

# Photovoltaic Simulators

## PVS and PVS/HV series

### PVS 1000/LV

The High Speed Simulators

The relating standards:

IEC/EN 50530  
 IEC/EN 62116  
 IEEE 1547  
 IEC/EN 61683  
 IEC/EN 61727  
 Sandia Report  
 CGC/GF004:2011  
 CEI 0-21  
 VDE-AR-N 4105  
 VDE 0126-2

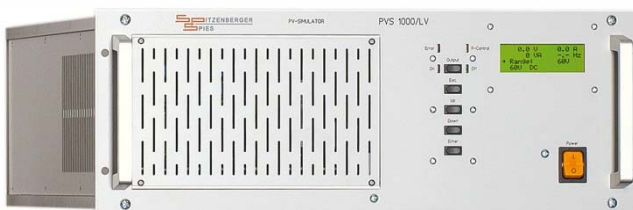


Fig. 1: PVS 1000/LV

- ✓ Free programmable I/V characteristics
- ✓ Different solar cell types / partly shadowed cells are possible to simulate.
- ✓ Fast response time to load changes: typical less than 100µs
- ✓ 100Hz ripple on current and voltage of single phase inverters is reproduced realistically
- ✓ The I/V curve is simulated very accurately
- ✓ Ability to simulate dynamic irradiance and temperature
- ✓ Simulation of the behavior of a PV-generator during a typical cloudy or clear day
- ✓ Evaluation of static and dynamic MPP-tracking efficiency
- ✓ Complies with the requirements according to IEC/EN 50530 and many other specifications
- ✓ Operating modes IV (solar characteristic) and CV (Constant voltage with current limitation)
- ✓ Available in standard (up to 1000V<sub>DC</sub>), high voltage (up to 1500V<sub>DC</sub>) and low-voltage version (up to 150V<sub>DC</sub> for micro inverter testing)



Fig. 2: PVS 25000

# THE PV-SIMULATOR – FIELD OF APPLICATION

The PV-Simulator reproduces in real time the behaviour of many different solar panels. The parameters influencing this behaviour in reality are the changing weather conditions, the variation of the irradiation during the day and local conditions like shadowing and pollution. To simulate this condition the PVS has a capability for fast control adjustments.

## Fast response time

Due to the fast DSP based regulation system, the response time to load changes is very fast. This fast response time is an absolutely necessary requirement for the IEC/EN 50530 and the specified MPP tracking algorithm. See Spitzenberger & Spies Application: <http://www.spitzenberger.de/weblink/1005>

The diagrams in Fig. 3-6 show the measured rise- and fall-times at different load conditions.

