

# **Earthing switch**



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#### 1 Main features, use

The earthing switch is used for the safety of driver and workshop personnel during inspections and faults in the traction units.

It can be used to connect the cables connected to it to earth.

Integration into an interlocking concept prevents unauthorized switching on and off of the earthing and contact with live parts.

The earthing switch is characterized by the following features:

- small space requirement
- Robust design
- Minimal maintenance requirements
- safe operation under difficult conditions

#### 2 Technical data

- Number of main contacts 1-12 (special version with different number of contacts on request)
- Incoming and outgoing keys or snap lock according to customer requirements
- Option of position monitoring by means of snap-action switches
- Silver-plated copper contact system
- Voltages up to 4200V (depending on degree of contamination and overvoltage category, higher voltages also possible)
- Mechanical service life min. 10,000 switching operations
- Cable connection M8 or M10
- Operating temperature range -40 +70°C
- Protection class front panel IP40 or up to IP54 possible
- Rated current up to 400 A per contact (switching only de-energized)
- Further electrical and mechanical data, complied standards and tests available on request.

## 3 Storage

The separators must be stored in a dry place and protected from dust.

# 4 Drawings

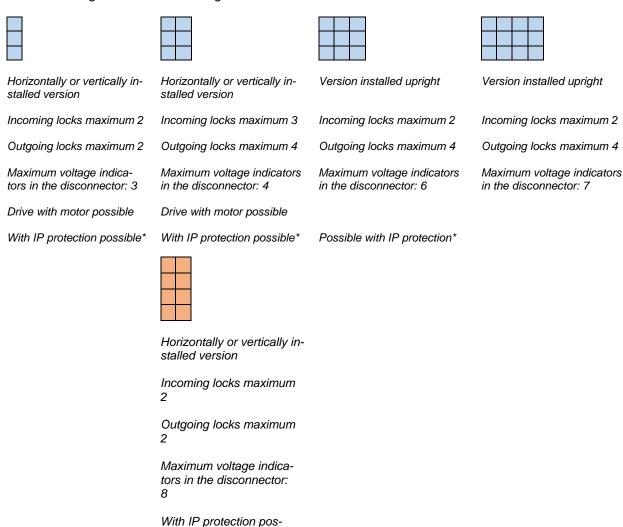
A documentation set containing the following information is created for each earthing switch:

Dimension drawing 3D model Test instructions Documentation

Further documents such as fire protection certificates according to EN45545, lists of hazardous substances or spare parts lists can also be supplied at the customer's request.



#### Standard arrangement of the earthing contacts:



<sup>\*</sup>The design with IP protection reduces the number of possible locks

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For a disconnector with fewer connections, the corresponding contacts are fitted with fewer contacts, e.g. 5/4 pole disconnector:



Position monitoring with auxiliary contacts is possible for all versions.

Measuring sockets can also be installed instead of voltage indicators.

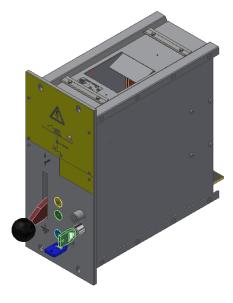
Customer-specific configurations can also be developed which are not listed here.

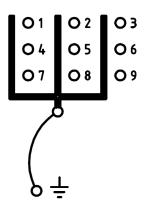
For lower voltages, e.g. 1000V, more contacts are also possible in the same installation space, depending on the requirements for clearance and creepage distances.



# 5 Standard earthing switch

Standard earthing switches with a main contact number of 1-12 These disconnectors are surface-mounted and fastened at the front with screws.



