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**DRIESCHER**  
Outdoor Switches for Railway applications  
**Modular Catenary Switch MCS**

- Nominal voltage 15 kV and 25 kV
- Rated current 1250 A and 2000 A



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## General description

These DRIESCHER outdoor switches of the type **Modular Catenary Switch MCS** are special catenary switches for railway application and comply with the relevant regulations according to EN 62505-2 and EN 50152-2.

The 1-pole or 2-pole switches can be used for a nominal voltage of 15 kV and 25 kV as well as a rated current of 1250 A and 2000 A. Due to the modular design, various versions are available:

- Disconnecter or switch-disconnector (Load-break switch)
- Actuated with central driving crank, left or right side
- Optional with arcing horns
- Optional with automatic earthing
- Optional with auxiliary switch
- 1-pole or 2-pole connected

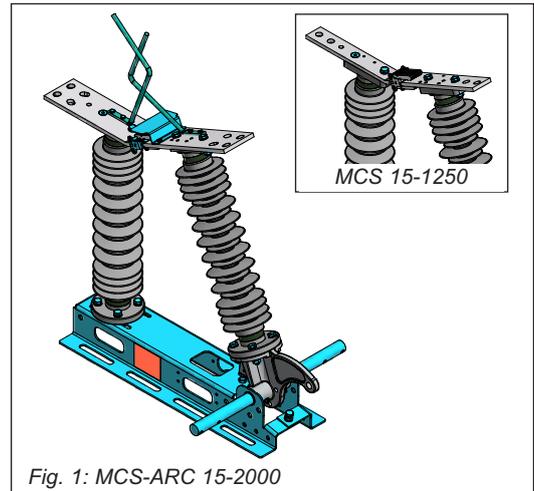
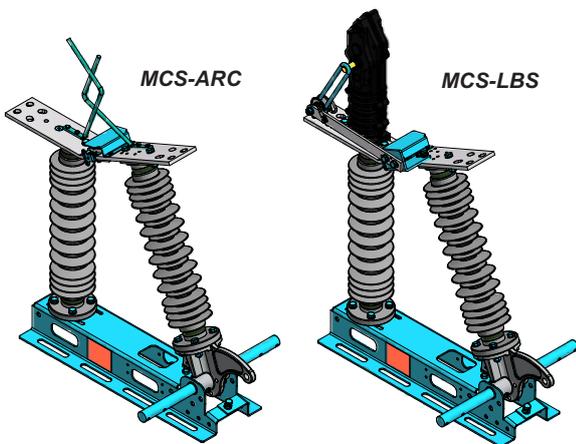


Fig. 1: MCS-ARC 15-2000

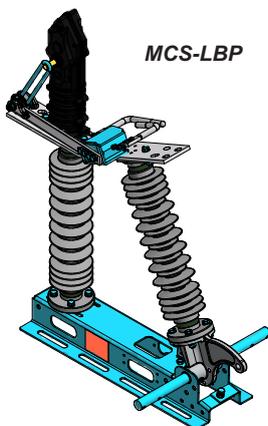
The current path is made of silver-plated copper. All other parts are made of rust-proof materials to achieve increased corrosion resistance.

Other components such as motor drives and rods are available on request. We are gladly to offer you a customer-specific complete solution.

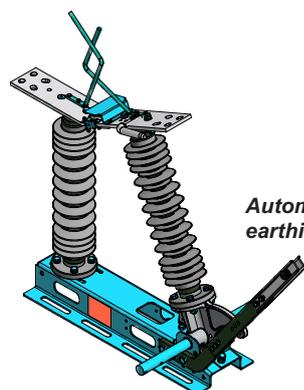
## Type designation



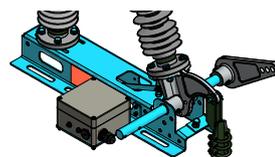
MCS-ARC	= Arcing horn (Disconnecter)
MCS-LBS	= Load-break switch (Switch-disconnector)
MCS-LBP	= Load-break switch with pre arcing horn / (increased making capacity up to 40 kA <sub>peak</sub> )
+Accessories	(Automatic earthing, shaft extension, flexball preparation, etc.)



