

# Applications

HV HRC (high-voltage high rupturing capacity) fuses are used for short circuit protection in high-voltage switchgear for the 50 to 60 Hz frequency range

- ▶ Distribution transformers up to 2000 kVA
- ▶ High-voltage motors up to 3 MW
- ▶ Capacitors up to 1200 kvar
- ▶ MV voltage transformers
- ▶ Cable feeders

## Safe with Siemens fuses

- ▶ Experience with this model series since more than 30 years
- ▶ Ageing resistance, because the melting conductors are of pure silver
- ▶ Low power loss (important for encapsulated switch gears)
- ▶ Striker pin with "thermal protection behaviour"
- ▶ Absolute sealing due to "Magneform process"
- ▶ Manufactured according to ISO 9001
- ▶ Small switching overvoltages
- ▶ Suitable for indoor and outdoor application

## Technical characteristics

HV HRC Fuses 3GD are specially suitable for the short circuit protection of supply system units.

Properties:

- ▶ Short circuit currents do not rise to their peak levels
- ▶ By virtue of the very short pre-arching times  $t_s < 5$  ms, even short circuit currents of more than 20 to 25 times the rated current of the fuse are cut off
- ▶ The current limiting effect of HV HRC fuses enables the dimensioning of apparatus with lower short circuit rating (e.g. switching devices, instrument transformers, cables)

# 3GD High Voltage HRC fuse links



HV HRC Fuse

## HV HRC-Fuse link 3GD

DIN/VDE 0670

- Part 4
- Part 401
- Part 402

DIN 43 625

IEC 282

Rated voltage (kV)	Rated current (A)
3.6 / 7.2	up to 250
12	up to 160
24	up to 100
36	up to 40

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## Benefits

No ageing

→ Silver melting conductors

Tightness

→ Magneform process  
- the most reliable closing technique to seal  
the housing  
- double sealing of the striker pin system  
- special plastic foil  
- also suitable for outdoor applications

