



LINK BOXES FOR HIGH VOLTAGE CABLE SYSTEMS



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Link Box is the main line of production...

EM Elektrik has a wide technical engineering background in developing and producing Link Boxes for high voltage cable systems. Link Box is the main production activity of EM Elektrik, which have supplied many Link Boxes to clients all over the world.

Beside our standard types of Link Boxes, can be developed and offered different types of Link Boxes according to customer requirements. (Tailor Made)

EM Elektrik can share with customers; his experience know-how, consultancy and commit to work towards the optimal solution. Reliable service and high quality, fast and flexible response, are the other company values of EM Elektrik.

What is the function of Link Box?

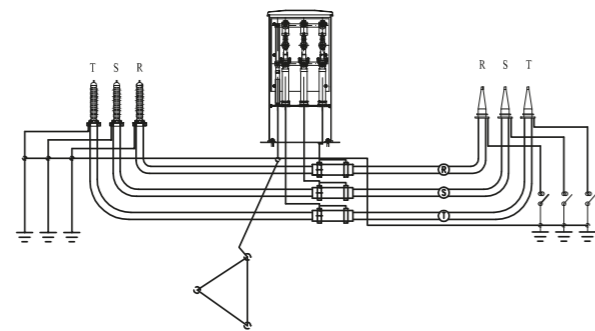
Link Box is electrically and mechanically one of the integral accessories of HV underground/above ground cable bonding system, associated with HV XLPE power cable systems.

Briefly, the bonding system is so designed that the cable sheaths are bonded and earthed or with SVL in such way as to eliminate or reduce the circulating sheath currents. Link Boxes are used with cable joints and terminations to provide easy access to shield breaks for test purposes and to limit voltage build-up on the sheath. The Link Box is part of bonding system, which is essential of improving current carrying capacity and human protection.

Bonding diagram

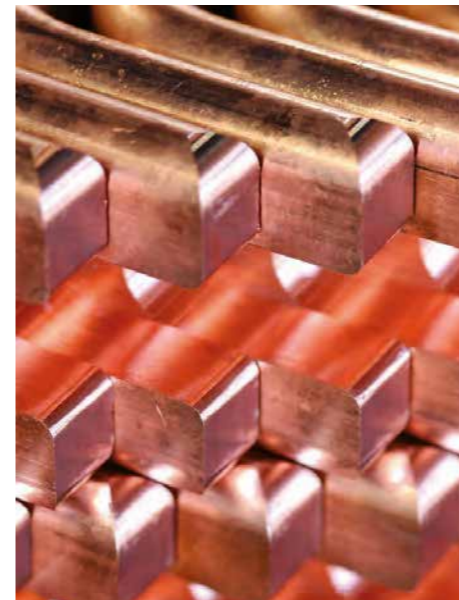
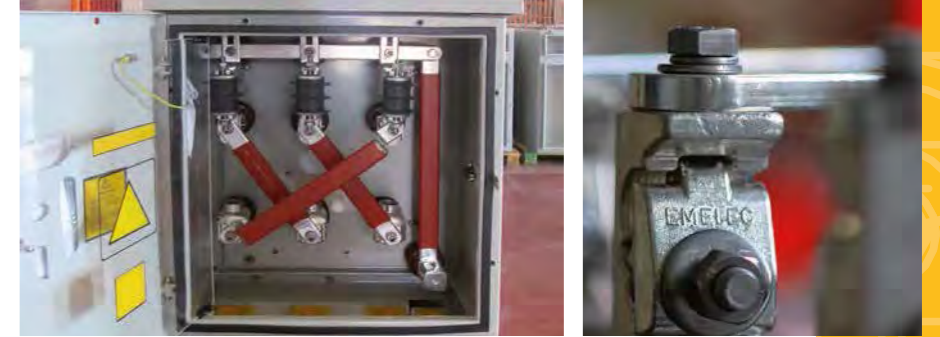
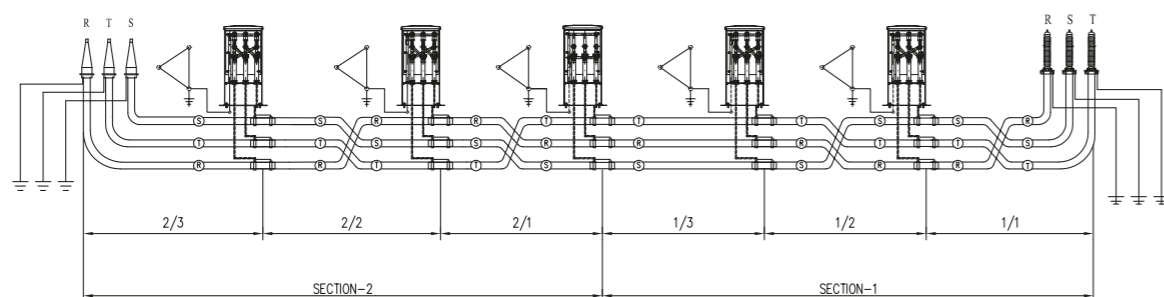
1- Single Bonding Diagram

