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## CONDITION MONITORING

Modular based system for monitoring switchgear and connected Infrastructure



#### **Key Features**

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- Modular design comprising central controller/data logger, remote access panel together with a large range of sensors.
- Enables predictive servicing based on actual data rather than routine time based maintenance.
- · Can be factory fitted or retrofitted on site.
- All events can be date and time stamped for accurate performance history.
- Internal algorithms compare and contrast conditions based upon initial settings.
- Alarms triggered if condition falls outside predetermined parameters or if a trend is detected.

Typical parameters monitored include:

- Primary Circuit Current
- Voltage
- Contact Timing
- Torque required to operate switch
- Contact/conductor temperature via thermal imaging
- Number of cycles performed in a given period
- Time installed
- Time since last maintenance
- Time since last cycle
- Humidity & Temperature within the cabinet
- Σ I<sup>2</sup>t (Contact wear by calculation)



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#### **Condition Monitoring Controller**

The central element is the condition monitoring controller, this performs the following functions:

- Data acquisition from the various sensors.
- Diagnostics, in-built algorithms interpret the data and determine appropriate outputs.
- Alarm output.
- HMI interface.

The controller can be DIN mounted and installed into an existing cabinet or can be provided complete within its own custom made enclosure.

#### Human Machine Interface HMI

The data can be displayed in a number of formats to suit the user. Here are displayed two options:

- A dashboard displaying the characteristics with a bar graph indicating a level of performance.
- Alternatively a mimic display showing the equipment being monitored with the sensors and associated data displayed.





### Accelerometer

For difficult to measure directly conditions, an accelerometer can be employed. When a mechanical device such as a fast acting switch operates it causes a distinct series of vibrations, like a unique fingerprint. Should a subsequent operation produce a different profile then this could be an indication of a change in performance.