Thermal striker pin

→ Thermal overload protection of the  
switch-fuse combination

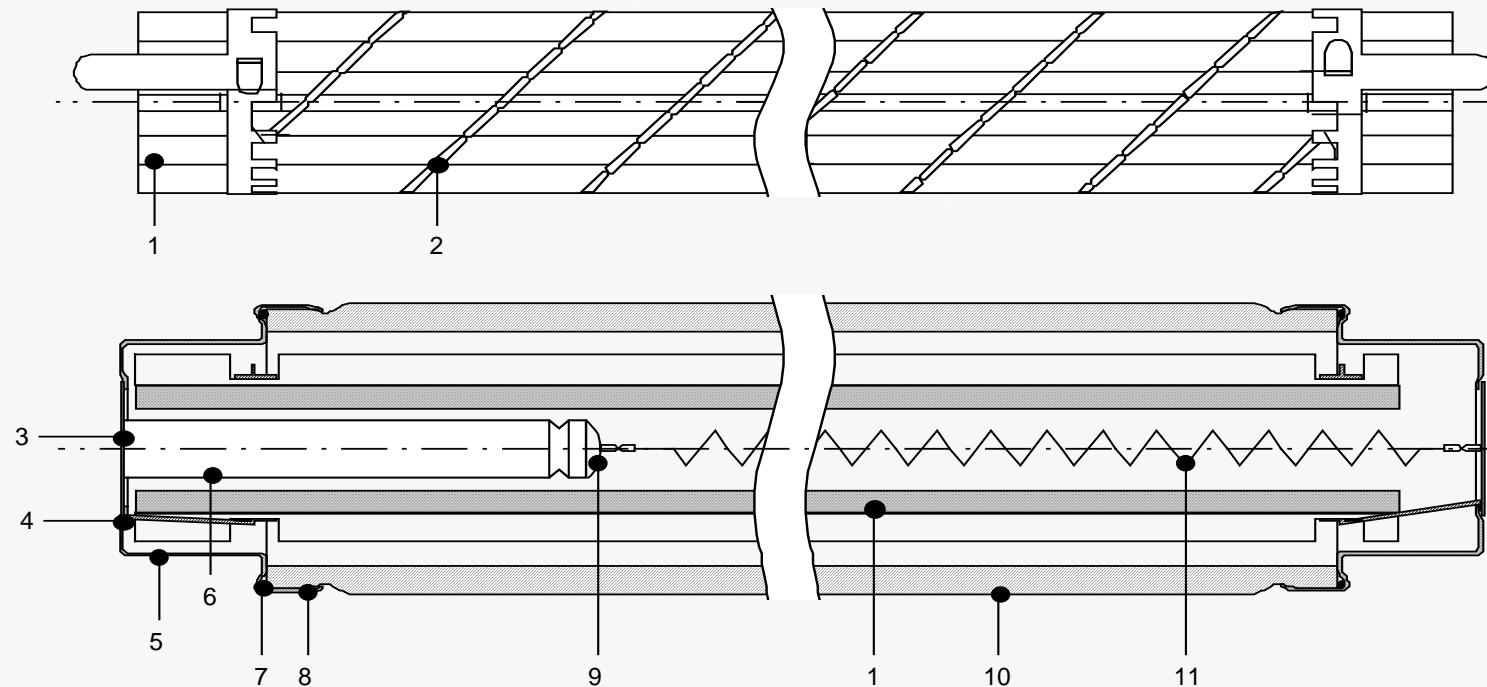
Low power losses

→ Due to optimized melting conductor construction

More than 30 years experience