The simplest form of special bonding consists in arranging for the sheaths of the three cables to be connected and grounded at one point only along their length. At all other points, a voltage will appear from sheath to ground that will be a maximum at the farthest point from the ground bond. The sheaths must be adequately insulated from the ground. Since there is opened sheath circuit, (except through the sheath voltage limiter) current does not normally flow longitudinally along the sheaths and no sheath circulating current loss occurs.



2- Cross Bonding And Transposition

Cross bonding consists essentially in sectionalizing the sheaths into minor sections and cross connecting them so as to approximately neutralize the total induced voltage in three consecutive sections as shown below.



• IP 66 Code Test

First characteristic numeral: 6, protected against access to hazardous parts with adust-tight- IP 6X

Definition: Dust must not enter at all.

Test conditions: The test is carried out in a dust chamber in which talcum powder is being kept suspended in the air by means of a dust distributor or similar device. The enclosure which is being tested is placed in the test chamber while a vacuum pump keeps the pressure in the enclosure below the atmospheric pressure of the environment according to the standard.

Conditions for acceptance: The protection is satisfactory if there is no visible dust deposit within the enclosure after completion of the test.

Test Result: No entering of dust.No dust penetrated into the enclosure during the test.The protection degree IP6X is ensured for the tested link box.



Test object in the dust test chamber after the dust test.

Second characteristic numeral: 6, protected against powerful water jets-IP X6

According to IEC 60529: 1989-11

Test Definition: A strong water jet directed at the enclosure from any direction must not have any harmful effects

Test Conditions: Test with water jet nozzle 12.5 mm diameter inside
Water flow delivery rate (100 ± 5) l/min
Water temperature Not diverge more than 5 K from the temperature of the test object
Distance from nozzle to enclosure surface 2.5- 3 m
Test duration Minimum 3 min (each side 1 min = 6 min)

Conditions for acceptance: Water must not be able to penetrate in such amount into the enclosure, that the operability and/or the safety of the equipment are reduced

Test Result: No water penetrated into the enclosure during the test. The protection degree IPX6 is ensured for the tested link box.



Test object during the test water jet onto front side



Test object during the test water jet onto rear side

Routine Test

All our of link Boxes are tested in our factory before delivered to our customers. Applied tests involve visual and dimensional inspection followed by electrical tests such as, AC/DC Withstand Test, Insulation Resistance Measurement Test, Contact Resistance Measurement Test.

Beside these tests, for underground types (IP 68) water sealing test is also applied. Each Link Box tested with water and subject to 0.3 bar pressure for 15 minutes



EM Link Box Test Report

Customer: ...
Order No.: ...
Drawing No.: ...
Date: ...
Location: ...
Inspector: ...
Tester: ...
Ambient Temperature: ...

