# Monitoring technique

VARIMETER IMD Insulation monitor LK 5895

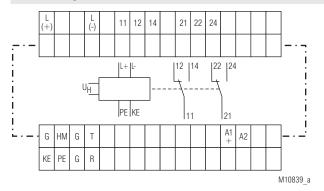




# **Product Description**

The insulation monitor LK 5895 of the varimeter IMD family provides best insulation monitoring of modern IT systems in an optimum and state of the art way fulfilling the relevant standards. The device can be used in the most flexible way for AC, DC and AC/DC systems even with large leakage capacity to earth (PE). The adjustment of the setting values is simple and user friendly done on 2 rotary switches on the front of the device. Via LEDs the measured value, device parameters and device status are indicated easy to read.

# **Circuit Diagram**



# **Connection Terminals**

| Terminal designation | Signal description   |
|----------------------|--|
| A1+, A2              | DC-Auxiliary voltage   |
| L(+), L(-)           | Connection for measuring ciruit  |
| KE, PE               | Connection for protective conductor  |
| G, R                 | Control input (manual/auto reset) G/R not bridged: manual reset G/R bridged: auto reset  |
| G, T                 | Control input (External test input) connection option for external device test pushbutton  |
| G, HM                | Control input (measuring circuit deactivation) G/HM not bridged: measuring circuit activated G/HM bridged: measuring circuit deactivated |
| 11, 12, 14           | Alarm signal relay (1 changeover contact)  |
| 21, 22, 24           | Prewarning signal relay (1 changeover contact)   |

#### Your Advantages

- Preventive fire and system protection
- Quick fault localisation through selective earth fault detection to L+ and L-
- Universal application in non-earthed AC, DC, AC/DC networks with up to 1000 V nominal voltage
- Suitable for large leakage capacitances up to 3000 μF
- · Simplest setting via engaging rotary switches
- For monitoring photovoltaic system, also with thin-film technology
- Optimised measuring times normally shorter than with known methods
- Monitoring also with voltage-free mains
- · Measuring circuit with broken wire detection
- · No additional coupling device required

#### **Features**

- · Insulation monitoring according to IEC/EN 61557-8
- Detection of symmetric and asymmetric insulation faults
- Measuring circuits can be disconnected via control terminals, e.g. for mains couplings
- 1 changeover contact each for prewarning and alarm
- Prewarning threshold setting range:  $20 \text{ k}\Omega \dots 2 \text{ M}\Omega$
- Alarm threshold setting range:  $1 \text{ k}\Omega \dots 250 \text{ k}\Omega$
- Energized or de-energized on trip can be selected for output relay
- Setting the maximum leakage capacitance to shorten the response time
- Simple, clearly arranged adjustment of the device with screwdriver
- LED chain to indicate the current insulation resistance
- Display of active measuring circuits
- · Automatic and manual device self-test
- Alarm storage selectable
- · External test and reset pushbutton can be connected
- Width: 90 mm

#### **Approvals and Markings**

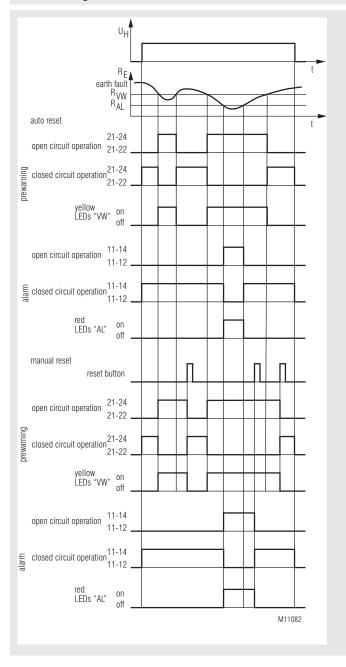


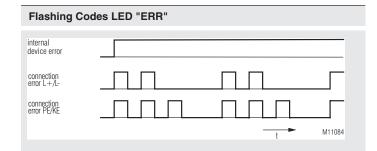
# **Applications**

Insulation monitoring of:

- Non-earthed AC, DC, AC/DC networks
- UPS systems
- Networks with frequency inverters
- Battery networks
- Networks with direct current drives
- Photovoltaic systems
- · Hybrid and battery-powered vehicles

### **Function Diagram**





#### Function

If the device is supplied with DC auxiliary voltage, the a green "PWR" LED comes on. Switching on the auxiliary voltage is followed by an internal self-test for 10 sec, where the LEDs of the indicator string light up in sequence. After this, measurement of the insulation resistance in the measuring circuits begins.

