



## Film Capacitors – Power Factor Correction

### PhiCap Normal Duty Capacitors

**Series/Type:** MKP  
**Ordering code:** B32343L\* / B32344B\*  
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### Construction

- Dielectric: Polypropylene film
- Non PCB, Soft Polyurethane resin
- Extruded round aluminum can with stud
- Provided with discharge resistors
- Overpressure disconnecter

### Features

- Three phase, delta connected
- Self-healing technology
- Naturally air cooled (or forced air cooling)
- Indoor mounting

### Typical applications

- For Power Factor Correction

### Terminals

- 6.3mm fast-on terminals for plastic top -0.5 to 6.6 kvar
- Screw terminal for metal top – 5 kvar and above

### Mounting parts

- Threaded stud at bottom of can
- (Max. torque = 4 Nm for M8 and 10 Nm for M12)



### Technical data and specifications

Characteristics	
Rated capacitance $C_R$	As per table in page 6 to 8
Tolerance	-5 /+10%
Connection	D (Delta)
Rated voltage $V_R$	As per table in page 6 to 8
Rated frequency $f_R$	50 Hz
Output	As per table in page 6 to 8
Rated current $I_R$	As per table in page 6 to 8
Dimensions (d x h)	As per table in page 6 to 8

<b>Maximum ratings</b>	
Maximum permissible voltage ( $V_{max}$ )	$V_R + 10\%$ (up to 8 h daily) $V_R + 15\%$ (up to 30 min. daily) $V_R + 20\%$ (up to 5 min. daily) $V_R + 30\%$ (up to 1 min. daily)
Maximum permissible current ( $I_{max}$ )	Up to 1.3 to 1.5 • $I_R$ (A) (including combined effects of harmonics, overvoltages and capacitance tolerance)
Maximum inrush current ( $I_S$ )	200 $I_R$ (A) Max. 5000 switching's per year
<b>Test data</b>	
Voltage test between terminals ( $V_{TT}$ )	2.15 • $V_R$ V AC / 50 Hz, 2s
Voltage test between terminals and container ( $V_{TC}$ )	3600 V AC / 50 Hz, 2 s
<b>Design data</b>	
Dielectric losses	$\leq 0.2$ W / kvar
* Total losses	$\leq 0.5$ W / kvar
Impregnation	Non PCB, soft biodegradable resin
* Without discharge resistor	
<b>Climatic category: -25/D</b>	
$T_{min}$	-25 °C
$T_{max}$	+55 °C
Ambient temperature	Class -25/D: max. short time: +55 °C, max. mean 24 h: +45 °C; max. mean 1 year: +35 °C; lowest temperature: - 25 °C
Storage temperature	-25 °C to +85 °C
Max. hot spot temperature	+85 °C
Humidity	Average relative < 95%

**Mean life expectancy**

$t_{LD}$	Up to 100 000 hours (temperature class –25/D); $\Theta_{HS} \leq 70 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (max. mean ambient temperature per year = +35 °C ) Failure rate < 3%
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**Terminals**

Plastic top – 0.5 to 6.6 kvar	6.3 mm fast-on	
	Ø 53 mm	Ø 63.5 mm
Creepage distance	10.5 mm	10.0 mm
Clearance	13.0 mm	16.5 mm

Metal top – 5 kvar and above	Screw terminal
Max. torque	1.2 Nm
Cable cross section	16 mm <sup>2</sup> (without cable and lug)
Maximum terminal current	50 A
Creepage distance (min)	12.7 mm
Clearance (min)	9.6 mm


**Mounting**

Fixing	Threaded bolt M12 except M8 for d = 53 mm
Max. torque (Al can stud)	10 Nm except 4 Nm for d = 53 mm
Mounting position	Vertical upright
Maximum altitude	4000 m above sea level

