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The Vanguard DIGITMR S2 PC is an inexpensive, easy to use digital circuit breaker analyzer that is designed to be used with a PC. This inexpensive analyzer offers the most cost-effective method for testing circuit breakers. It 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 DIGITMR S2 PC offers three dry-contact channels (for timing circuit breaker main and insertion resistor contacts), one digital transducer channel (to monitor CB contact motion), and two voltage monitoring channels.

### “On-line” Timing Mode Option

An optional “on-line” timing mode is available for the DIGITMR S2 PC. In this mode, the DIGITMR S2 PC captures the breaker's trip or close time, the trip/close coil current “fingerprint,” and the battery supply voltage while the breaker is still in service. The trip/close time is derived from the time of trip, or close coil initiation, to the breaker's bushing current breaker-make as detected by an AC clamp-on current sensing probe.

The “on-line” timing mode can detect a breaker's operating conditions with little or no down time. In this mode, the first trip operation time of the breaker is captured. If a breaker has been in service for a long period of time and sitting in close position, the first trip time of the breaker may be slow possibly due to a sticky mechanism. The “on-line” mode is very useful in such cases because traditional breaker timing may not detect this condition since several operations may have occurred before the first timing test is conducted.

### CB Analysis Software

The DIGITMR S2 PC comes with the Windows®-based Vanguard Circuit Breaker Analyzer Series 2 (VCBA S2) software. This software is used to perform circuit breaker timing tests from the PC and to create test plans for specific circuit breakers.

A test plan comprises of all circuit breaker performance specifications (Stroke, Velocity, and Contact Time). When a test plan is used to perform a test, the DIGITMR S2 PC compares the test results with the circuit breaker's performance defined in the test plan to generate a “Pass/Fail” report.

### Open/Close Coil Current Monitoring

A built-in Hall-Effect current sensor records the circuit breaker's operating coil current amplitude and duration. The circuit breakers' operating-coil waveforms (effectively, a performance “fingerprint” or “current profile”) can be used as a diagnostic tool for analyzing a circuit breaker's performance.

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#### outstanding features

- inexpensive
- PC-controlled
- optional “on-line” timing mode
- small and light-weight

## ordering information

Part number **DIGITMR S2 PC**

DIGITMR S2 PC, cables, and PC software

Part number **DIGITMR S2 PC-CASE**

DIGITMR S2 PC shipping case

Part number **DIGITMR S2 PC-ONLINE TIMING**

DIGITMR S2 PC on-line timing mode option

Part number **Paper-TP4**

thermal printer paper

# DIGITMR S2 PC Controls & Indicators



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## 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. Three contact timing channels are available on the DIGITMR S2 PC.

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## Breaker Stroke and Velocity

One digital transducer input channel is available to measure circuit breaker contact stroke, velocity, over-travel, and bounce-back. With the use of a Vanguard digital travel transducer, no set-up calibration is required before testing. A special feature is also available to "Slow-Close" test a circuit breaker and obtain test results. An optional Resistor Transducer Adapter Device can be used to interface with any resistor transducer.

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## Voltage Monitoring Input

One analog input channel, designated as (V1), is dedicated to monitoring the substation DC supply or coil voltage (0-255 Volts, DC or peak AC). A second voltage input channel, designated as V2, is dedicated to detecting voltage On/Off status (presence or absence). This input can be used to monitor the status of an A/B switch.

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## Circuit Breaker Initiate Feature