#### Measuring circuit

#### (Insulation measurement between terminals L(+) / L(-) and PE / KE)

Terminals L(+) and L(-) are connected to the mains to be monitored. Broken wire detection, constantly effective during operation, generates an error messages if both terminals are not connected with low resistance through the mains.

In addition, the two terminals PE and KE must be connected to the protective conductor system via separate lines. An error message is given here as well if a line is interrupted (see section "Actions in case of connection faults").

If the main measuring circuit is activated (terminal HM open), an active measuring voltage with alternating polarity is applied between L(+) / L(-) and PE / KE to measure the insulation resistance. During the measuring phase with positive polarity, the "HM" LED flashes with a long On-phase and with negative polarity with a short On-phase. The "HM" LEDs goes off when the main measuring circuit is switched off through bridges of terminals HM-G. Measurement is suspended and no more measuring voltage reaches the measuring circuit, so that in case of coupling to a network where another insulation monitor is already active, no interference can occur.

The length of the positive and negative measuring phases depends on the settings on the rotary switch "CE/µF", the actual leakage capacitance of the monitored network and with DC networks, on the level and duration of possible mains voltage fluctuations. Correct and preferably quick measurement is thus given with different mains conditions. In the event of particularly adverse conditions and major interferences, the measuring analysis can be steadied and delayed in addition with rotary switch "tv" if necessary.

The current insulation resistance is determined and analysed at the end of each measuring phase. The LED-chain show the resistance determined, and the output relays for prewarning "VW" and alarm "AL" switch according to the respective response values set. If the response thresholds have been undercut, the LEDs "VW" or "AL" light according to the insulation fault location: "+", "-" or "+" and "-" simultaneously for AC faults or symmetric insulation faults.

## Storing insulation fault message

If terminal R is open, the insulation fault messages (relay, LEDs) are stored when the respective response value is undercut, but also when the insulation resistance returns to the OK-range. In addition, the temporary minimum values of the insulation resistance are indicated on the LED-chain through dimmed LEDs.

If the "Reset" button on the device front is pressed or terminal R is connected with G, the stored insulation fault messages are reset when the insulation resistance is again in the OK-range.

# Output relay for insulation fault messages

The rotary switch "CE/ $\mu$ F Rel." allows selecting the open circuit (A) or closed circuit (R) operation for the output relays "AL" (contacts 11-12-14) and "VW" (contacts 21-22-24).

With the open circuit operation, the relays respond when the response values are undercut, with the closed circuit operation they release when the response values are undercut.

If 2 different response values are not needed, "VW" and "AL" can be set to the same value. The output relays switch together in this case ("2u").

#### Broken wire detection

As mentioned above, all terminals of the measuring circuit are constantly monitored for wire breaks - not only at Power-On or a manual or occasional automatic test. The response time of monitoring is only a few seconds.

Broken wire detection between L(+) and L(-) is performed via coupled alternating voltage. This alternating voltage is short-circuited if the terminals are connected to the connected mains at low-resistance. The device detects that the mains to be monitored is properly connected. Since this broken wire detection is carried out with alternating voltage, large capacitances should be avoided between L(+) and L(-), since the capacitive reactance of these capacitances also short-circuits this alternating voltage. The device would no longer detect a connection fault on L(+)/L(-). Especially parallel lines should be prevented over larger distances.

If larger capacitances between L(+)/L(-) cannot be avoided or if the coupled alternating voltage interferes with the system, version LK 5895.12/011 (without broken wire detection on L(+)/L(-) ) shall be used.

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#### **Function**

#### **Device test functions**

Principally, 2 different test functions are implemented: The "self-test" and the "expanded test":

The self-test of the device is performed automatically after Power-On and every 4 operating hours. It can also be triggered manually at any time by pressing the "Test" button at the device front or with an external pushbutton connected between terminals T and G.

With the self-test, contrary to the expanded test, the status of the output relays and the analogue output are not affected; the sequence is as fol-

Switching to the negative measuring phase is performed for 4 sec. The "HM" LED flashes here with a brief On-phase. The LEDs of the LED-chain are selected in sequence and the internal circuit is checked. After this, switching to the positive measuring phase is performed for 4 sec. The "HM" LED flashes here with a long On-phase. The LED-chain cycles again and additional internal tests are performed. Insulation measurement continues normally after a pause of 2 sec if no faults have occurred.