→ High reliability

# Construction of a 3GD fuse link

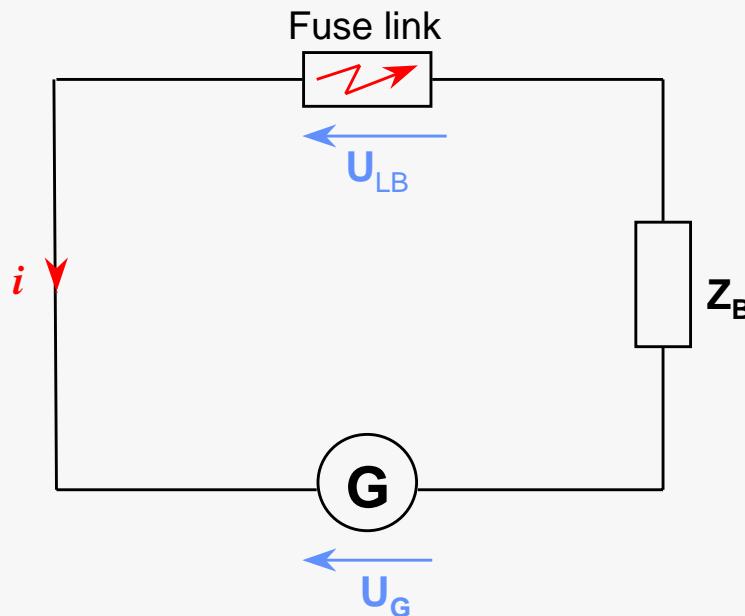


- 1 Internal tube
- 2 Main melting elements
- 3 Cover
- 4 Contacting straps

- 5 End cap
- 6 Striker pin
- 7 Sealing ring
- 8 Magneformpress

