

SAME RATED CURRENT DOESN'T MEAN SAME PROTECTION

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Introductory message

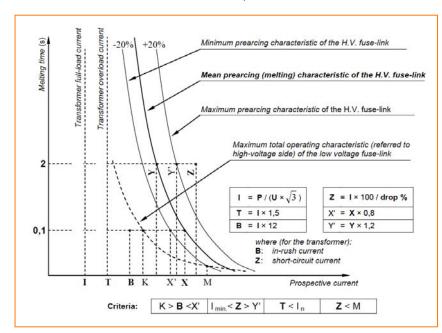
The purpose of this communication is not to denigrate professional designers and vendors of solutions for electrical protection but to illustrate how tricky is the comparison of electrical protection devices.

Points of interest:

- IEC 60787 Standard introduces very precise criteria for the selection of high voltage fuse-links for the protection of transformers
- Voltage and current ratings are not the only features required to determine applicability of fuselinks. The shape of timecurrent characteristics curve is essential.

Comparison of two general purpose high voltage fuse-links

IEC 60787 Standard introduces very precise selection criteria as shown below. These criteria apply to the selection of high-voltage fuse-links once both in-rush and short-circuit currents of the transformer to be protected are known.



Let us compare two ranges of 12kV general purpose high voltage fuse-links from Siba and Mersen (Limitor®-G) in accordance with IEC 60787.

Current rating (A)	MERSEN (Limitor®-G)		SIBA (HHD-G)
	Catalog Number	Reference Number	Artikel Nummer
6,3	45DG120V6,3P	W1000151A	30 004 93.6,3
10	45DG120V10P	X1000152A	30 012 93.10
16	45DG120V16P	Y1000153A	30 012 93.16
25	45DG120V25P	Z1000154A	30 012 93.25
40	45DG120V40P	A1000155A	30 012 93.40
50	45DG120V50P	B1000156A	30 020 93.50

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For the comparison some assumptions have been made:

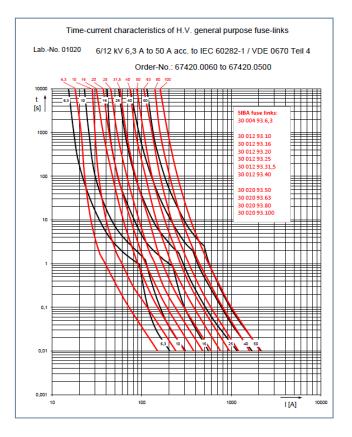
Short-circuit voltage (drop) = 4%

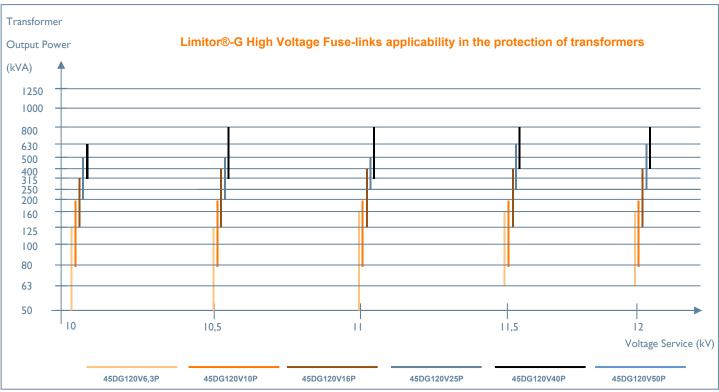
In-rush current (B) = $12 \times rated$ current of the transformer

Tolerance on current for the time-current characteristics = +/- 12%

Once taking in account the time-current characteristics of the Mersen Limitor®-G fuse-links,

we can publish an application chart of our fuse-links depending on voltage service and transformer output power (refer below).





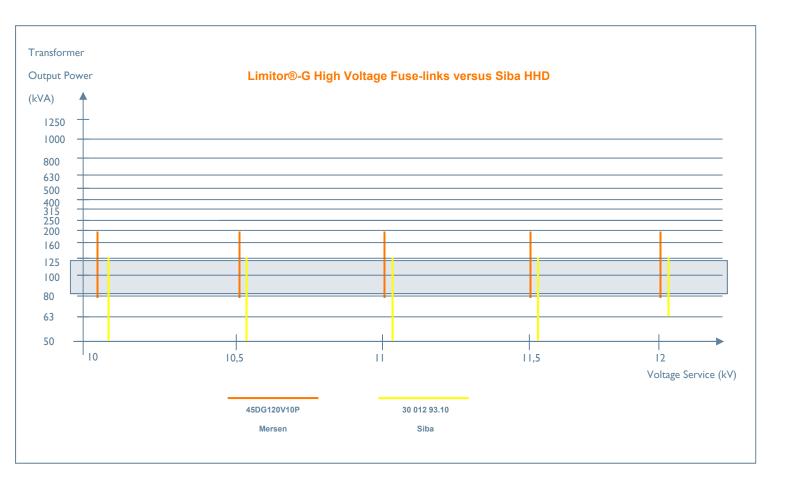
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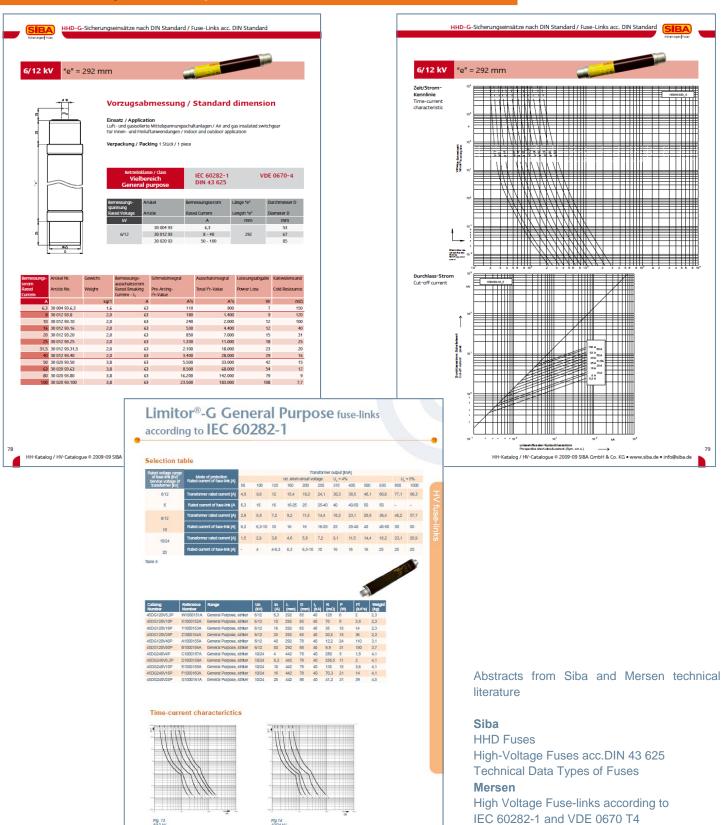
With the same assumptions as previously if we focus on the 10-Amp rated high voltage general purpose fuse-links when comparing the two items 45DG120V10P from Mersen and 30 012 93.10 from Siba we show that the two fuse-links are equivalent in terms of protection for transformers having an output power lying between 80 and 80kVA and 125kVA only.

The same current-rated fuse-link from Mersen is capable of protecting transformers with higher output power for the same voltage service.





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