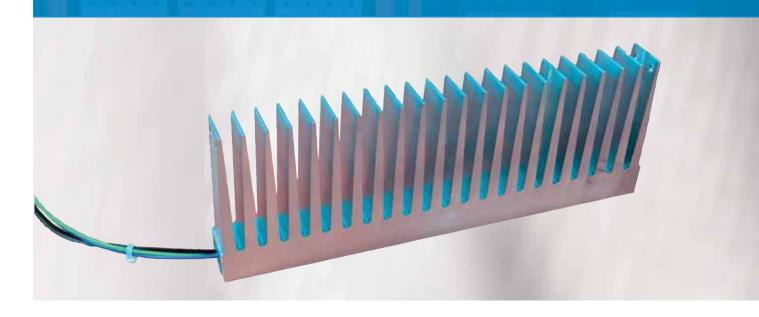


Decentral Heating for Power Distributions

Ex-built-in heating for Zone 1





Decentralized heaters for power distributions

Compact heater for direct mounting close to components for Ex Zone 1 and 2

Requirements for extremely cold regions

Explosion-proof products and components for use in extremely cold regions down to -55 ° C are subject to the requirements of explosion protection (thermal resistance, impact strength, etc.) as well as the functional characteristics at these low temperatures.

While explosion-proof housings are suitable for temperatures down to -55 ° C by means of design measures and material selection, manufacturers of residual current circuit breakers (FI) or line circuit breakers (LS) cannot ensure the safe function below -25 ° C / -45 ° C.

In order to use these products in the extreme cold regions, they must be kept within the specified temperature limits with the help of heaters..

Selection of heaters

In the past, **pipe heating systems** have often been used to heat components, but thermo scans have proved that this is insufficient. In particular, there is minimal heat transfer from the heating cables to the internal air, meaning the electrical components are not properly heated.

Self-regulating central

heaters require space and are only available with low power ratings due to their design. Since the heat is transferred to the components by convection, sufficient air flow space within the system must be added.

This often results in heat accumulation which can only be re-

duced by adding free slots within the installation area, increasing the overall size of the switchgear. Still, even with extra air flow space, equipment mounted around the enclosure corners will not be sufficiently heated by convection.

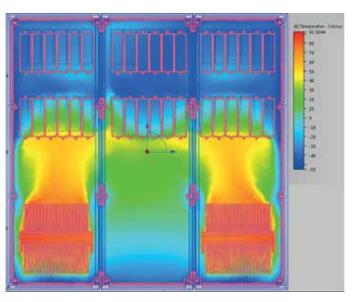


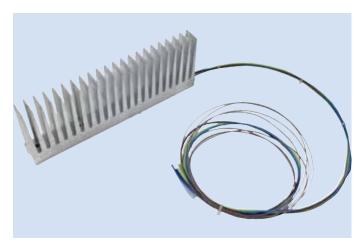
Figure 1: Heat distribution with traditional centralized heating at Tamb = -55C. Note the heat accumulation at the bottom row and insufficient heating of the components at the top of the enclosure.

Decentralized heating - the solution

A heater installed directly in the vicinity of the components can heat them homogeneously without the need for large convection paths. A direct heat transfer to the product increases the number of available mounting spaces per enclosure and reduces the necessary enclosure size.

Eaton has set a milestone here, in which climate data of facility sites in cold temperature regions were analysed. The analysis was used to define worst case parameters in extensive investigation, heat calculations and thermal simulations.

The result is an optimized, decentralized heating system, which ensures the necessary internal temperature of the components, even under adverse conditions such as 5m / s wind speed and -55 ° C ambient temperature, while still saving energy!



Features

- Constant output power, easy to control
- · Cost-effective design
- Perfect heat conduction
- Decentralized heaters, therefore no need for airflow
- No hot spots
- Thermostat integrated for failure
- Easy installation with integrated system components
- Energy saving
- Approved according to ATEX, IECEx and TRCU (EAC) for worldwide use and all current mains voltages

Decentralized heaters for power distributions

Same heat distribution

Irrespective of the component mounting position, the same heat distribution is achieved everywhere by the decentralized heating system.

Safe tripping due to defined working temperature

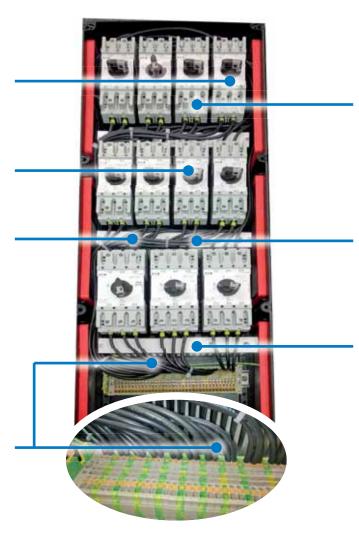
All safety components work within the temperature range guaranteed by the manufacturer. No dangerous blockages due to hardened lubricant.

Compact size

Because the decentralized heater is compact and easy to install, the wiring can be installed as usual.

Terminals

The connection terminals are fully populated as the space requirement of the heating is low.



Full assembly possible

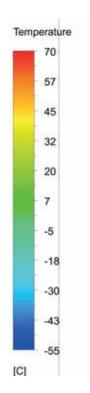
Since only the equipment mounted directly in the vicinity is heated, no free spaces for convection need be provided.

Space savings

The decentralized heating system enables up to 30 % space savings in comparison to a traditional centralized heating. In practice this allows smaller enclosures for the same function.

No convection necessary to distribute heat, so the switchgear size is smaller

The decentralized heating only heats the areas where the heaters are installed. This saves energy costs against a central heating system.



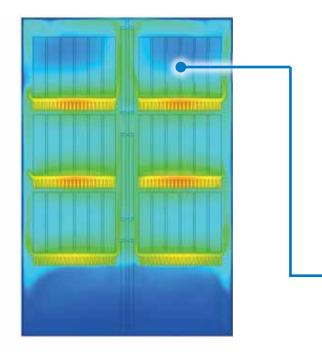


Figure 2: Heat distribution with new decentralized heating at Tamb = -55C. Note the consistent heating of all components to their safe operating temperature.

Safe operation thanks to our know-how

Hundreds of test setups, thousands of simulation calculations and the know-how of a world market leader in terms of explosion protection guarantee you and your plant the safe operation at all times, even under the most adverse environmental conditions such as high wind speeds with simultaneously lowest ambient temperatures down to -55 ° C.

In this simulation, this extreme case has been adopted and both the calculations and the subsequent experimental setup confirm proper heating so that electrical components operate safely.

All temperature-sensitive components such as MCBs or RCDs operate at temperatures above -20 $^{\circ}$ C.



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