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

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## Computer Interface

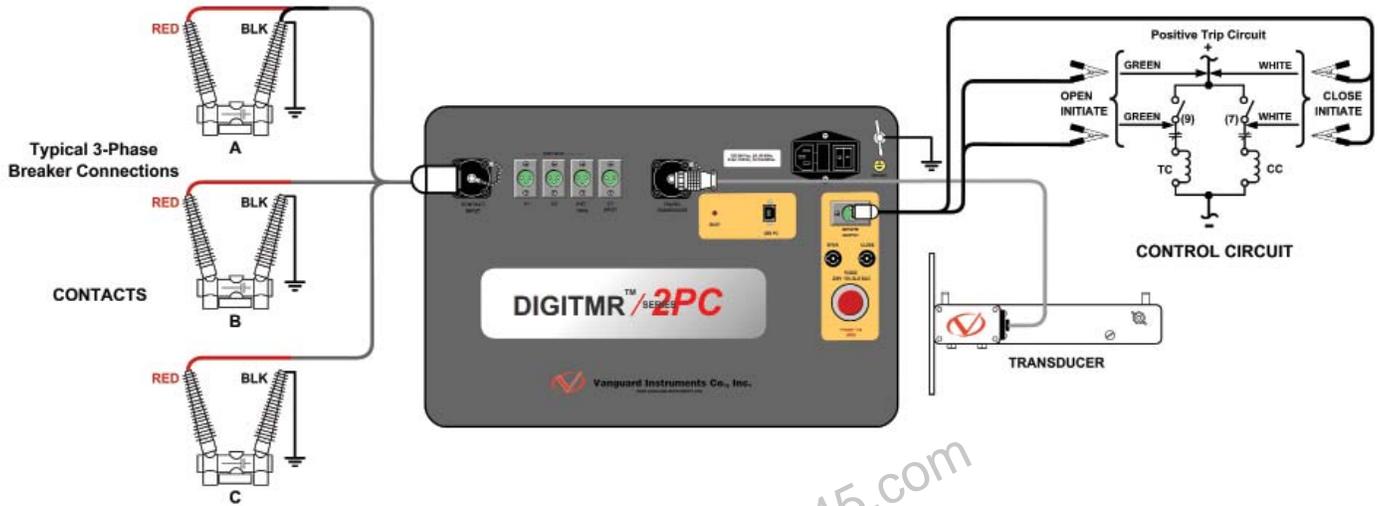
One USB interface port and an optional Bluetooth interface is available for computer-control. Vanguard's Windows®-based Circuit Breaker Analyzer Series 2 (VCBA S2) software is included with each DIGITMR S2 PC. The software can be used to control the unit, review test records, and create circuit breaker test plans. Test records can be exported to PDF, Excel, and XML format. All future software updates can be downloaded from the Vanguard web site at no additional charge.

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## CT Input

One non-contact AC current sensor is used to monitor circuit breaker on-line current for the "on-line" timing mode.

# DIGITMR S2 PC connections



# DIGITMR S2 PC desktop printer output

Desktop printout of tabulated test results

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Filename: Close-Open.dat      DateTime: 01/10/12 15:31:43  
 Company: ITC Midwest      Manufacturer: General Electric  
 Station: Okanawa Generation      SN: 0139A7230-303  
 Circuit: BRK 370      Operator: John Van Wanzhausen  
 Model: GE PK 160 31500 S      Test: CLOSE-OPEN

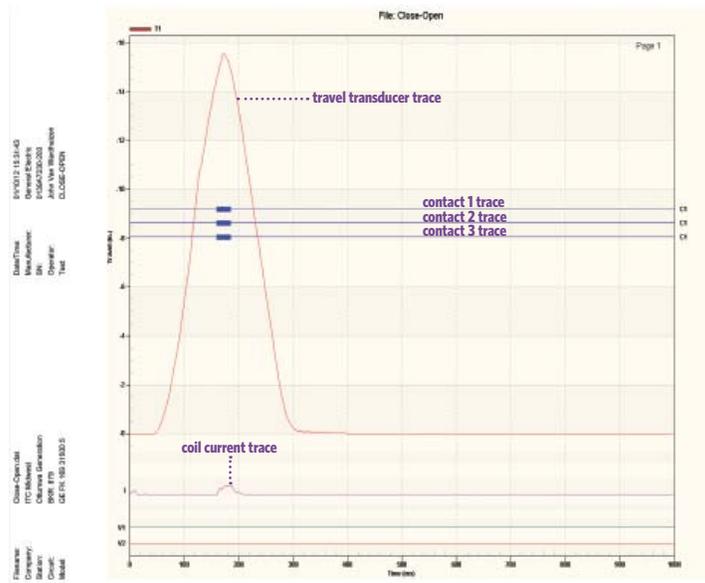
CONTACT (CLOSE)			CONTACT (OPEN)				
CHA P/F Time(ms)	Cycle	Bounce(ms)	CHA P/F Time(ms)	Cycle	Bounce(ms)		
1	158.750	9.02	2.70	1	185.150	11.11	1.05
2	161.850	9.72	2.20	2	185.500	11.13	0.25
3	163.000	9.78	2.45	3	186.400	11.19	0.10
4	0.000	0.00	0.00	4	0.000	0.00	0.00
5	0.000	0.00	0.00	5	0.000	0.00	0.00
6	0.000	0.00	0.00	6	0.000	0.00	0.00

Delta Time(ms): 4.300      Delta Time(ms): 1.300

Travel Analysis	T1	T2	T3
Peak To Peak (V)	15.595	0.000	0.000

Inhibitor Current: 11.644 A      V1 Noshot: 1V      V1 Min: 0V  
 Shot Length: 1 SEC  
 Inhibition Resistor: None  
 Delay: CONTACT#1  
 Trigger: Internal

Desktop printout of graphic test results



# Computer control and analysis with included VCBA S2 Software

The DIGITMR S2 PC comes with the Vanguard Circuit Breaker Analysis Series 2 (VCBA S2) PC software. The VCBA S2 software can be used to retrieve timing records from the DIGITMR S2 PC, analyze retrieved records, view test results in graphic format, generate timing reports, create breaker test plans, transfer breaker test plans to the DIGITMR S2 PC, and control the unit from the PC to perform timing tests. The software can also be used to print test results to a desktop printer.



