

CT-6500 ^{Series 2}

Digital Circuit Breaker Analyzer



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CT-6500 / Series 2

Easy to Use; Available with 3, 6, or 12 Dry-Contact Inputs

The CT-6500 S2 is an inexpensive, easy to use, stand-alone, microprocessor-driven EHV circuit-breaker analyzer. The CT-6500 S2 is available in models with either 3 (CT-6500-3 S2), 6 (CT-6500-6 S2), or 12 (CT-6500-12 S2) dry-contact inputs. The CT-6500 S2 can fully analyze a circuit-breaker's performance by testing the contact time, stroke, velocity, over-travel, and contact wipe. Contact-motion analysis can be performed for all breaker contact operations (Open, Close, Open – Close, Close – Open, and Open – Close – Open). The CT-6500 S2's timing window is selectable between 1-second, 10-second, or 20-second periods. The 10-second and 20-second timing windows are ideal for timing long duration events such as circuit-switcher contact testing.

Contact Timing Inputs

Dry-contact input channels are used for timing circuit-breaker contacts. Each contact input channel can detect main contact and insertion-resistor contact times in milli-seconds and cycles.

Voltage Monitoring Inputs

One analog voltage input channel is dedicated to monitoring a circuit-breaker's DC power supply or coil voltage (0 – 255 volts, DC or peak AC). One digital voltage input channel is dedicated to detecting the voltage on/off status (presence or absence) of an A/B switch.

Trip/Close Current Monitoring

A built-in Hall-effect current sensor records the Trip/Close current level and duration. The breaker's operating-coil current waveform duration (effectively, a performance "fingerprint" or "current profile") can be used as a diagnostic tool for analyzing a breaker's performance.

Rapidly

Breaker Stroke and Velocity

Three digital travel transducer channels are available on the CT-6500 S2 for measuring circuit-breaker velocity, stroke, over-travel, and bounce-back. Unlike other transducer types, the digital transducer requires neither calibration nor setup.

"Slow-Close" Test

The "slow-close" test feature is a very useful tool for accurately measuring contact-travel during circuit maintenance, especially when the circuit-breaker contact motion is slowly jacked through the stroke by manual operation. A table of the "slow-close" test results can be printed on the built-in thermal printer.

Breaker Initiate Features

A built-in solid-state initiate device is used to operate a breaker from the CT-6500 S2. The operational modes include Open, Close, Open – Close, Close – Open, and Open – Close – Open. Multiple operations, such as Open – Close and Open – Close – Open, can be initiated by using programmable delay time or by sensing a breaker's contact condition.

Internal Test Record Storage

The CT-6500 S2 can store up to 200 test records in Flash EEPROM. Test records can be retrieved and printed on the built-in thermal printer, or they can be transferred to a PC via the unit's RS-232C or USB interface.

Computer Interface

The CT-6500 S2 can be computer-controlled via its RS-232C or USB interface. A Windows® XP/Vista-based Breaker-Analysis software application is provided with each unit. Using this software, circuit-breakers can be timed from the PC. Test records can be retrieved from the CT-6500 S2 and then stored on the PC for future analysis and report generation. Additionally, test records can be exported in Microsoft® Excel format for further analysis.

Diagnostic Capabilities

The CT-6500 S2 can perform diagnostics on its internal electronics. Diagnostics can be performed to verify contact cable connections and to test the travel transducer's electronics.

User Interface

The CT-6500 S2 features a back-lit LCD screen (20 characters by 4 lines) that is viewable in both bright sunlight and low-light levels. A rugged, 16-key, membrane keypad is used to control the unit.