The expanded test is started when the internal or external "Test" button is pressed (or is still held) at the end of the 8 sec self-test, described above. The sequence is the same as with the self-test (2 measuring phases at 4 sec + 2 sec pause); however, the output relays "AL" and "VW" as well as the associated LEDs switch to the alarm state and the analogue output proceeds to its lowest value.

If the Reset button is pressed during the 8 sec or terminals R-G are connected, the expanded test is terminated after these 8 sec. Otherwise, the phases of the expanded test are constantly repeated, where, in addition, the "ERR" LED is on. However, the expanded test is terminated as soon as the Reset button is pressed. The device switches to the OK-state and restarts insulation measurement.

#### Behaviour with internal device faults

If internal device faults were detected during the test function, the "ERR" LED is lit continuously and the measuring circuit is deactivated internally ("HM" LED goes off). The output relays "AL" and "VW" as well as the associated LEDs switch to the alarm state and all LEDs of the LED-chain extinguish.

#### Behaviour in the case of connection faults

If broken wire is detected on terminals L(+) / L(-), the measurement is interrupted and the LED "HM" goes off. This connection failure is indicated by LED "ERR" with "failure code 2". The output relays "AL" and "VW" as well as the corresponding LEDs go into alarm state and all LEDs of the indicator LED chain go off. After removing the the interruption the measurement of the insulation resistance starts again. Stored alarm states remain active.

When interrupting the connection PE / KE to the protective ground, the unit reacts in the same way as with an interruption on L(+) / L(-), only the LED "ERR" shows "failure code 3".

#### **Indicators**

green LED "PWR": on when auxiliary supply connected

red LED "ERR": permanent on: at system error

at connection failure flashing:

green LED "HM": flashing: at active main measuring ciruit,

ON-OFF-ratio per measurement

phase:

long ON period during measurement phase with positiv polarity

short ON period during measurement phase with negative polarity

yellow LED-chain: 8 LEDs indicate the actual insulating resistance

 $(\leq 10 \text{ k}\Omega \dots \geq 2 \text{ M}\Omega)$ 

gyellow LED "VW +": permanent on: R<sub>E</sub> lower then prewarning value

to + potential

vellow LED "VW -": R<sub>F</sub> lower then prewarning value permanent on:

to - potential

yellow LEDs "VW +" and "VW -" simultaneity: permanent on:

AC-fault / symmetric fault

red LED "AL +": permanent on: R<sub>F</sub> lower then tripping value

to + potential

ed LED "AL -": R<sub>E</sub> lower then tripping value permanent on:

to - potential

red LEDs "AL +" und "AL -" simultaneity: permanent on: AC-fault / symmetric fault

#### **Notes**



### Risk of electrocution!

# Danger to life or risk of serious injuries.

- · Disconnect the system and device from the power supply and ensure they remain disconnected during electrical installation.
- The voltage of the monitored voltage system is connected to terminals L(+) / L(-). Please observe sufficient distance to terminals of neighbour devices and to the grounded metal cabinet or box (min 0.5 cm).
- The terminals of the control inputs HM, T, R and G have no galvanic separation to the measuring circuit L(+) and L(-) and are electrically connected together, therefore they have to be controlled by volt free contacts or bridge. These contacts ore bridges must provide a sufficient separation depending on the mains voltage on L(+)-L(-).
- No external potentials may be connected to control terminals HM, T and R. The associated reference potential is G (identical with PE), and the connection of the terminals is made via bridges to G.



#### Attention!

- Before checking insulation and voltage, disconnect the monitoring device LK 5895 from the power source!
- Only one insulation monitor may be active in a network to be monitored, since the devices would otherwise influence each other. When coupling several networks or incoming feed sections, where each of them is equipped with its own insulation monitor, all of them must be deactivated except for one insulation monitor. Such deactivation can be beneficially handled via the HM-G control terminals with the LK 5895.
- Device terminals PE and KE must always be connected via separate lines to different terminal points of the protective-conductor system.
- The device must not be operated without KE/PE connection!
- The measuring circuit should not be connected via longer parallel guided wires, as this may interfere with the broken wire detection. Also large capacities between L(+) und L(-) have to be avoided.