- 9 Sealing compound
- 10 Ceramic tube
- 11 Auxiliary element

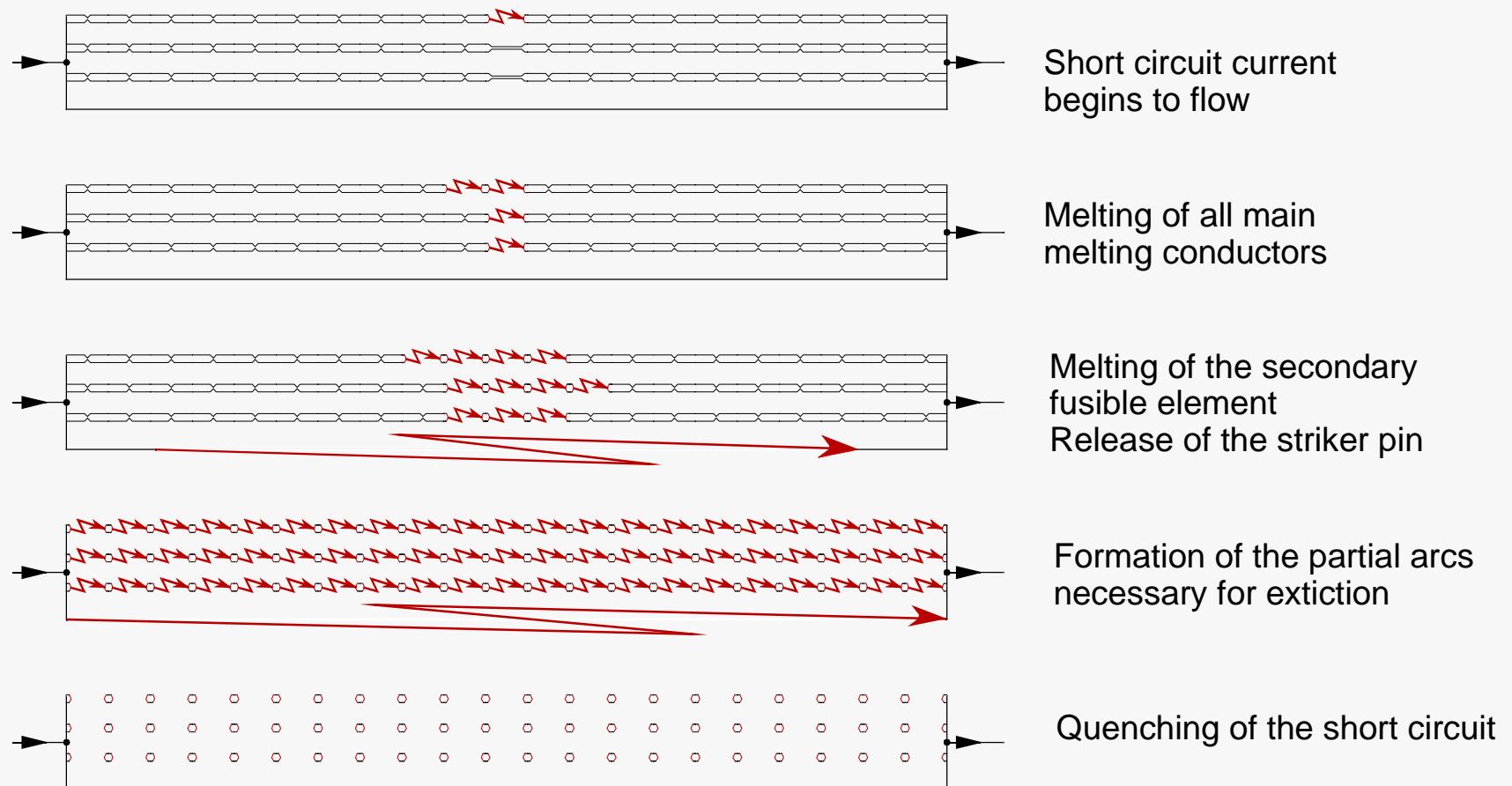
# Switching off with a fuse link



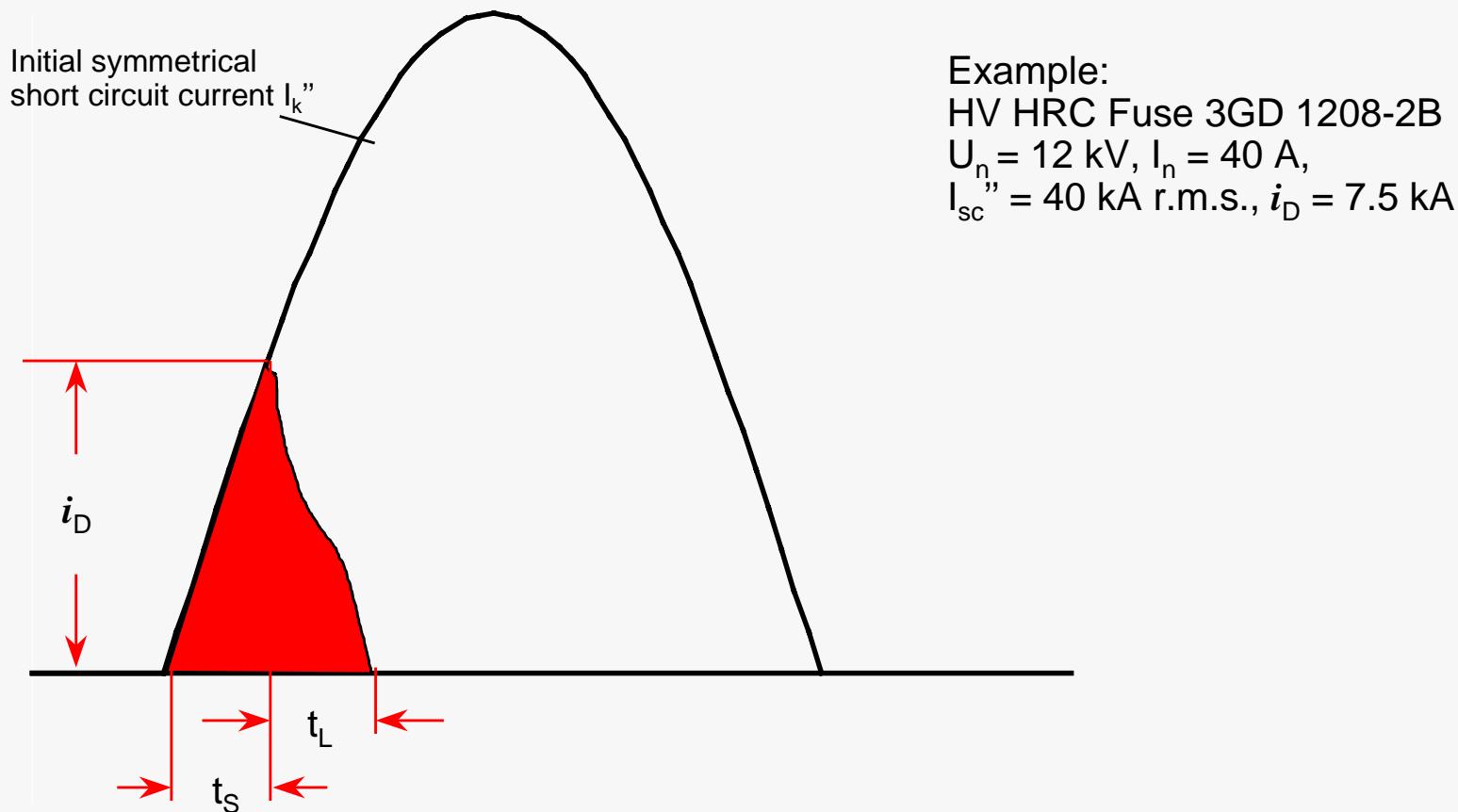
$U_{LB}$  = Arc voltage  
 $U_G$  = Source voltage

