32344D3071A580                                                                    | 6.3            | 9.5        | 7.5            | 11.4       | 3 x     | 46.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D3101A080                                                                    | 8.3            | 12.6       | 10.0           | 15.1       | 3 x     | 61.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D3121A580                                                                    | 10.4           | 15.9       | 12.5           | 19.1       | 3 x     | 77.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D3151A080                                                                    | 12.5           | 19.0       | 15.0           | 22.8       | 3 x     | 92.0  | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D3201A080                                                                    | 16.7           | 25.4       | 20.0           | 30.5       | 3 x     | 123.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D3251A080                                                                    | 20.8           | 31.6       | 25.0           | 38.0       | 3 x     | 153.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |

| <b>Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 400 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection</b> |                |            |                |            |         |       |            |        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------|-------|------------|--------|------------|
| Product / Type<br>Ordering code                                                    | 50 Hz          |            | 60 Hz          |            | $C_R$   |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity   |
|                                                                                    | Output<br>kvar | $I_R$<br>A | Output<br>kvar | $I_R$<br>A | $\mu F$ |       | mm         | kg     | per<br>box |
| B32344D4071A500                                                                    | 6.3            | 9.1        | 7.5            | 11.0       | 3 x     | 42.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4072A500                                                                    | 7.5            | 10.9       | 9.0            | 13.1       | 3 x     | 50.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4101A000                                                                    | 8.3            | 12.0       | 10.0           | 14.4       | 3 x     | 55.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4102A000                                                                    | 10.0           | 14.6       | 12.0           | 17.5       | 3 x     | 67.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4122A500                                                                    | 12.5           | 18.1       | 15.0           | 21.7       | 3 x     | 83.0  | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4152A000                                                                    | 15.0           | 21.8       | 18.0           | 26.1       | 3 x     | 100.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4201A000                                                                    | 16.7           | 24.2       | 20.0           | 29.0       | 3 x     | 111.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4202A000                                                                    | 20.0           | 28.9       | 24.0           | 34.7       | 3 x     | 133.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4252A000                                                                    | 25.0           | 36.1       | 1)             | 1)         | 3 x     | 166.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.5    | 4          |

| <b>Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 415 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection</b> |                |            |                |            |         |       |            |        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------|-------|------------|--------|------------|
| Product / Type<br>Ordering code                                                    | 50 Hz          |            | 60 Hz          |            | $C_R$   |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity   |
|                                                                                    | Output<br>kvar | $I_R$<br>A | Output<br>kvar | $I_R$<br>A | $\mu F$ |       | mm         | kg     | per<br>box |
| B32344D4071A510                                                                    | 6.3            | 8.8        | 7.5            | 10.6       | 3 x     | 39.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4072A510                                                                    | 7.5            | 10.4       | 9.0            | 12.5       | 3 x     | 46.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4102A010                                                                    | 10.0           | 14.0       | 12.0           | 16.8       | 3 x     | 62.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4122A510                                                                    | 12.5           | 17.4       | 15.0           | 20.9       | 3 x     | 77.0  | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4152A010                                                                    | 15.0           | 20.8       | 18.0           | 24.9       | 3 x     | 92.0  | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4202A010                                                                    | 20.0           | 27.8       | 24.0           | 33.3       | 3 x     | 123.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4252A010                                                                    | 25.0           | 34.8       | 1)             | 1)         | 3 x     | 154.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4          |

1) Product not applicable to 60 Hz, since the product's rated current is exceeded.

**B32344D series**

| Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 440 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection |                |                     |                |                     |                |       |            |        |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|
| Product / Type<br><br>Ordering code                                         | 50 Hz          |                     | 60 Hz          |                     | C <sub>R</sub> |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity   |
|                                                                             | Output<br>kvar | I <sub>R</sub><br>A | Output<br>kvar | I <sub>R</sub><br>A | μF             |       | mm         | kg     | per<br>box |
| B32344D4071A540                                                             | 6.3            | 8.1                 | 7.5            | 9.8                 | 3 x            | 34.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4072A540                                                             | 7.5            | 9.8                 | 9.0            | 11.8                | 3 x            | 41.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4101A040                                                             | 8.3            | 11.0                | 10.0           | 13.2                | 3 x            | 46.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4102A040                                                             | 10.0           | 13.2                | 12.0           | 15.8                | 3 x            | 55.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4121A540                                                             | 10.4           | 13.6                | 12.5           | 16.4                | 3 x            | 57.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4151A040                                                             | 12.5           | 16.5                | 15.0           | 19.8                | 3 x            | 69.0  | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4152A040                                                             | 15.0           | 19.6                | 18.0           | 23.6                | 3 x            | 82.0  | 89.5 x 273 | 1.1    | 4          |
| B32344D4201A040                                                             | 16.7           | 22.0                | 20.0           | 26.4                | 3 x            | 92.0  | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4251A040                                                             | 20.8           | 27.3                | 25.0           | 32.8                | 3 x            | 114.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4252A040                                                             | 25.0           | 33.0                | 1)             | 1)                  | 3 x            | 138.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4          |
| B32344D4282A040                                                             | 28.0           | 36.8                | 1)             | 1)                  | 3 x            | 154.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4          |

| Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 480 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection |                |                     |                |                     |                |       |            |        |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|
| Product / Type<br><br>Ordering code                                         | 50 Hz          |                     | 60 Hz          |                     | C <sub>R</sub> |       | d x h      | Weight | Quantity   |
|                                                                             | Output<br>kvar | I <sub>R</sub><br>A | Output<br>kvar | I <sub>R</sub><br>A | μF             |       | mm         | kg     | per<br>box |
| B32344D4051A080                                                             | 4.2            | 5.0                 | 5.0            | 6.0                 | 3 x            | 19.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4052A080                                                             | 5.0            | 6.0                 | 6.0            | 7.2                 | 3 x            | 23.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4071A580                                                             | 6.3            | 7.6                 | 7.5            | 9.1                 | 3 x            | 29.0  | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6          |
| B32344D4072A580                                                             | 7.5            | 9.1                 | 9.0            | 11.0                | 3 x            | 35.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4101A080                                                             | 8.4            | 9.9                 | 10.0           | 11.9                | 3 x            | 38.0  | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6          |
| B32344D4121A580                                                             | 10.4           | 12.5                | 12.5           | 15.0                | 3 x            | 48.0  | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4151A080                                                             | 12.5           | 15.1                | 15.0           | 18.2                | 3 x            | 58.0  | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4          |
| B32344D4152A080                                                             | 15.0           | 18.0                | 18.0           | 21.6                | 3 x            | 69.0  | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4162A780                                                             | 16.7           | 20.1                | 20.0           | 24.1                | 3 x            | 77.0  | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4          |
| B32344D4202A080                                                             | 20.8           | 25.1                | 25.0           | 30.1                | 3 x            | 96.0  | 89.5 x 273 | 1.5    | 4          |
| B32344D4252A080                                                             | 25.0           | 30.0                | 30.0           | 36.0                | 3 x            | 115.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4          |
| B32344D4302A080                                                             | 30.0           | 36.1                | 1)             | 1)                  | 3 x            | 138.0 | 94.0 x 348 | 1.5    | 4          |

| Three-phase capacitors - Rated voltage 525 V AC, 50/60 Hz, delta connection |             |                  |             |                  |                |      |            |        |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|------|------------|--------|----------|
| Product / Type                                                              | 50 Hz       |                  | 60 Hz       |                  | C <sub>R</sub> |      | d x h      | Weight | Quantity |
| Ordering code                                                               | Output kvar | I <sub>R</sub> A | Output kvar | I <sub>R</sub> A | μF             |      | mm         | kg     | per box  |
| B32344D5051A020                                                             | 4.0         | 3.4              | 5.0         | 4.1              | 3 x            | 12.0 | 79.5 x 160 | 0.3    | 6        |
| B32344D5061A020                                                             | 5.0         | 5.4              | 6.0         | 6.5              | 3 x            | 19.0 | 79.5 x 160 | 0.3    | 6        |
| B32344D5071A520                                                             | 6.3         | 6.9              | 7.5         | 8.2              | 3 x            | 24.0 | 79.5 x 160 | 0.5    | 6        |
| B32344D5101A020                                                             | 8.3         | 9.1              | 10.0        | 11.0             | 3 x            | 32.0 | 79.5 x 198 | 0.6    | 6        |
| B32344D5121A520                                                             | 10.4        | 11.4             | 12.5        | 13.7             | 3 x            | 40.0 | 89.5 x 198 | 0.8    | 4        |
| B32344D5151A020                                                             | 12.5        | 13.7             | 15.0        | 16.5             | 3 x            | 48.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.1    | 4        |
| B32344D5201A020                                                             | 16.6        | 18.3             | 20.0        | 21.9             | 3 x            | 64.0 | 89.5 x 273 | 1.2    | 4        |
| B32344D5202A020                                                             | 20.8        | 22.9             | 25.0        | 27.4             | 3 x            | 80.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4        |
| B32344D5252A020                                                             | 25.0        | 27.4             | 30.0        | 32.9             | 3 x            | 96.0 | 89.5 x 348 | 1.5    | 4        |

1) Product not applicable to 60 Hz, since the product's rated current is exceeded.

**B32344D series****Cautions and warnings**

- In case of dents of more than 2 mm depth or any other mechanical damage, capacitors must not be used at all.
- To ensure the full functionality of the overpressure disconnecter, elastic elements must not be hindered and a minimum space of 5 cm has to be kept above each capacitor.
- Do not handle the capacitor before it is discharged to max. 10% of rated voltage.
- Resonance cases must be avoided by appropriate application design in any case.
- Handle capacitors carefully, because they may still be charged even after disconnection due to faulty discharging devices.
- Protect the capacitor properly against over current and short circuit.
- Failure to follow cautions may result, worst case, in premature failures, bursting and fire.