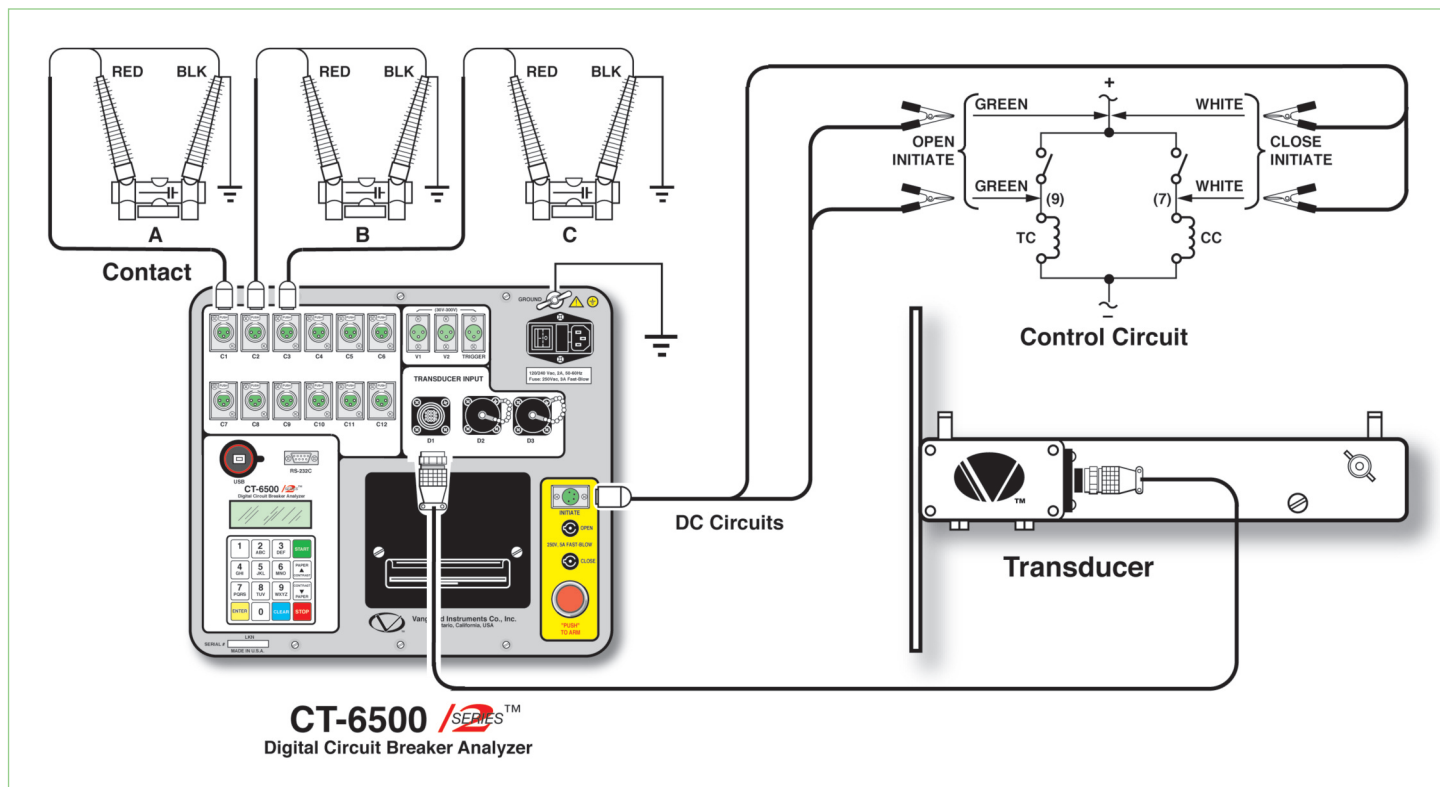