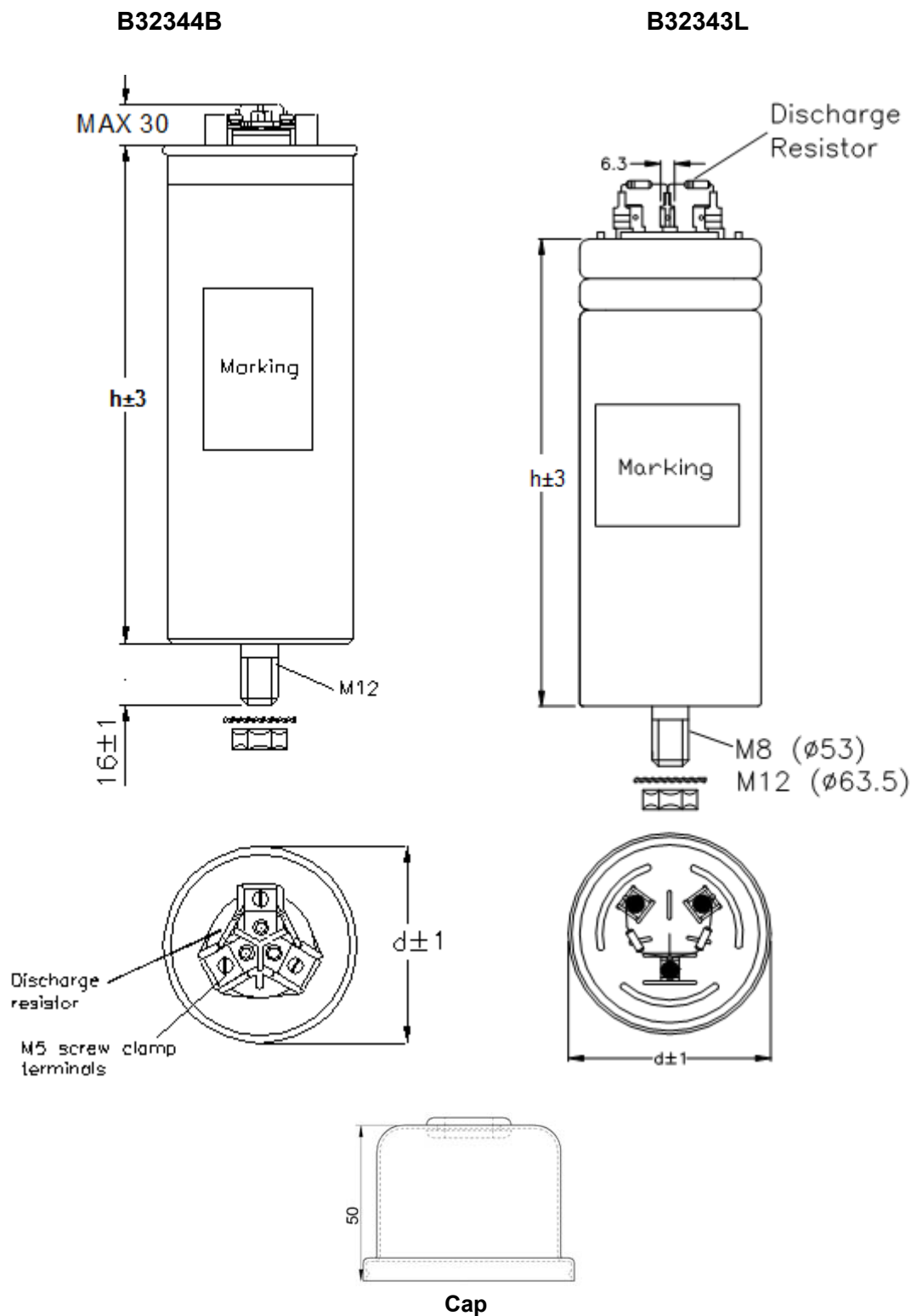
**Safety**

Mechanical safety	Overpressure disconnecter
Max. short circuit current	AFC: 10 kA
Discharge resistor time	≤ 3 min (75 V or less)