### Load changes around MPP:

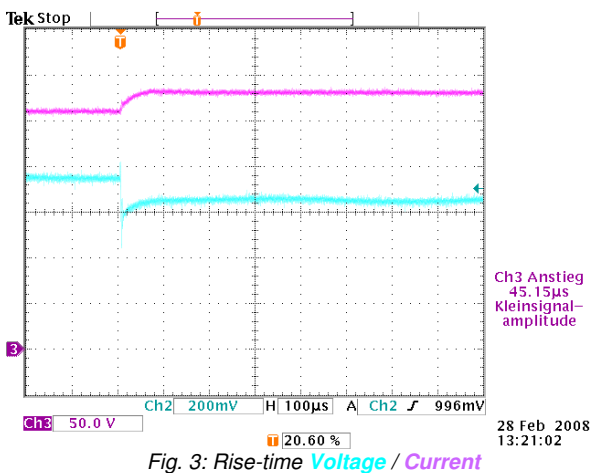


Fig. 3: Rise-time Voltage / Current

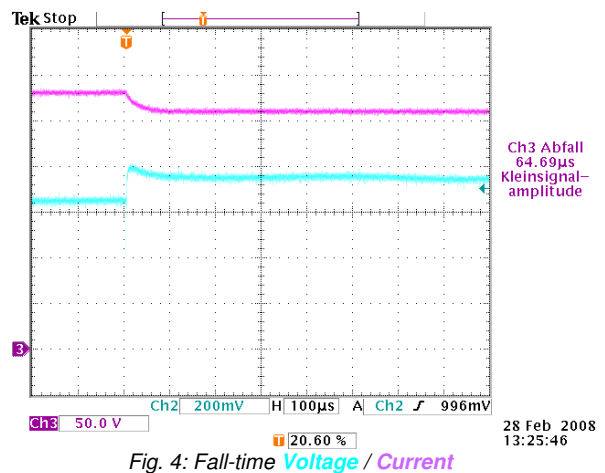


Fig. 4: Fall-time Voltage / Current

### Load between open circuit and MPP:

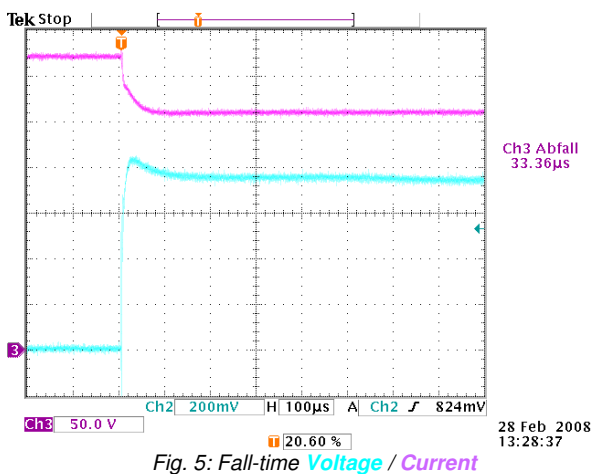


Fig. 5: Fall-time Voltage / Current

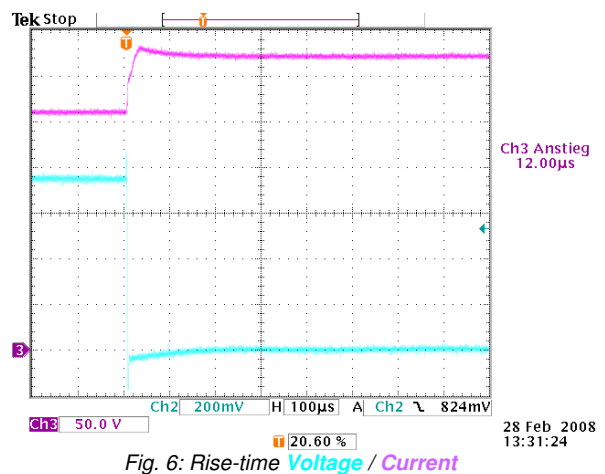


Fig. 6: Rise-time Voltage / Current

## 100HZ RIPPLE / FREE PROGRAMMABLE CURVES

### 100Hz Ripple

One of the requirements of the photovoltaic simulator according to the IEC/EN 50530 is the ripple capability:

“This requires a sufficient dynamic of the PV simulator in order to follow the dynamic voltage changes that occur in the measurement (e.g. the typical ripple of single phase inverters with twice the grid frequency)”

With real photovoltaic generators this typical 100Hz ripple on current and voltage when operating with a single phase inverter can be measured. Some inverters use this for a fast MPP tracking.

When operating with the PV-Simulator this ripple-behaviour is exactly as it is in reality, because of the very fast response time capability.

### Free programmable curves

I/V-curves are adjustable via software over a wide range to simulate various conditions for dynamic irradiances and temperature changes.

This includes “in the field” measured I/V curves, stored and imported into the Spitzenberger & Spies control software.