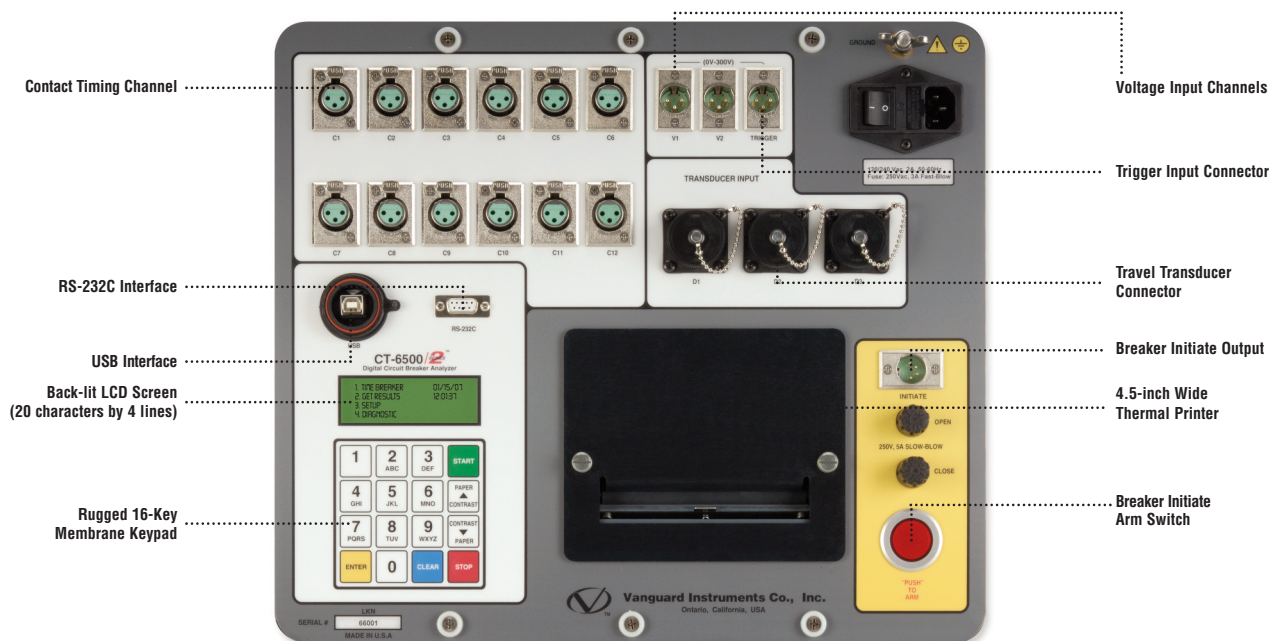
Built-in Thermal Printer