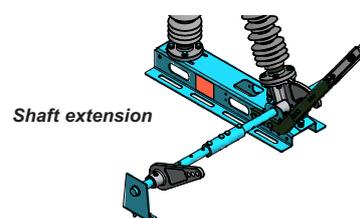
### Accessories



Automatic earthing



Auxiliary switch, Clamping rod head, Operating crank



Shaft extension

## Technical data

ModularCatenarySwitch MCS-	ARC		LBS		LBP	
	15	25	15	25	15	25
Nominal voltage [kV] $U_n$	15	25	15	25	15	25
Rated voltage [kV] $U_{Ne}$	17.25	27.5	17.25	27.5	17.25	27.5
Rated current [A] $I_n$	1250 / 2000	1250 / 2000	1250 / 2000	1250 / 2000	2000	2000
Rated frequency [Hz] $f_r$	16.7	50	16.7	50	16.7	50
Rated transformer off-load breaking current [A] $I_3$	9	9	-	-	-	-
Rated breaking current [A] $I_{load}$	-	-	1250 / 2000	1250 / 2000	2000	2000
Rated cable-charging breaking current [A] $I_{4a}$	6	6	32	32	-	-
Rated short-time withstand current [kA] $I_k$	31.5 / 40	31.5 / 40	31.5 / 40	31.5 / 40	40	40
Rated duration of short-circuit current [s] $t_k$	3	3	3	3	3	3
Rated peak withstand current [kA] $I_p$	80 / 100	80 / 100	80 / 100	80 / 100	100	100
Rated short-circuit making current [kA] $I_{ma}$	-	-	16	16	40	40
Rated impulse withstand current [kV] $U_{Ni}$	170	250	170	250	170	250
Short-time power frequency test voltage level [kV] $U_d$	70	95	70	95	70	95
Mechanical life-time	class 3	class 3	class 3	class 3	class 3	class 3
Electrical life-time	-	-	E1	E1	E1	E1
Weight, approx. [kg]	31 / 34	32 / 35	37 / 40	38 / 41	41	42
Creepage distance, approx. [mm]	1150	1595	1150	1595	1150	1595

Switches according to EN 50152-2, IEC 62505-2, EN 62271-102, EN 62271-103, drawing 301700

## Field of application

The types of ModularCatenarySwitch MCS are special constructed for railway applications. Possible applications include for example:

- Catenary switches for open line and tunnel,
- Visible disconnection under load of sectionings,
- Portal- or pole applications, etc.

## Front- and sideview

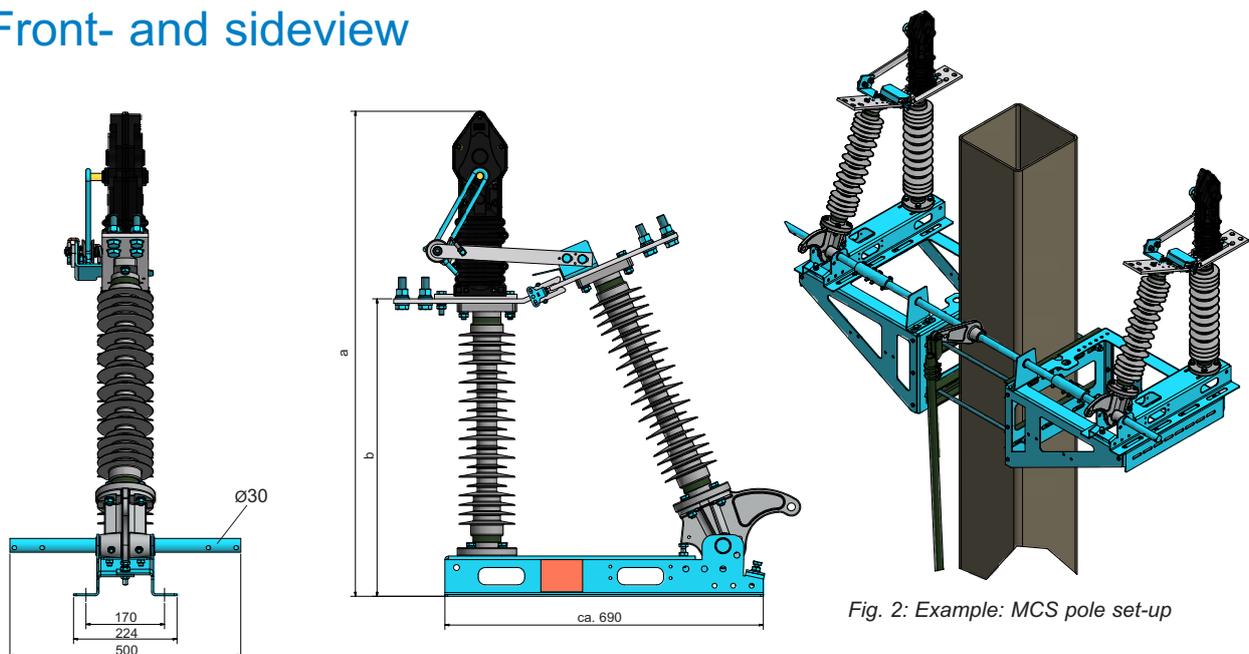


Fig. 2: Example: MCS pole set-up

	15 kV	25 kV
a	approx. 932	approx. 1055
b	approx. 524	approx. 647

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