Discharging

Capacitors must be discharged to a maximum of 10% of rated voltage before they are switched in again. This prevents an electric impulse discharge in the application, influences the capacitor's service life and protects against electric shock. The capacitor must be discharged to 75 V or less within 3 minutes. There must be not any switch, fuse or any other disconnecting device in the circuit between the power capacitor and the discharging device. PhiCap capacitors D-series have a pre-mounted ceramic discharge module; alternatively discharge reactors are available from EPCOS. Discharge and short circuit capacitor before handling!

Service life expectancy

Electrical components do not have an unlimited service life expectancy; this applies to self-healing capacitors too. The maximum service life expectancy may vary depending on the application the capacitor is used in.

Safety

- Ensure good, effective grounding for capacitor enclosures.
- Provide means of disconnecting and insulating a faulty component/bank.
- Handle capacitors carefully, because they may still be charged even after disconnection due to faulty discharging devices.
- The terminals of capacitors, connected bus bars and cables as well as other devices may also be energized.
- Follow good engineering practice

**B32344D series**Overcurrent and short circuit protection

- Use HRC fuses or MCCBs for short circuit protection. Short circuit protection and connecting cables should be selected so that 1.5 times the rated capacitor current can be permanently handled.
- HRC fuses do not protect a capacitor against overload
  - they are only for short circuit protection.
- The HRC fuse rating should be 1.6 to 1.8 times rated capacitor current.
- Do not use HRC fuses to switch capacitors (risk of arcing).
- Use thermal magnetic over current relays for overload protection.

Resonance cases

Resonance cases must be avoided by appropriate application design in any case. Maximum total RMS capacitor current (incl. fundamental harmonic current) specified in technical data must not be exceeded.

Overtemperature

Exceeding maximum allowed temperature may set the safety device out of operation.

Overpressure disconnecter

To ensure full functionality of an overpressure disconnecter, the following must be observed:

1. The elastic elements must not be hindered, i.e.
  - connecting lines must be flexible leads (cables),
  - there must be sufficient space (min. 5 cm) for expansion above the connections (see "Clearing distance for overpressure disconnecter").
  - folding beads must not be retained by clamps.
2. Maximum allowed fault current of 10000 A in accordance with UL 810 standard must be assured by the application.
3. Stress parameters of the capacitor must be within the IEC60831 specification.

Re-switching vs. phase-opposition

In case of voltage interruption, a sufficient discharge time has to be ensured to avoid phase-opposition and resulting high inrush currents.

Vibration resistance

The resistance to vibration of capacitors corresponds to IEC 68, part 2–6.

Max. test conditions:

|                        |                                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Test duration          | 2 h                                        |
| Frequency range 1      | 0 ... 55 Hz corresponding<br>to max. 0.7 g |
| Displacement amplitude | 0.75 mm                                    |



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These figures apply to the capacitor alone. Because the fixing and the terminals may influence the vibration properties, it is necessary to check stability when a capacitor is built in and exposed to vibration. Irrespective of this, you are advised not to locate capacitors where vibration amplitude reaches the maximum in strongly vibrating equipment.

Mechanical protection

The capacitor has to be installed in a way that mechanical damages and dents in the aluminum can are avoided.

Clearing distance for overpressure disconnecter

Above each capacitor, a minimum space of 5 cm has to be kept. This will allow the visual control to work and enable a longitudinal extension of the can to secure the overpressure disconnecter work.

Grounding

The threaded bottom stud of the capacitor has to be used for grounding. In case grounding is done via metal chassis that the capacitor is mounted to, the layer of varnish beneath the washer and nut should be removed. The maximum tightening torque is 10 Nm.

Maintenance

- Check tightness of the connections/terminals periodically.
- Take current reading twice a year and compare with nominal current. Use a harmonic analyser or true effective RMS-meter.
- In case of current above the nominal current check your application for modifications.
- If a significant increase in the amount of non-linear loads has been detected, then a consultant has to be called in for a harmonic study.
- In case of the presence of harmonics installation of a de-tuned capacitor bank (reactors) must be considered.
- Check the discharge resistors/reactors and in case of doubt, check their function:
  - (1) Power the capacitor up and down.
  - (2) After 60 seconds the voltage between the terminals must decline to less than 50 V.
- Check the temperature of capacitors directly after operation for a longer period, but make sure that the capacitors have been switched off. In case of excessive temperature of individual capacitors, it is recommended to replace these capacitors, as this should be an indication for loss factor increase, which is a sign for reaching end of life.

Storage and operating conditions

Do not use or store capacitors in corrosive atmosphere, especially where chloride gas, sulfide gas, acid, alkali, salt or the like are present. In dusty environments regular maintenance and cleaning especially of the terminals is required to avoid conductive path between phases and/or phases and ground.

Note

For detailed information about PFC capacitors and cautions, refer to the latest version of EPCOS PFC Product Profile.

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