## DIGITMR S2 PC specifications

<b>type</b>	portable digital circuit-breaker analyzer
<b>physical specifications</b>	18½"W x 14"H x 7"D (47.0 cm x 35.7cm x 17.6 cm); Weight: 16 lbs (7.3 kg)
<b>input power</b>	3 Amps, 100 – 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz
<b>dry-contact inputs</b>	3 dry-contact channels; each channel detects main contact and insertion resistor contact
<b>timing windows</b>	1 second, 10 seconds, or 20 seconds
<b>timing resolutions</b>	±50 micro-seconds @ 1 sec. duration, ±500 micro-seconds @ 10 sec. duration, ±1.0 milli-seconds @ 20 sec. duration
<b>timing accuracy</b>	0.05% of reading ±0.1 milli-seconds @ 1 second duration
<b>dry-contact detection range</b>	closed: less than 20 ohms; open: greater than 5,000 ohms
<b>resistor detection range</b>	50 – 5,000 ohms
<b>trigger input voltage</b>	open/close: 30 – 300 V, DC or peak AC
<b>voltage sensing input range</b>	V1: analog input; 0 – 255 V DC or peak AC; sensitivity ±1 V V2: voltage presence/absence detector input; 30 – 300 V DC or peak AC
<b>breaker operations</b>	Initiate Open, Close, Open-Close, Close-Open, Open-Close-Open
<b>breaker initiate capacity</b>	30A, 250 Vac/dc max
<b>initiate current reading range</b>	one, non-contact, Hall-effect sensor, 0 – 20 amp range, dc to 5 KHz
<b>digital travel transducer input</b>	1 digital travel transducer channel; linear range: 0.0 – 60.0 in (±0.005 in) rotary range: 0 – 360 degrees (±0.006 degrees)
<b>contact travel point difference</b>	measures "slow-close" contact-point distances; results can be printed
<b>CT current sensor</b>	one, non-contact, 0–100A
<b>internal test record storage</b>	stores up to 200 test records and 100 test plans
<b>computer interfaces</b>	one USB port, optional Bluetooth interface
<b>pc software</b>	Windows®-based Circuit Breaker Analysis Series 2 (VCBA S2) software included with purchase price. Software updates available at no additional charge
<b>safety</b>	designed to meet UL/IEC 61010 and CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1-92 standards
<b>environment</b>	Operating: -10°C to +50°C (+15°F to +122°F); Storage: -30°C to +70°C (-22°F to +158°F)
<b>humidity</b>	90% RH @ 40°C (104°F) non-condensing
<b>altitude</b>	2,000 m (6,562 ft) to full safety specifications
<b>cables</b>	furnished with full set of test leads (including 20-foot contact leads and 30-foot contact lead extensions)
<b>options</b>	transportation case (available for the DIGITMR S2 and travel transducers)
<b>warranty</b>	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.

# VCBA S2

## Vanguard circuit breaker analyzer software

The Vanguard Circuit Breaker Analyzer Series 2 (VCBA S2) Windows®-based software is included with all compatible Vanguard Circuit Breaker Analyzers (CT-6500 S2, CT-7000 S2, CT-7500 S2, CT-8000, DigiTMR S2, DigiTMR S2 PC) at no additional cost. This robust application can be used to control the circuit breaker analyzer from a PC to perform CB timing tests. It can also be used to retrieve test records from the circuit breaker analyzer, analyze timing records, and view test results in tabulated and graphical format. Circuit breaker test plans can also be created and transferred to the circuit breaker analyzer.

### Retrieving and Analyzing Test Records

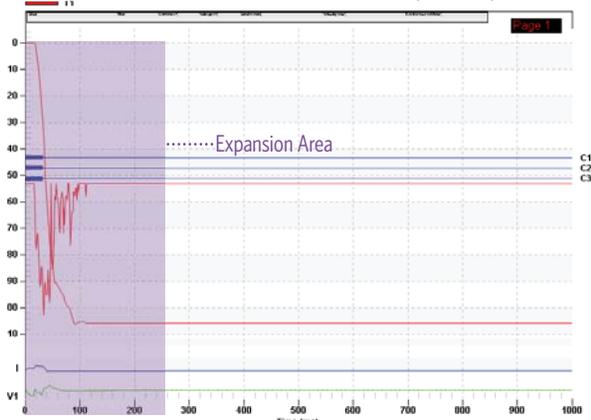
The VCBA S2 software can be used to quickly retrieve test records from a compatible Vanguard circuit breaker analyzer. Test results can be viewed in tabular and graphical format and can be saved on the PC hard drive. Test record header information, such as the company name, station, circuit, operator name, manufacturer, model, and serial number can also be edited.