**Approvals/Reference standards**

Approval Mark	Standard of reference	Certificate
IS:13340 (Part1)/ IEC 60831-1  CM/L-1432640	IS 13340 (2012) / IEC 60831 (2002)	ISI mark applicable for 400 V, 415 V, 440 V, 480 V & 525 V ratings

Dimensional drawing



**Ordering codes**

Voltage $V_R$  V	Power (Q) 50 Hz  kvar	Capacitance  $\mu F$	Rated current 50 Hz $I_R$ A	Dimensions d x h  mm	With or without Cap	Ordering code
<b>400</b>	6.3	3 x 41.8	9.1	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4071A500
	7.5	3 x 49.8	10.8	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4072A500
	10.0	3 x 66.3	14.4	88.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4102A000
	12.5	3 x 82.9	18.0	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4122A500
	15.0	3 x 99.5	21.7	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4152A000
	20.0	3 x 132.7	28.9	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4202A000
	25.0	3 x 165.9	36.1	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4252A000
<b>415</b>	0.5	3 x 3.1	0.7	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4002A510
	1.0	3 x 6.2	1.4	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4012A010
	1.5	3 x 9.2	2.1	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4012A510
	2.0	3 x 12.3	2.8	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4022A010
	2.5	3 x 15.4	3.5	63.5 x 129	With Cap	B32343L4022A510
	3.0	3 x 18.5	4.2	63.5 x 129	With Cap	B32343L4032A010
	4.0	3 x 24.7	5.6	63.5 x 152	With Cap	B32343L4042A010
	5.0	3 x 30.8	7.0	63.5 x 152	With Cap	B32343L4052A010
	6.3	3 x 38.8	8.8	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4071A510
	7.5	3 x 46.2	10.4	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4072A510
	8.3	3 x 51.2	11.5	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4082A310
	9.0	3 x 55.5	12.5	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4092A010
	10.0	3 x 61.6	13.9	88.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4102A010
	12.5	3 x 77.0	17.4	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4122A510
	15.0	3 x 92.5	20.9	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4152A010
	20.0	3 x 123.3	27.8	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4202A010
	25.0	3 x 154.1	34.8	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4252A010

Voltage V <sub>R</sub>  V	Power (Q) 50 Hz  kvar	Capacitance  μF	Rated current 50 Hz I <sub>R</sub> A	Dimensions d x h  mm	With or without Cap	Ordering code
<b>440</b>	0.9	3 x 4.9	1.2	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4011A040
	1.0	3 x 5.5	1.3	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4012A040
	1.2	3 x 6.6	1.6	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4011A540
	1.5	3 x 8.2	2.0	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4012A540
	2.1	3 x 11.5	2.8	53 x 117	With Cap	B32343L4021A540
	2.5	3 x 13.7	3.3	63.5 x 129	With Cap	B32343L4022A540
	2.8	3 x 15.4	3.7	63.5 x 129	With Cap	B32343L4022A840
	3.0	3 x 16.4	3.9	63.5 x 129	With Cap	B32343L4032A040
	4.2	3 x 23.0	5.5	63.5 x 129	With Cap	B32343L4051A040
	5.0	3 x 27.4	6.6	63.5 x 152	With Cap	B32343L4052A040
	5.6	3 x 30.7	7.3	63.5 x 188	With Cap	B32343L4052A640
	6.0	3 x 32.9	7.9	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4071A540
	7.0	3 x 38.4	9.2	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4072A040
	7.5	3 x 41.1	9.8	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4072A540
	8.3	3 x 45.5	10.9	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4101A040
	9.0	3 x 49.3	11.8	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4092A040
	10.0	3 x 54.8	13.1	88.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4102A040
	12.5	3 x 68.5	16.4	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4151A040
	15.0	3 x 82.2	19.7	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4152A040
	16.7	3 x 91.6	21.9	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4201A040
19.0	3 x 104.2	24.9	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4192A040	
20.0	3 x 109.7	26.2	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4202A040	
20.8	3 x 114.1	27.3	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4251A040	
25.0	3 x 137.1	32.8	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4252A040	
28.0	3 x 153.5	36.7	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4282A040	
30.0	3 x 164.5	39.4	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4302A040	