The CT-6500 S2's built-in 4.5-inch wide thermal printer can print the breaker contact analysis results in both tabular and graphic formats.

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Analyze

OCB, Vacuum, and SF6 Circuit Breakers with Vanguard's CT-6500 S2



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Reliability Through Instrumentation

Microcomputer Accuracy in an

Graphic and
Tabulated Printouts



CIRCUIT BREAKER TIMING REPORT

Filename: SHOT328 Date: 05/05/06 Time: 14:34:41

Company: Vanguard Instruments Co., Inc. MFR: ITE
Station: Shop Model: 14.4K5000-600
Circuit: Comment: Serial: 678
Operator: Hai

TEST: OPEN

| CH | TIME (ms) | CYCLE | BOUNCE (ms) | WIPE (in) |
|----|-----------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | 41.350 | 2.47 | 0.10 | 0.91 |
| 2 | 41.600 | 2.50 | 0.10 | 0.94 |
| 3 | 37.350 | 2.34 | 0.10 | 0.86 |
| 4 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6 | 0.000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Delta Time (ms): 4.250 (PF) = P

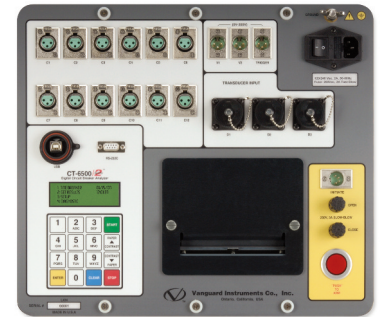
CT CHANNEL ANALYSIS: 0.000 (ms)

| TRAVEL ANALYSIS | T1 | PF | T2 | PF | T3 | PF |
|------------------|------|----|------|----|------|----|
| Stroke (in) | 6.97 | P | 7.94 | P | 7.54 | P |
| Velocity (in/s) | 7.55 | P | 7.58 | P | 7.58 | P |
| Overtravel (in) | 0.01 | P | 0.01 | P | 0.01 | P |
| Bounce Back (in) | 0.00 | P | 0.00 | P | 0.00 | P |

Speed Analysis:
Point 1 = 1.00 in.
Point 2 = 5.00 in.

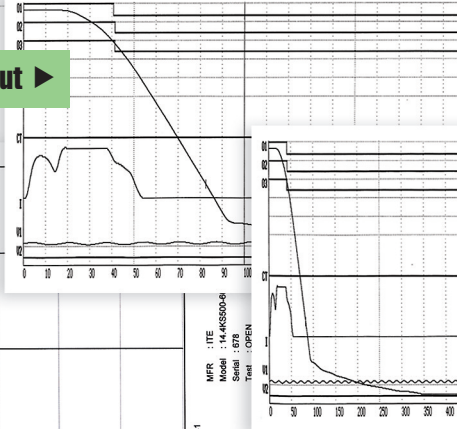
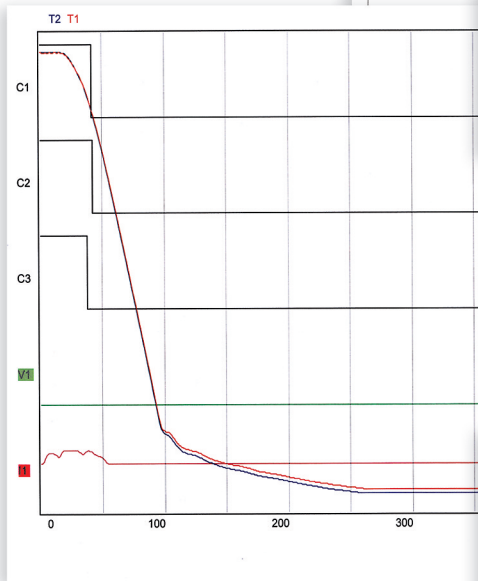
V1 Nominal: 1V V1 Min: 0V Initiator Current: 5.740 AMPS

Shot Length: 1 SEC
Injection Resistor: None
Delay: None
Trigger: Internal

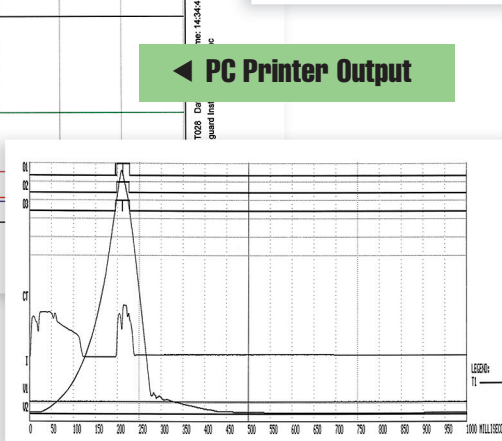


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Built-in Thermal Printer Output ▶



◀ PC Printer Output



BREAKER TIMING RESULTS - 60 Hz

SHOT NUMBER: 15
DATE: 12-21-06 TIME: 15:40:42

COMPANY: VANGUARD INSTRUMENTS
STATION: DYNARIG
CIRCUIT: 1
MFR: 14.4K5000-600
MODEL: 1
SERIAL NO: 1
OPERATOR: TRAINER

TEST: CLOSE - OPEN

| CH | TIME | CYCLE | BOUNCE | WIPE |
|----|-------|-------|--------|------|
| 1 | 40.75 | 2.41 | 0.05 | 0.92 |
| 2 | 39.25 | 2.34 | 0.05 | 0.85 |
| 3 | 39.25 | 2.34 | 0.05 | 0.85 |