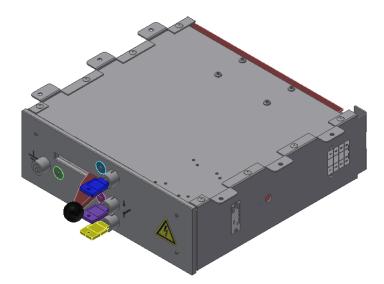


Mechanical structure

Schematic structure

## 6 Horizontally mountable earthing switches

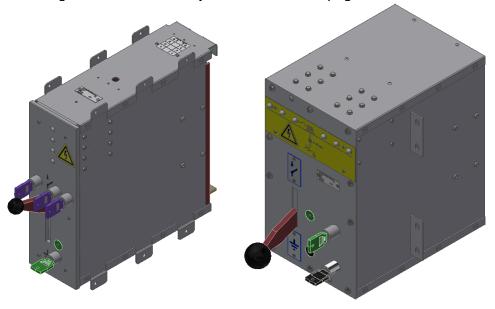
Earthing switches in horizontal mounting direction with a main contact number of 1-12. These disconnectors are mounted suspended or surface-mounted on a suitable mounting unit.





## 7 Laterally mountable earthing switch

Earthing switches which can be mounted on the side. These earthing switches are designed with side mounting brackets so that they can be mounted upright on a suitable mounting unit



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## 8 IP-protected earthing switches

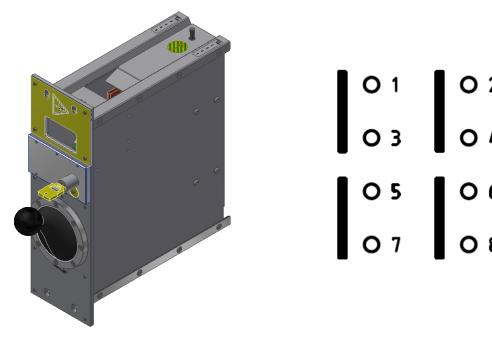
In principle, all earthing switches can also be designed with an IP54-protected front panel, although a minimum size for the front panel must be observed.





## 9 Disconnector for traction batteries

The earthing switches can also be designed so that the contacts are connected to each other during operation and the circuits can be interrupted during maintenance and thus function as disconnectors

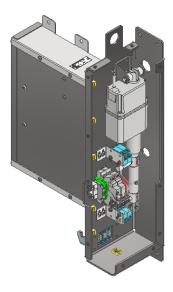


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## 10 Earthing switch with motor drive

Up to a certain number of contacts, the earthing switches can also be equipped with an actuator to move the blades in and out without manual operation.





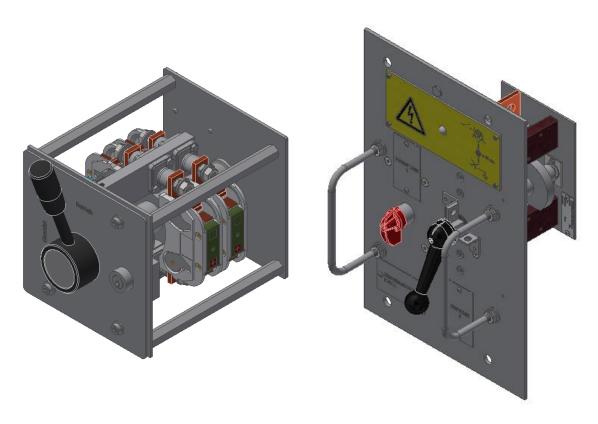
# 11 Earthing switch with rotary movement

As an additional mounting option, it is also possible to equip the earthing switches with a rotary actuator Further details in the sepparate catalog.



# 12 Special versions

Other special designs are also available in small quantities on request.





### 13 Accessories

Various optional accessory components are available for all disconnectors and isolators, which can also be combined depending on the version.

#### 13.1 Locks

To prevent unauthorized operation of the earthing switch, the lever can be locked with locks of various designs. It is possible to design the incoming and outgoing locks according to customer requirements; if no key is available, a design with snap locks is also possible to prevent accidental manipulation.

#### 13.2 Voltage indicators

In order to realize the visual indication of a dangerous voltage, earthing switches can be installed. These emit an optical red flash, from a voltage of 40V further details and information in the catalog for voltage indicators.

#### 13.3 Measuring sockets

If the possibility of manual voltage measurement is required, the earthing switches can be equipped with measuring sockets which can be operated from the front with a measuring device.

#### 13.4 Auxiliary contacts

In order to monitor the position of the earthing switch or the possible locking position, the earthing switches can be equipped with auxiliary contacts.

#### 13.5 Special cable connections

Depending on the installation situation, special connections may be required for the cables or the earthing system.



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