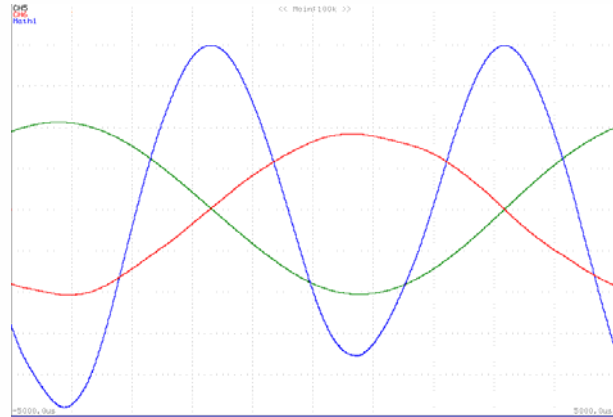


Fig. 7: 100Hz ripple of voltage and current - voltage, current, power

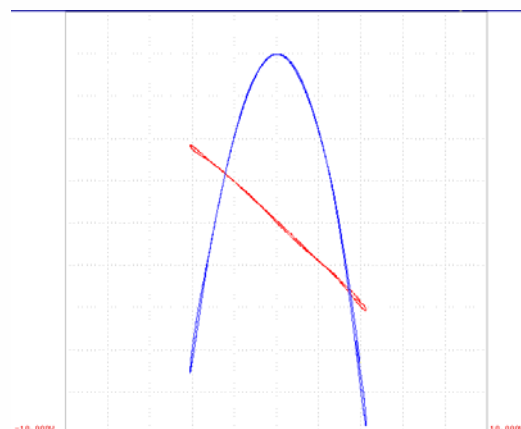


Fig. 8: XY-view: no hysteresis observably - current, power

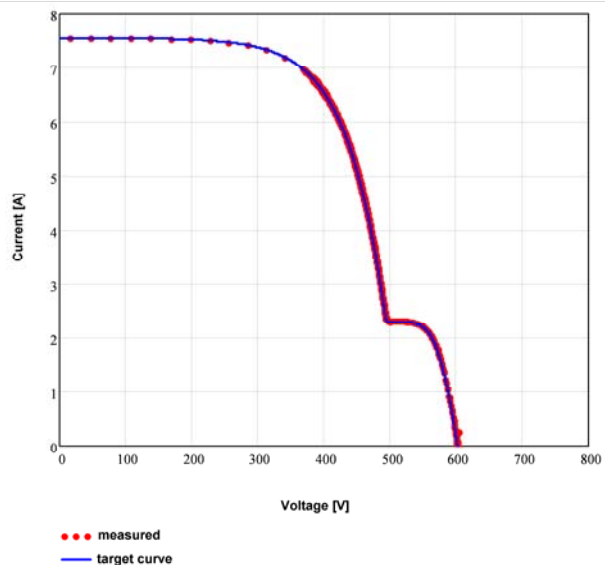


Fig. 9: free programmable I/V curves

## SIMULATION OF DYNAMIC IRRADIATION

### Irradiation

The value of the solar radiation density – the irradiation – is varying during the day.

Slow variations occur because of the changing position of the sun.

Fast variations can occur at cloudy days, if the sun is shadowed within seconds and cleared several minutes later and again shadowed.

Various curves – corresponding to different irradiance values - can be defined with specified time course.

The transition between two curves will be interpolated; the transition time is freely programmable.

The specified curves are reproduced exactly during a complete measurement session.