## Attention!

- The measuring circuit can be connected with its terminals L(+) and L(-) both to the DC and also AC side of a mixed network; it is done most practically where the primary incoming power supply takes place. Selector switch "tv /  $U_N$ " should be set accordingly. For photovoltaic systems and hybrid vehicles, the measuring circuit of the LK 5895 is connected on the DC side. With connected inverter, the AC side is also monitored.
- If a monitored AC system includes galvanically connected DC circuits (e.g. via a rectifier), an insulation failure on the DC side can only be detected correctly, when a current of min 10 mA can flow via the semiconductor connections.
- If a monitored DC system includes galvanically connected AC circuits (e.g. via an inverter), an insulation failure on the AC side can only be detected correctly, when a current of min 10 mA can flow via the semiconductor connections.
- The measuring circuit is designed for large leakage capacitances up to 3000 μF. The selection switch "CE/μF" must be set accordingly. Measurement of the insulation resistances is not falsified by this; however, longer periods are required for the measuring phases than with small capacitances. If the maximum approximate leakage capacitance is known, the selector switch "CE/µF" can possibly be set to smaller values, which reduces the response time further.
- For the main measuring circuit, the nominal voltage range for DC is specified with 1000 V; however, absolute values up to max. DC 1500 V are permissible.

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#### **Technical Data Technical Data** Measuring ciruit L(+) / L(-) to PE / KE Surge voltages 1 kV between A1 - A2: Nominal voltage U<sub>N</sub>: DC 0 ... 1000 V; AC 0 ... 1000 V between L(+) - L(-): 2 kV Voltage range: DC max. 1500 V; AC max. 1100 V between A1, A2 - PE and Frequency range: DC or 16 ... 1000 Hz L(+), L(-) - PE: 4 kV 0,5 kV Max. line capacitance: 3000 μF between control line: Internal resistance (AC / DC): > 280 k $\Omega$ between control line Measuring voltage: approx. $\pm$ 95 V and earth: 1 kV Max. mesured current ( $R_E = 0$ ): < 0.35 mA HF-wire guided 10V Interference suppression: Limit value class A\* Response values R<sub>F</sub> \*) The device is designed for the usage Pre-warning ("VW"): under industrial conditions (Class A, 50 70 100 150 250 500 1000 2000 EN 55011). kΩ: 20 When connected to a low voltage public Alarm ("AL") system (Class B, EN 55011) radio inter-20 30 50 70 150 250 1 3 10 100 kΩ: ference can be generated. To avoid this, each adjustable via rotational switches appropriate measures have to be taken. Degree of protection Response inaccuracy: $\pm$ 15 % + 1.5 k $\Omega$ IEC 61557-8 Housing: Response value hysteresis IP 20 Terminals: at range 10 k $\Omega$ ... 700 k $\Omega$ : approx. 25 % Thermpolastic with V0 behaviour Housing: out of range: approx. 40 % + 0.5 k $\Omega$ according to UL subject 94 On delay Vibration resistance: IEC/EN 60 068-2-6 at $C_E = 1\mu F$ , $R_F$ of $\infty$ to 0.5 \* response value: < 10 s Amplitude 0.35 mm frequency 10 ... 55 Hz Input auxiliary voltage Amplitude ± 1mm, frequency 2 ... 13.2 Hz 13.2 ... 100 Hz, acceleration ± 0.7 g<sub>n</sub> 10 g<sub>n</sub> / 11 ms, 3 pulses IEC/EN 60068-2-27 Shock resistance: DC-Input (A1+/A2) Nominal voltage U<sub>H</sub>: Climate resistance: 25 / 060 / 04 DC 24 V Terminal designation: EN 50005 0.8 ... 1.25 U<sub>H</sub> Voltage range: Nominal consumption: max. 5 W Wire connection Screw terminals Control input (between HM, T, R and G) (fixed): 1 x 4 mm<sup>2</sup> solid or 1 x 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> stranded ferruled (isolated) approx. 3 mA **Current flow:** No-load voltage to G: approx. 12 V 2 x 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> stranded ferruled (isolated) Permissible wire length: < 50 m DIN 46228-1/-2/-3-4 Min. activation time: $0.5 \, s$ 2 x 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup> stranded ferruled (isolated) Output DIN 46228-1/-2/-3 Insulation of wires Contacts: 2 x 1 changeover contacts for VW and AL or sleeve length: 8 mm Thermal current I<sub>th</sub>: Wire fixing: Plus-minus terminal screws M3,5 Switching capacity terminal with wire protection to AC 15: Fixing torque: 0.8 Nm NO contact: 3 A / AC 230 V IEC/EN 60947-5-1 Mounting: DIN rail NC contact: IEC/EN 60947-5-1 1 A / AC 230 V Weight: approx. 500 g **Electrical life** at 8 A, AC 250 V: 1 x 104 switching cycles **Dimensions** Short circuit strength max. fuse rating: 4 A gG/gL IEC/EN 60947-5-1 Width x height x depth: 90 x 90 x 121 mm Mechanical life: 10 x 106 switching cycles **General Data Standard Type** Operating mode: Continuous operation LK 5895.12/010 DC 24 V Temperature range Article number: 0065217 - 25 ... + 60 °C (device mounted away Operation: Outputs: 1 changeover contact for pre-warning from heat generation 1 changeover contact for alarm components) - 25 ... + 45 °C (device mounted without Auxiliary voltage: DC 24 V distance heated by Setting range pre-warning: $20~k\Omega \dots 2~M\Omega$ devices with same load) Setting range alarm: 1 kΩ ... 250 kΩ - 40 ... + 70 °C Storage: Adjustable line capacitance 93 % at 40 °C Relative air humidity: Open- / or closed circuit operation Atmospheric pressure: 860 ... 1600 mbar (86 ... 106 kPa) Width: Altitude: < 4000 m IEC 60664-1 Clearance and creepage distances Variant rated impulse voltage / pollution degree IEC 60664-1 LK 5895.12/011: Measuring ciruit L(+) / L(-) to auxiliary voltage DC und relay contacts VW, AL: LK 5895.12/020: 8 kV / 2 Temperature range auxiliary voltage DC to