Voltage V <sub>R</sub>  V	Power (Q) 50 Hz  kvar	Capacitance  μF	Rated current 50 Hz I <sub>R</sub> A	Dimensions d x h  mm	With or without Cap	Ordering code
480	5.0	3 x 23.0	6.0	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B4052A080
	5.5	3 x 25.3	6.6	63.5 x 188	With Cap	B32343L4052A580
	8.3	3 x 38.2	10.0	78.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4082A380
	10.4	3 x 47.9	12.5	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4121A580
	11.1	3 x 51.1	13.4	78.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4112A180
	12.5	3 x 57.6	15.0	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4151A080
	13.8	3 x 63.6	16.6	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B4132A880
	15.0	3 x 69.1	18.0	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4152A080
	16.6	3 x 76.5	20.0	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4162A680
	20.8	3 x 95.8	25.0	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4251A080
	22.1	3 x 101.8	26.6	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4222A180
	25.0	3 x 115.2	30.1	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4252A080
	27.7	3 x 127.6	33.3	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4272A780
30.0	3 x 138.2	36.1	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B4302A080	
525	5	3 x 19.3	5.5	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B5052A020
	6.3	3 x 24.3	6.9	78.4 x 195	With Cap	B32344B5071A520
	6.6	3 x 25.4	7.3	63.5 x 260	With Cap	B32343L5062A620
	8.3	3 x 32.0	9.1	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B5082A320
	9.9	3 x 38.1	10.9	78.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B5092A920
	10.4	3 x 40.1	11.4	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B5102A420
	12.5	3 x 48.1	13.7	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B5151A020
	13.2	3 x 50.8	14.5	88.4 x 270	With Cap	B32344B5132A220
	16.6	3 x 63.9	18.3	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B5162A620
	16.7	3 x 64.3	18.4	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B5162A720
	19.9	3 x 76.6	21.9	88.4 x 348	With Cap	B32344B5192A920
	20.8	3 x 80.1	22.9	93.5 x 348	With Cap	B32344B5202A820
	26.5	3 x 102.1	29.1	121.5 x 325	Without Cap	B32344B5262A520
33.1	3 x 127.5	36.4	121.5 x 325	Without Cap	B32344B5332A120	

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### Cautions and warnings

- In case of dents of more than 1 mm depth or any other mechanical damage, capacitors must not be used at all.
- This applies also in cases of oil leakages.
- To ensure the full functionality of the overpressure disconnecter, elastic elements must not be hindered and a minimum space of 12 mm has to be kept above each capacitor.
- Do not handle the capacitor before it is discharged.
- Resonance cases must be avoided by appropriate application design in any case.
- Handle capacitors carefully, because they may still be charged even after disconnection due to faulty discharging devices.
- Protect the capacitor properly against over current and short circuit.
- Failure to follow cautions may result, worst case, in premature failures, bursting and fire.

### Discharging

Capacitors must be discharged to a maximum of 10% of rated voltage before they are switched in again. This prevents an electric impulse discharge in the application, influences the capacitor's service life and protects against electric shock. The capacitor must be discharged to 75 V or less within 3 minutes. There must be not any switch, fuse or any other disconnecting device in the circuit between the power capacitor and the discharging device. PhiCap-capacitors have a pre-mounted ceramic discharge module; alternatively discharge reactors are available from EPCOS. Discharge and short circuit capacitor before handling!

### Service life expectancy

Electrical components do not have an unlimited service life expectancy; this applies to self-healing capacitors too. The maximum service life expectancy may vary depending on the application the capacitor is used in.