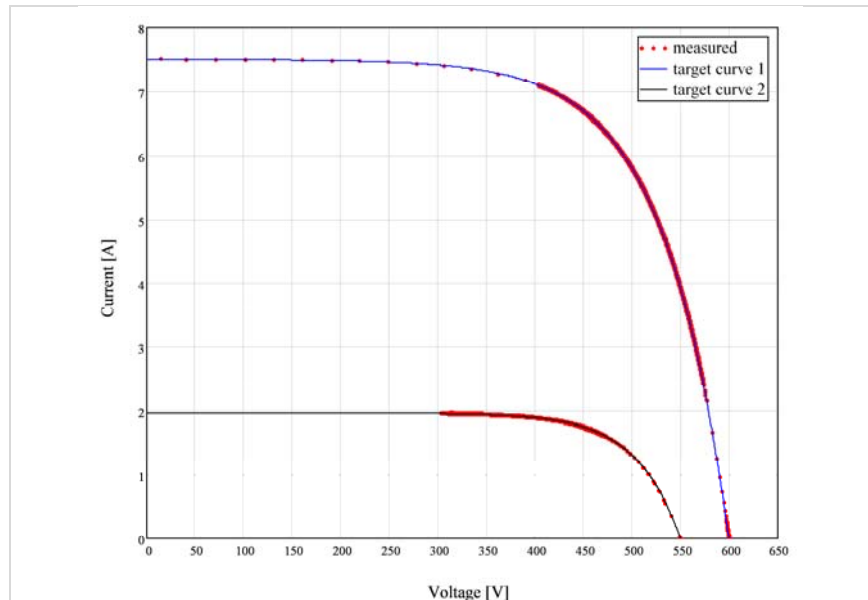


Fig. 10: various I/V curves

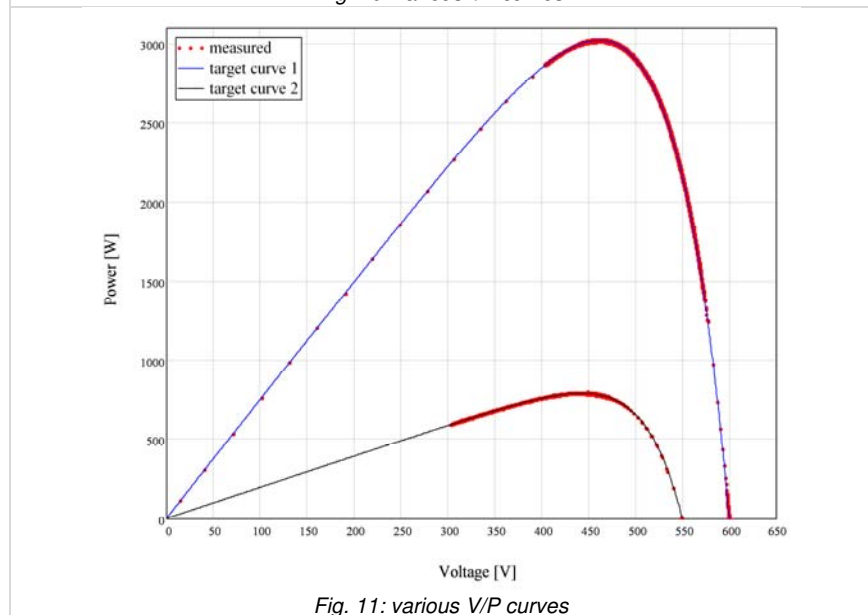


Fig. 11: various V/P curves

## VOLTAGE RANGES – CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

Due to different types of solar generators the PVS series has six voltage ranges:

Standard series	High voltage series
400V	400V
500V	500V
600V	750V
800V	1000V
900V	1250V
1000V	1500V

The diagrams show the maximum possible current capability in the according voltage ranges, depending on the adjusted output voltage. This correlates also to the maximum available power capability of the PVS depending on the adjusted output voltage.

The current capability of the PVS is specified as:

- Continuous current capability
- Short time current capability (up to 2 minutes)
- Peak current capability (up to 50ms)