relay contacts VW, AL:

Insulation test voltage

Electrostatic discharge (ESD): 8 kV (air)

relay contacts VW to

relay contact AL:

Routine test:

HF irradiation:

Fast transients:

80 MHz ... 2.7 GHz:

**EMC** 

8 kV / 2

4 kV / 2

10 V / m

4 kV

AC 5 kV; 1 s

AC 2.5 kV; 1 s

Without wire-break detection at L(+)/L(-)

With extended temperature range

Operation: - 40 ... + 70 °C (device mounted away from heat generation components.; supply voltage on L(+)/L(-) max.

AC/DC 1000 V:

auxiliary voltage on A1+/A2 max. DC 24 V, overvoltage up to DC 30 V only for

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a short time)

Degree of protection

Housing: IP 20

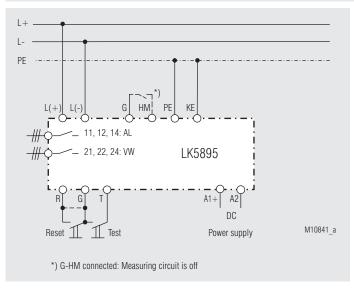
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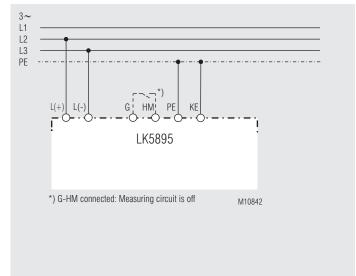
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# **Connection Examples**



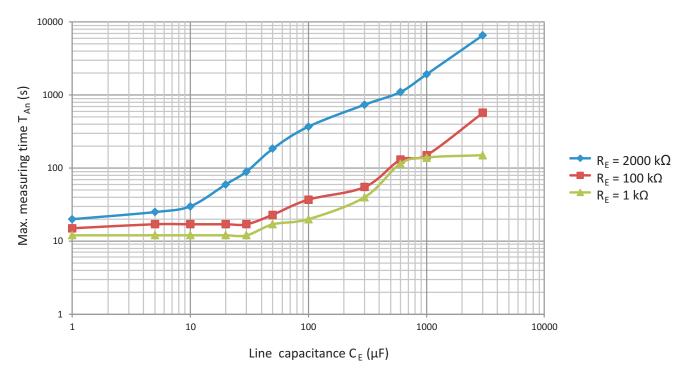


Insulation monitoring DC-side

Insulation monitoring AC-side

# Characteristic

# Max. measuring time in response to line capacitance



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