

**TYPES OF RAIL GAP SWITCHES MANUFACTURED
BOTH ISOTOPE & NON ISOTOPE BASED**

MODEL	SELF BREAKDOWN VOLTAGE IN K.V.D.C	MAX. PEAK CURRENT	ELECTRODE LENGTH	GAS	ELECTRODE DIAMETER
ZE/RG/101/AM	20 TO 120	750 KA	305 m.m.	N ₂	50 mm
ZE/RG/102/AM /Z/ MOD-4	20 TO 120	1 MA	305 m.m.	N ₂	50 mm
ZE/RG/MOD -3	20 TO 70	750 KA	305 m.m.	N ₂	35 mm
ZE/RG/MOD-2	20 TO 50	500 KA	305 m.m.	N ₂	25 mm
ZE/RG/600/AM MOD - 5	10 TO 40	1 MA	600 m.m.	N ₂	12 mm
ZE/RG/600/AM MOD - 5/AM MIGHTY/ZAR	10 TO 40	2.5 MA	600 m.m.	N ₂	15 mm
ZE/RG/ZEUS MOD-4/VARIANT	20 TO 120	5 MA	600 m.m	N ₂	50 mm
ZE/RG/ PHANTOM	30 TO 120	2.5MA	450 m.m.	N ₂	50 mm
ZE/RG/AM RAIL GUN MOBILE	10 TO 40	500KA	305m.m.	N ₂	25mm
ZE/RG/AM ZAR/FUSION	20 TO 50	750KA	305mm	N ₂	50mm

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MODEL ZE/RG/101/AM RAIL-GAP SWITCH

ITEM	PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION
Dimension	Length	460mm
	Active switching length	305mm
	Width	
	Height	140mm
Environment	Dielectric	Air, SF ₆ , or oil
	Temperature	20 ^o C to
	Altitude	0 to 8000 ft
	Relative humidity	5 to 95 percent
Output	Voltage range	10 to 100 kV
	Maximum peak current	700 k A
	Maximum charge transfer	10 C
	Inductance	30 nH
	Jitter 1)	< 2.0 ns
	Lifetime ^(a)	5,000 shots at maximum duty
Trigger	Amplitude (maximum) ^(b)	100 k V
	Rate of rise (minimum) ^(c)	5 k V/ns
Dielectric gas (for 25 to 100 kV operation) Environment	Grade	Instrument of better
	percent N ₂	99.8%
		<5 ppm hydrocarbons by weight
		< 1000 ppm other impurities by weight
		<5 ppm H ₂ O by weight
		<1 ppm hydrogen flouride by weight
	Filteration	No particles >5 microns

(a) With proper maintenance

(b) Preferred trigger polarity is the opposite of that of the switch x-gap

(c) For lowest jitter

RAIL GAP REQUIREMENTS

Item	Parameter	Specification
External Operating Environment	<u>Dielectric</u> <u>Temperature</u> <u>Altitude</u> <u>Relative Humidity</u>	<u>Air,SF₆ OR Oil</u> <u>60 to 100°F (15to 38°C)</u> <u>0 to 8000ft. (0 to 2500m)</u> <u>5 to 95 percent</u>
Dielectric Gas ^(d) (for 25 to 120 KV Operation)	<u>Grade</u> <u>Percent argon</u> <u>Percent SF₆</u> <u>Impurities</u> <u>Filtration</u>	<u>Instrument or better</u> <u>85% + 0.0, - 0.5 By Volume</u> <u>15% + 0.5, - 0. 0 By Volume</u> <u><5 ppm hydrocarbons by weight</u> <u><1000ppm other impurities by weight</u> <u><5 ppm H₂O By weight</u> <u><1 ppm hydrogen fluoride by weight</u> <u>No Particulates > 5 microns</u>
Dielectric Gas (for 10 to 30KV Operation)	<u>Grade</u> <u>Percent Oxygen</u> <u>Percent argon</u> <u>Impurities</u> <u>Filtration</u>	<u>Instrument or better</u> <u>10% + 1.0,-0.0By Volume</u> <u>90% + 0.0,-1.0By Volume</u> <u><5ppm hydrocarbons by Weight</u> <u><1000 ppm other impurities by Weight</u> <u><5 ppm H₂O By Weight</u> <u><1 ppm hydrogen fluoride by weight.</u> <u>No Particulates >5 microns</u>

Trigger	<u>Amplitude (maximum)^(b)</u> Rate of rise <u>(minimum)^(c)</u>	<u>100KV</u> <u>5 KV /ns</u>
Output	<u>Voltage range</u> <u>Maximum peak current</u> <u>Maximum transfer Inductance</u> <u>Jitter(1σ)</u>	<u>10 to 120KV^(a)</u> <u>750KA</u> <u>10C</u> <u>20nH</u> <u><2.0 ns</u>
Dimension	<u>Length</u> <u>Active Switching Length</u> <u>Width</u> <u>Height</u>	<u>54cm</u> <u>12 in.(30cm)</u> <u>180cm</u> <u>150cm</u>

1) Switch Operation voltage range set at factory for one of the following:

- a) 10-30 KV b) 30-60KV c) 60-120KV
d) 25-50 KV e) 50-100KV

2) Preferred trigger polarity is the opposite of that of the switch X-gap

3) For lowest jitter. House a cabinet of Gases & Trials.