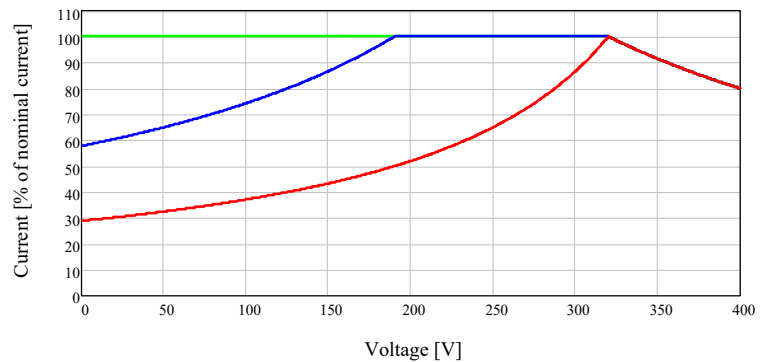


Fig. 12: current performance of the PVS in the 400V range

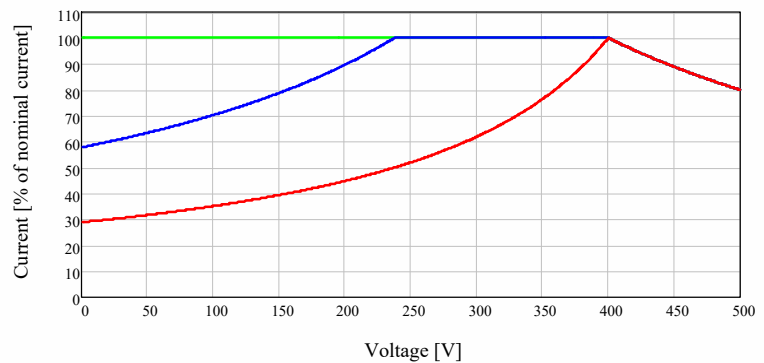


Fig. 13: current performance of the PVS in the 500V range

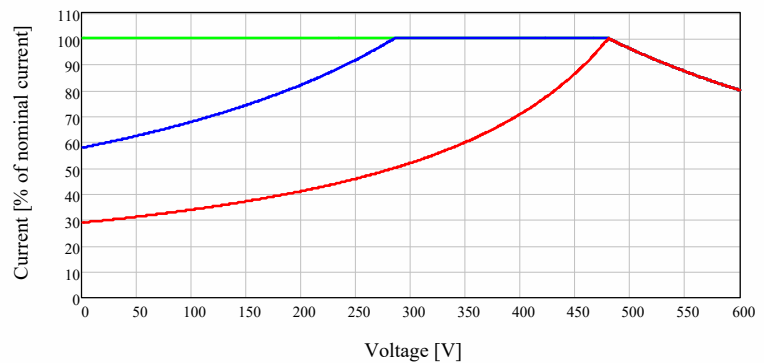


Fig. 14: current performance of the PVS in the 600V range

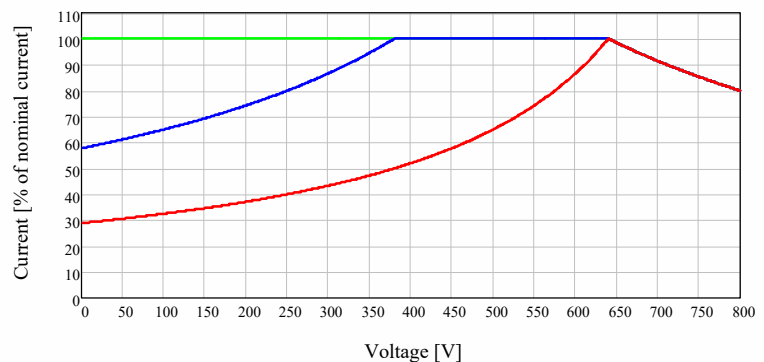


Fig. 15: current performance of the PVS in the 800V range



Fig. 17: PVS / Basic EMC System

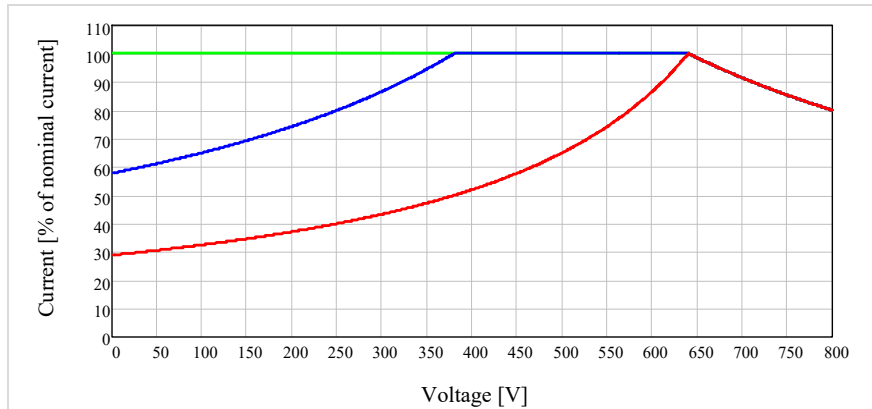


Fig. 16: current performance of the PVS in the 900V range

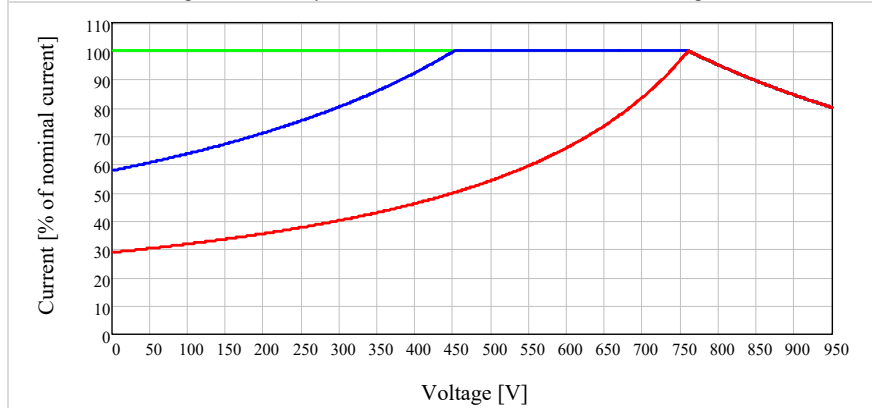
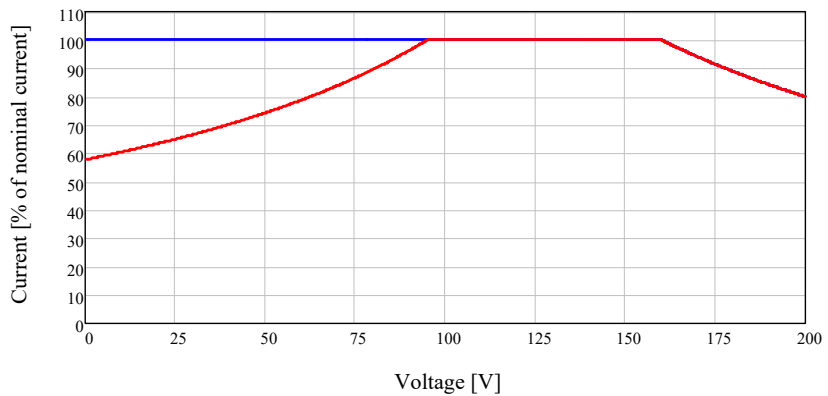


Fig. 18: current performance of the PVS in the 1000V range

## OPTIONAL VOLTAGE RANGES – CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

	PVS 1000	PVS 3000	PVS 7000	PVS 10000	PVS 15000	PVS 25000
- Option 11-200/DC at 160V <sub>DC</sub>	3.2A <sub>DC</sub>	9.4A <sub>DC</sub>	22A <sub>DC</sub>	31A <sub>DC</sub>	50A <sub>DC</sub>	80A <sub>DC</sub>
	PVS 32500	PVS 42500	PVS 50000	PVS65000	PVS 85000	PVS100000
- Option 11-200/DC at 160V <sub>DC</sub>	100A <sub>DC</sub>	135A <sub>DC</sub>	157A <sub>DC</sub>	200A <sub>DC</sub>	270A <sub>DC</sub>	314A <sub>DC</sub>

Fig. 19:  
Optional voltage range 200V  
Current performance



**TECHNICAL DATA – GENERAL**

		<b>PVS Series</b>	