DELTA TIME (ms): 1.90 PASS

CT CHANNEL ANALYSIS
TIME CYCLE
PASS 0.00

| TRAVEL ANALYSIS | T1 | PF | T2 | PF | T3 | PF |
|-----------------|----|----|------|----|----|----|
| STROKE | IN | P | 0.04 | | | |
| OVER-TRAVEL | IN | P | 0.00 | | | |
| BOUNCE BACK | IN | P | 0.00 | | | |

SPEED ANALYSIS:
POINT 1 = 1.00 in

BREAKER TIMING RESULTS - 60 Hz

SHOT NUMBER: 15
DATE: 12-21-06 TIME: 15:40:38

COMPANY: VANGUARD INSTRUMENTS
STATION: DYNARIG
CIRCUIT: 1
MFR: 14.4K5000-600
MODEL: 1
SERIAL NO: 1
OPERATOR: TRAINER

TEST: CLOSE - OPEN

| CH | TIME | CYCLE | BOUNCE |
|----|--------|-------|--------|
| 1 | 192.75 | 11.56 | 0.05 |
| 2 | 195.90 | 11.59 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 194.15 | 11.55 | 0.75 |

| CH | TIME | CYCLE | BOUNCE |
|----|--------|-------|--------|
| 1 | 210.75 | 12.64 | 0.00 |
| 2 | 225.05 | 13.48 | 0.10 |
| 3 | 225.55 | 13.53 | 1.15 |

| CH | TIME | CYCLE | BOUNCE |
|----|-------|-------|--------|
| 1 | 16.00 | 1.05 | 0.00 |
| 2 | 31.15 | 1.87 | 0.00 |
| 3 | 31.40 | 1.88 | 0.00 |

PEAK TO PEAK TRAVEL (in)
T1: 7.99

CH1 TOUCH DISTANCE (in)
6.00

V1 NOMINAL VOLTAGE = 1 VOLTS
V1 RESIDUAL VOLTAGE = 0 VOLTS
INITIATOR CURRENT = 6.6 AMPS

SHOT LENGTH: 1 SECOND
INJECTION RESISTOR: INTERNAL
TRIGGER: CLOSE CH #1

Ordering Information

CT-6500 Series 2 Digital Circuit Breaker Timer

CT-6500, 3 Contact Channels, Cables, PC Software
CT-6500, 6 Contact Channels, Cables, PC Software
CT-6500, 12 Contact Channels, Cables, PC Software
CT-6500 Shipping Case
4.5-inch Printer Paper

Part No: CT-6500-3 S2
Part No: CT-6500-6 S2
Part No: CT-6500-12 S2
Part No: CT-6500-CASE
Part No: Paper-TP4

See Page 107
for Travel Transducer
Ordering Information

Digital Circuit Breaker Analyzer

Inexpensive Digital Circuit Breaker Tester

FEATURES

- Prints breaker analysis results in both tabular and graphic formats
- Built-in 4.5-inch wide thermal printer
- Initiate breaker operation
- Digital travel transducer requires no setup or calibration
- Detects main contact and insertion-resistor contact on the same input channel
- Stores up to 200 test records
- RS-232C and USB computer interfaces
- Diagnostic capabilities