### Safety

Electrical or mechanical misapplication of capacitors may be hazardous. Personal injury or property damage may result from bursting of the capacitor or from expulsion of oil or melted material due to mechanical disruption of the capacitor.

- Ensure good, effective grounding for capacitor enclosures.
- Provide means of disconnecting and insulating a faulty component/bank.
- The terminals of capacitors, connected bus bars and cables as well as other devices may also be energized.
- Follow good engineering practice.

### Thermal load/over-temperature

After installation of the capacitor it is necessary to verify that maximum hot-spot temperature is not exceeded at extreme service conditions.

### Overpressure disconnecter

To ensure full functionality of an overpressure disconnecter, the following must be observed:

1. The elastic elements must not be hindered, i.e.
  - Connecting lines must be flexible leads (cables).
  - There must be sufficient space (min. 12 mm) for expansion above the connections. This will enable a longitudinal extension of the can to secure the overpressure disconnecter work.
  - Folding beads must not be retained by clamps.
2. The maximum allowed fault current of 10000 A in accordance with UL 810 standard must be assured by the application.
3. Stress parameters of the capacitor must be within the IS 13340 specification.

### Overcurrent and short circuit protection

- Use HRC fuses or MCCBs for short circuit protection. Short circuit protection and connecting cables should be selected so that 1.5 times the rated capacitor current can be permanently handled.
- HRC fuses do not protect a capacitor against overload – they are only for short circuit protection.
- The HRC fuse rating should be 1.6 to 1.8 times rated capacitor current.
- Do not use HRC fuses to switch capacitors (risk of arcing).
- Use thermal magnetic over current relays for overload protection.

### Resonance cases

Resonance cases must be avoided by appropriate application design in any case. Maximum total RMS capacitor current (incl. fundamental harmonic current) specified in technical data must not be exceeded.

### Re-switching vs. phase-opposition

In case of voltage interruption, a sufficient discharge time has to be ensured to avoid phase-opposition and resulting high inrush currents.

### Vibration resistance

The resistance to vibration of capacitors corresponds to IEC 68, part 2–6.

Max. test conditions:

Test duration	6 h*
Frequency range 1	10 ... 55 Hz*
Displacement amplitude	0.75 mm*

\*corresponding to max. 98.1 m/s or 10 g

These figures apply to the capacitor alone. Because the fixing and the terminals may influence the vibration properties, it is necessary to check stability when a capacitor is built in and exposed to vibration. Irrespective of this, you are advised not to locate capacitors where vibration amplitude reaches the maximum in strongly vibrating equipment.

#### Mechanical protection

The capacitor has to be installed in a way that mechanical damages and dents in the aluminum can be avoided.

#### Grounding

The threaded bottom stud of the capacitor has to be used for grounding. In case grounding is done via metal chassis that the capacitor is mounted to, the layer of varnish beneath the washer and nut should be removed. The maximum tightening torque is 4 Nm for M8 stud and 10 Nm for M12 stud.

#### Maintenance

- Check tightness of the connections/terminals periodically.
- Take current reading twice a year and compare with nominal current. Use a harmonic analyser or true effective RMS-meter.
- In case of current above the nominal current check your application for modifications.
- If a significant increase in the amount of non-linear loads has been detected, then a consultant has to be called in for a harmonic study.
- In case of the presence of harmonics installation of a de-tuned capacitor bank (reactors) must be considered.
- Check the temperature of capacitors directly after operation for a longer period, but make sure that the capacitors have been switched off. In case of excessive temperature of individual capacitors, it is recommended to replace these capacitors, as this should be an indication for loss factor increase, which is a sign for reaching end of life.

#### Storage and operating conditions

Do not use or store capacitors in corrosive atmosphere, especially where chloride gas, sulfide gas, acid, alkali, salt or the like are present. In dusty environments regular maintenance and cleaning especially of the terminals is required to avoid conductive path between phases and/or phases and ground.

#### Note

For detailed information about PFC capacitors and cautions, refer to the latest version of EPCOS PFC Product Profile.

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