<b>Nominal voltage PVS standard series</b>	<i>DC:</i>	+400V <sub>DC</sub> / +500V <sub>DC</sub> / +600V <sub>DC</sub> / +800V <sub>DC</sub> / +900V <sub>DC</sub> / +1000V <sub>DC</sub>	
<b>Nominal voltage PVS high voltage series</b>	<i>DC:</i>	+400V <sub>DC</sub> / +500V <sub>DC</sub> / +750V <sub>DC</sub> / +1000V <sub>DC</sub> / +1250V <sub>DC</sub> / +1500V <sub>DC</sub>	
<b>Voltage accuracy:</b>		± 0.05% (of value) ± 0.05% (of range)	
<b>Current accuracy:</b>		± 0.1% (of value) ± 0.1% (of range)	
<b>Slew rate:</b>		< 250µs / typical < 100µs	
<b>Protection circuits:</b>		Overload / Short Circuit / Over temperature	
<b>Interface:</b>		Ethernet	
<b>Digital instrument Measuring ranges</b>	<i>Voltage range:</i>	Autoranging	
	<i>Current range:</i>	depending on the model, related to the relevant output current	
	<i>Accuracy Voltage:</i>	± 0.05% (of value) ± 0.05% (of range)	
	<i>Accuracy Current:</i>	± 0.1% (of value) ± 0.1% (of range)	
<b>Memory capacity for I/V curves:</b>		up to 10000 curves	
<b>Ambient temperature:</b>		0°C up to 40°C	

<b>Options</b>		
01:	IEEE 488 Interface	
10:	Internal resistance compensation	available
11	Special voltage	
11-200/DC	Additional DC voltage range	0 ... 200V <sub>DC</sub>
18	Special line voltages	In the range from 110V ... 300V
	Precision Power Analyser for efficiency measurement	

