VariSTAR® type composite light-duty under-oil (CLU) MOV arrester installation instructions
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Safety for life

Eaton’s Cooper Power series products meet or exceed all applicable industry standards relating to product safety. We actively promote safe practices in the use and maintenance of our products through our service literature, instructional training programs, and the continuous efforts of all Eaton employees involved in product design, manufacture, marketing, and service.

We strongly urge that you always follow all locally approved safety procedures and safety instructions when working around high voltage lines and equipment and support our “Safety For Life” mission.

Safety information

The instructions in this manual are not intended as a substitute for proper training or adequate experience in the safe operation of the equipment described. Only competent technicians who are familiar with this equipment should install, operate, and service it.

A competent technician has these qualifications:

• Is thoroughly familiar with these instructions.
• Is trained in industry-accepted high and low-voltage safe operating practices and procedures.
• Is trained and authorized to energize, de-energize, clear, and ground power distribution equipment.
• Is trained in the care and use of protective equipment such as arc flash clothing, safety glasses, face shield, hard hat, rubber gloves, clampstick, hotstick, etc.

Following is important safety information. For safe installation and operation of this equipment, be sure to read and understand all cautions and warnings.

Hazard Statement Definitions

This manual may contain four types of hazard statements:

⚠️ DANGER
Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ WARNING
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ CAUTION
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

⚠️ CAUTION
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in equipment damage only.

Safety instructions

Following are general caution and warning statements that apply to this equipment. Additional statements, related to specific tasks and procedures, are located throughout the manual.

⚠️ DANGER
Hazardous voltage. Contact with hazardous voltage will cause death or severe personal injury. Follow all locally approved safety procedures when working around high- and low-voltage lines and equipment. G103.3

⚠️ WARNING
Before installing, operating, maintaining, or testing this equipment, carefully read and understand the contents of this manual. Improper operation, handling or maintenance can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage. G101.0

⚠️ WARNING
This equipment is not intended to protect human life. Follow all locally approved procedures and safety practices when installing or operating this equipment. Failure to comply can result in death, severe personal injury and equipment damage. G102.1

⚠️ WARNING
Power distribution and transmission equipment must be properly selected for the intended application. It must be installed and serviced by competent personnel who have been trained and understand proper safety procedures. These instructions are written for such personnel and are not a substitute for adequate training and experience in safety procedures. Failure to properly select, install or maintain power distribution and transmission equipment can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage. G122.3
VariSTAR® Type CLU arresters should be installed only by personnel familiar with good safety practice and the handling of high-voltage electrical equipment.

General

Eaton’s Cooper Power series VariSTAR® Type CLU light-duty distribution class under-oil arrester is designed to be mounted inside of a padmount distribution transformer tank. Internal, under-oil mounting of the arrester eliminates the possibility of shortened arrester life due to high surface contamination, wildlife, vandalism or moisture ingress. In addition, the under-oil arrester offers improved transformer protection since internal mounting eliminates the need for long lead lengths to the arrester.

Inspection and arrester care

Severe handling and shipping conditions may damage the unit and cause premature arrester failure. If there is evidence of physical damage, the unit should not be installed unless approved by your Eaton representative. Product name, rating and maximum continuous operating voltage are identified on the mounting bracket. If this information does not match the shipping order, please contact your Eaton representative before installation.

Installation

The Type CLU under-oil arrester is designed to be mounted from its high strength, non-hygroscopic hanger shown in Figure 2. Figures 3 and 4 show the recommended vertical and horizontal mounting configurations. The mounting bracket can be mounted to a grounded surface provided the creepage distance along the bracket is at least 1.75 inches (44 mm) from the arrester housing. When so installed, the arrester body should be at least 0.90 inches (23 mm) from any grounded surface. This will insure an installation withstand level of 170 kV crest (1.2/50 µs). This line lead may be tied to the insulative bracket to further secure the lead so that it will not contact a ground surface. The ground lead is attached to the isolation link and is mounted such that the lead cannot contact an energized surface during operation. This lead should have lateral forces of less than 10 lbs. when installed.

The Type CLU under-oil arrester equipped with isolation link is designed to remain in tact upon operation. No special consideration to expelled components or lead management after operation is required.

These instructions do not claim to cover all details or variations in the equipment, procedure, or process described, nor to provide directions for meeting every contingency during installation, operation, or maintenance. When additional information is desired to satisfy a problem not covered sufficiently for the user’s purpose, please contact your Eaton sales engineer.
Be sure to follow all locally approved installation procedures and safety practices when installing this equipment. Improper installation may result in severe personal injury and equipment damage.

![VariSTAR CLU Arrester horizontal mounting.](image)

**Application**

The Type CLU arrester should be installed only on systems where the power frequency voltage at the arrester does not exceed published maximum continuous operating voltages (MCOV) values. MCOV values are shown in catalog section CA235023EN and are also marked on the mounting bracket of the arrester.

The transformer should not be tested (impulse or hipot) with the arrester connected. If the transformer is impulse tested with the arrester installed, the arrester will clamp the discharge voltage. If the unit is connected to the transformer during a hipot test, there is a possibility that the arrester will be damaged.