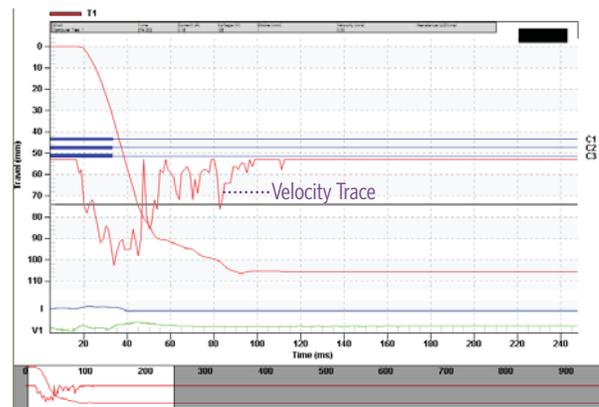
Sample Test Results (OPEN Test)

### Getting a Closer View with Graph Expansions

The VCBA S2 software can be used to expand a portion of the graphical test results for more accurate analysis.



Graphical Test Results



Graphical Test Results Expansion (from 0 to 200ms)

## Timing a Circuit Breaker with the VCBA S2 Software

The VCBA-S2 software can be used to control a CB analyzer and run circuit breaker timing tests. The following tests are supported: OPEN, CLOSE, OPEN-CLOSE, CLOSE-OPEN, OPEN-CLOSE-OPEN, and STATIC RESISTANCE. Also, a test plan for a specific breaker can be used with the test. If a test plan is used, the Pass/Fail indicator will be displayed based on the settings in the test plan.

The screenshot shows the 'Time Breaker' software window. It is divided into several sections:

- File Information:** Test Plan: c:\Vanguard\VCBA-S2\TestPlan\default.set; Save To: C:\Vanguard\VCBA-S2\Shots for Catalog; Filename: Shot. There are checkboxes for 'Add Date' and 'Add '001' to ensure uniqueness'.
- Shot Type:** Radio buttons for 'Open', 'Close', 'Open - Close', 'Close - Open', 'Open - Close - Open', and 'Static Resistance'. A dropdown menu for 'Close - Open' is set to 'Contact #1 Closed'. There are input fields for 'Delay between Open-Close' and 'Delay between Close-Open', both set to 10.
- Timing Window:** Radio buttons for '1 Second', '10 Second', and '20 Second'.
- Trigger Type:** Radio buttons for 'Internal' and 'External'.
- Insertion Resistor:** Radio buttons for 'None', '< 1000 ohms', '1000 - 2000 ohms', and '> 2000 ohms'. There is a checkbox for 'Dynamic Resistance'.

Buttons at the bottom include 'Resend Shot', 'OK', and 'Cancel'.

Breaker Testing Parameters

## Creating Test Plans for Faster Testing

A circuit breaker test plan is comprised of all circuit-breaker performance specifications (stroke, velocity, and contact time). A test plan can be used to test a circuit breaker. When used with a test record, a Pass/Fail report is generated by comparing the actual performance of the breaker with the specifications in the stored test plan. Test plans can be easily created with the VCBA-S2 software and can be stored on the hard drive or transferred to a CB analyzer.

The screenshot shows the 'Shot Information' and 'Contact Analysis' sections of the software. It includes:

- Shot Information:** Fields for Company, Station, Circuit, Manufacturer, Model, Serial Number, Operator, Comment #1, and Comment #2.
- Contact Analysis:** A table of timing parameters in milliseconds (ms):

	Open (ms)	Close (ms)	C-O (LIVE) (ms)	Q-C (DEAD) (ms)
Contact Low:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contact High:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contact Delta:	0.0	0.0		
Resistor On Low:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Resistor On High:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Resistor On Delta:	0.0	0.0		

- Travel Analysis:** Fields for 'Open' and 'Close' stroke, velocity, and overtravel. It also includes 'Open Analysis Point' and 'Close Analysis Point' with dropdown menus for 'Point #1' and 'Point #2' (set to 25% and 50% respectively) and a 'Measure Unit' dropdown (set to English).

Creating a Test Plan



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Vanguard Instruments Company, (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 circuitbreaker analyzer, which was a resounding success. It became the forerunner of an entire series of circuitbreaker 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, transformer winding-resistance meters, mega-ohm 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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