Item	Test	Result	Pass	Fail	Remarks
1. Visual and Dimensional Inspection	Visual	OK	✓		
2. AC/DC Withstand Test	AC/DC	OK	✓		
3. Insulation Resistance Measurement	IR	OK	✓		
4. Contact Resistance Measurement	CR	OK	✓		

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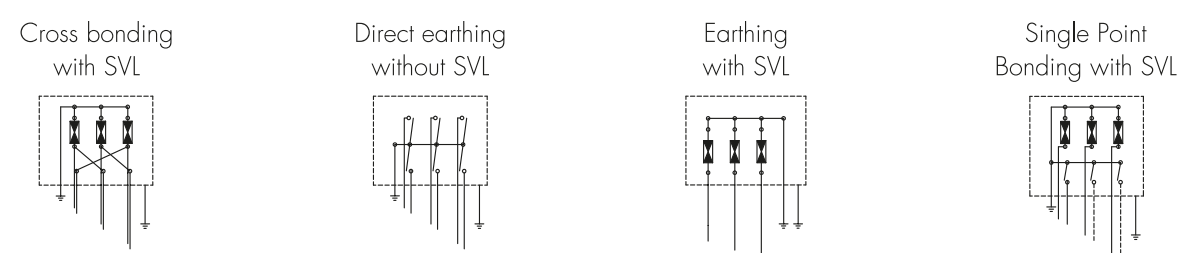


Link Box design classification

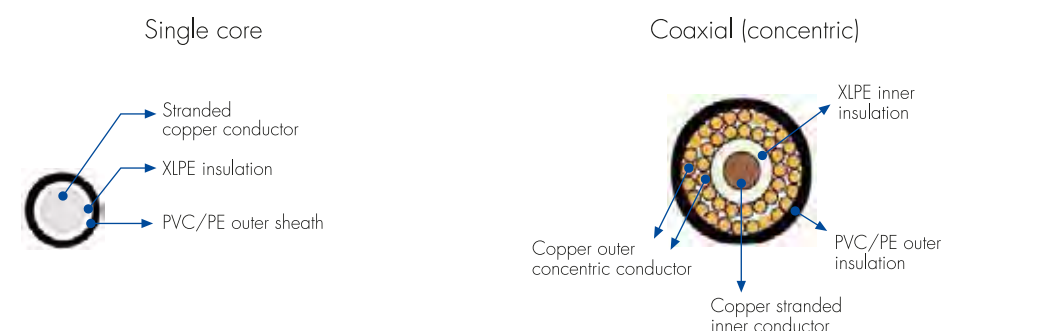
1- Type of Mounting



2- Type of Screen Bonding



3- Types of Bonding Cable



Surge arresters: Sheath voltage limiters (SVL)

SVL is protective device to limit induce voltages appearing on the bonded cable system due to short circuit. It is necessary to fit SVL's between the metallic screen and ground inside the link box. The screen separation of power cable joint (insulated joint) will be protected against possible damages as a result of induced voltages caused by short circuit/break down.

SVL rated voltages are per client specification/bonding system design, which can be supplied from well established manufacturers by EM Elektrik.



Type Tests

• All our products were tested at IPH - Berlin Laboratories

Test Product: Cross Bonding Link Box underground use (IP 68).



Required Test Parameter: Internal power arcing 40 kA-0,1 sec.
Required Test Parameter: Short circuit 63 kA-1 sec.
Required Test Parameter: Lighting impulse 40/75 kV - 62,5/125 kV.
Required Test Parameter: DC withstand 25 kV-5 minute.



• Water Immersion Test-IP 68

Test Product: Cross Bonding Link Box earthing through arresters.

Test Procedure: The box assembly shall be immersed in water at ambient temperature and heated up to 60°C for 5 hours. After switching of the heater, water cooled down to the ambient temperature. Total time of water immersion cycle is 20. The water column shall be 3m. above the link box. After removal, there shall be no visible water ingress in the link box.