- ▶ Fault current  $i$  flows
- ▶ Melting conductor heats up
- ▶ Melting conductor evaporates
- ▶ Arc ignites
- ▶ Arc-voltage increases with the number of partial arcs until the arc voltage becomes higher than the source voltage  $U_G$
- ▶ Internal arc in the fuse extinguishes

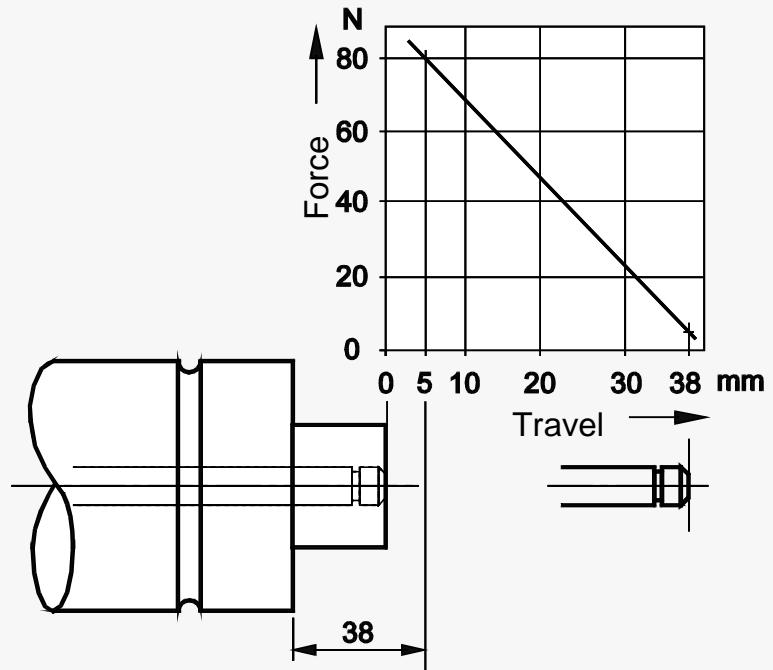
# Operation



## Short-circuit limitation as current rises

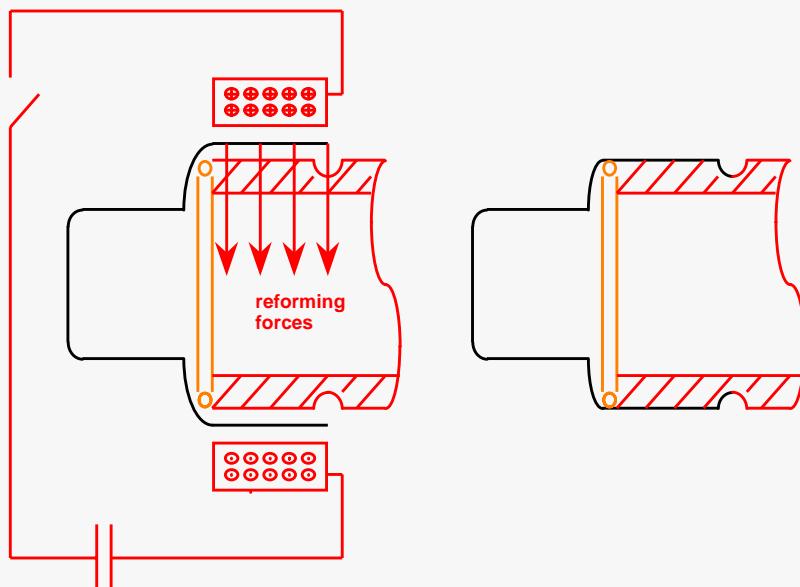


## Duties of the striker pin



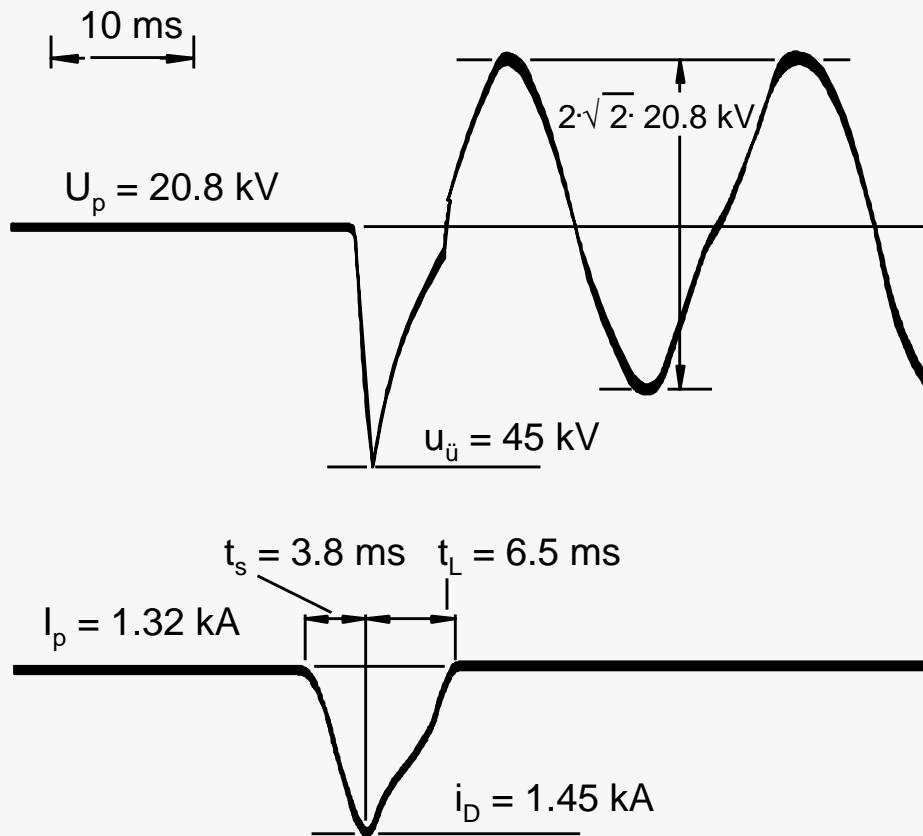
- ▶ Tripping of the assigned switching device (switching disconnector, contactor, switch)
- ▶ Signal, when the fuse link has blown
- ▶ Releases when the fuse link is overloaded
- ▶ Release of the striker pin of the 3GD fuse link prevents a thermal destruction of the fuse when using a switch-fuse combination, in the event of fault currents  $>I_n$  and  $<I_{min}$

# Magneform process guarantees absolute sealing !



With a magnetic pressing process we guarantee resistance to ageing and complete sealing against penetration of humidity for the whole lifetime

# Overvoltages



$U_p$  : Test voltage

$u_{\ddot{u}}$  : Switching overvoltage

$I_p$  : Test current (RMS-value)

$i_D$  : Cut-off current

$t_s$  : Pre-arc time

$t_L$  : Arc extinction time