SPECIFICATIONS

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| TYPE | Portable circuit-breaker analyzer |
| PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS | 16"W x 11"H x 14" D (40.6 cm x 29.9 cm x 35.6 cm); Weight: less than 25 lbs (11.3 kg) |
| INPUT POWER | 100 – 120 Vac or 200 – 240 Vac (selectable), 50/60Hz |
| DRY-CONTACT INPUTS | 3, 6 or 12 dry input channels (depending on model). Each channel detects main and insertion-resistor contacts |
| TIMING WINDOWS | 1-second, 10-seconds, or 20-seconds |
| TIMING RESOLUTIONS | ±50 micro-seconds @ 1-second duration, ±500 micro-seconds @ 10-second duration, ±1.0 milli-seconds @ 20-second duration |
| TIMING ACCURACY | 0.05% of reading ±0.05 ms @ 1-second duration |
| DRY-CONTACT CHANNEL PROTECTION | All contact inputs are grounded until test; input channels are protected against static discharge |
| DRY-CONTACT DETECTION RANGE | Closed: less than 20 ohms; Open: greater than 5,000 ohms |
| RESISTOR DETECTION RANGE | 50 – 5,000 ohms |
| TRIGGER INPUT VOLTAGE | Open/Close: 30 – 300V, DC or peak AC |
| VOLTAGE SENSING INPUT RANGE | V1: analog input; 0 – 255V DC or peak AC; Sensitivity ±1V V2: voltage presence/absence detector input; 30 – 300V DC or peak AC |
| BREAKER OPERATIONS | Initiate Open, Close, Open – Close, Close – Open, Open – Close – Open |
| BREAKER INITIATE CAPACITY | 30A, 250Vac/dc max |
| INITIATE CURRENT READING RANGE | One, non-contact, Hall-effect sensor, 0 – 20 amp range, dc to 5Khz |
| TRAVEL TRANSDUCER INPUTS | 3 digital travel transducer channels; Linear range, 0.0 – 60.0 in (±0.01 in); Rotary range: 0 – 360 degrees (±0.36 degrees) |
| CONTACT TRAVEL POINT DIFFERENCE | Measures "slow-close" contact-point distances; results can be printed |
| DISPLAY | Back-lit LCD Screen (20 characters by 4 lines); viewable in bright sunlight and low-light levels |
| PRINTER | Built-in 4.5-inch wide thermal printer can print both graphic contact travel waveforms and tabulated test results |
| INTERNAL TEST RECORD STORAGE | Stores up to 200 test records |
| COMPUTER INTERFACES | One RS-232C port, One USB port |
| PC SOFTWARE | Windows® XP/Vista-based Breaker-Analysis software is included with purchase price |
| SAFETY | Designed to meet UL 6101A-1 and CAN/CSA C22.2 No 1010.1-92 standards |
| ENVIRONMENT | Operating: -10°C to 50°C (+15°F to +122°F); Storage: -30°C to 70°C (-22°F to +158°F) |
| OPTIONS | Transportation case (available for the CT-6500 S2 and the travel transducers) |
| WARRANTY | One year on parts and labor |

Note: The above specifications are valid at nominal voltage and ambient temperature of +25°C (+77°F). Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Vanguard Instruments Company, Inc.

Vanguard Instruments Co., (VIC), was founded in 1991. Currently, our 28,000 square-foot facility houses Administration, Design & Engineering, and Manufacturing operations. From its inception, VIC's vision was, and is to develop and manufacture innovative test equipment for use in testing substation EHV circuit breakers and other electrical apparatus.

The first VIC product was a computerized circuit-breaker analyzer, which was a resounding success. It became the forerunner of an entire series of circuit-breaker test equipment. Since its beginning, VIC's product line has expanded to include microcomputer-based, precision micro-ohmmeters, single and three-phase transformer winding turns-ratio testers, winding-resistance meters, transformer tap-changing controllers, megaohm resistance meters, and a variety of other electrical utility maintenance support products.

VIC's performance-oriented products are well suited for the utility industry. They are rugged, reliable, accurate, user friendly, and most are computer controlled. Computer control, with innovative programming, provides many automated testing functions. VIC's instruments eliminate tedious and time-consuming operations, while providing fast, complex, test-result calculations. Errors are reduced and the need to memorize long sequences of procedural steps is eliminated. Every VIC instrument is competitively priced and is covered by a liberal warranty.



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