**Remarks:**

- 1) at nominal voltage
- 2) max. voltage between earth and ground of the amplifier output -950V<sub>DC</sub>, +400V<sub>DC</sub>
- 3) to increase the output power of an amplifier, up to three similar amplifiers may be connected in parallel
- 4) with measurement adaptation to PAS
- 5) at 230V input voltage

## TECHNICAL DATA – PVS 1000 / 3000 / 7000

		<b>PVS 1000</b>	<b>PVS 3000</b>	<b>PVS 7000</b>
<b>Power DC</b> <sup>1) 5)</sup>	- continuous:	1000W	3000W	7000W
<b>Continuous current standard series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	3.2A <sub>DC</sub>	9.4A <sub>DC</sub>	22A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	2.5A <sub>DC</sub>	7.5A <sub>DC</sub>	17.5A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 480V_{DC}$ (600V range):	2.1A <sub>DC</sub>	6.3A <sub>DC</sub>	14A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 640V_{DC}$ (800V range):	1.6A <sub>DC</sub>	4.7A <sub>DC</sub>	11A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 720V_{DC}$ (900V range):	1.4A <sub>DC</sub>	4.2A <sub>DC</sub>	9.8A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Continuous current HV series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	1.25A <sub>DC</sub>	3.8A <sub>DC</sub>	8.8A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	3.2A <sub>DC</sub>	9.4A <sub>DC</sub>	22A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	2.5A <sub>DC</sub>	7.5A <sub>DC</sub>	17.5A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 600V_{DC}$ (750V range):	1.7A <sub>DC</sub>	5.0A <sub>DC</sub>	11.7A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	1.25A <sub>DC</sub>	3.8A <sub>DC</sub>	8.8A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Continuous current HV series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 1000V_{DC}$ (1250V range):	1.0A <sub>DC</sub>	3.4A <sub>DC</sub>	7.0A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 1200V_{DC}$ (1500V range):	0.85A <sub>DC</sub>	2.5A <sub>DC</sub>	5.9A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Power Supply</b> ( $\pm 10\%$ , 50Hz 60Hz)		230V, Schuko	230V/400V, CEE	
<b>Protection:</b>		16A	3 x 16A	3 x 20A
<b>Housing</b>		19", 7U	19", 10U	19", 12U
	approx. (mm):	311x483x700	444x483x700	533x483x700
<b>Weight</b>	approx. (kg):	50	115	145

## TECHNICAL DATA – PVS 10000 / 15000 / 25000

		<b>PVS 10000</b>	<b>PVS 15000</b>	<b>PVS 25000</b>
<b>Power DC</b> <sup>1) 5)</sup>	- continuous:	10000W	15000W	25000W
<b>Continuous current standard series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	31A <sub>DC</sub>	50A <sub>DC</sub>	80A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	25A <sub>DC</sub>	38A <sub>DC</sub>	63A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 480V_{DC}$ (600V range):	21A <sub>DC</sub>	32A <sub>DC</sub>	53A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 640V_{DC}$ (800V range):	14A <sub>DC</sub>	21A <sub>DC</sub>	35A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 720V_{DC}$ (900V range):	12.5A <sub>DC</sub>	19A <sub>DC</sub>	32A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Continuous current HV series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	12.5A <sub>DC</sub>	19A <sub>DC</sub>	32A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	31A <sub>DC</sub>	50A <sub>DC</sub>	80A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	25A <sub>DC</sub>	38A <sub>DC</sub>	63A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 600V_{DC}$ (750V range):	17A <sub>DC</sub>	25A <sub>DC</sub>	42A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	12.5A <sub>DC</sub>	19A <sub>DC</sub>	32A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Continuous current HV series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 1000V_{DC}$ (1250V range):	10A <sub>DC</sub>	15A <sub>DC</sub>	25A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 1200V_{DC}$ (1500V range):	8.5A <sub>DC</sub>	13A <sub>DC</sub>	21A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Power Supply</b> ( $\pm 10\%$ , 50Hz 60Hz)		230V/400V, CEE		
<b>Protection:</b>		3 x 40A	3 x 50A	3 x 63A
<b>Housing</b>		19", 20U	19" 29U	19", 35U
	approx. (mm):	888x483x700	1288x483x700	1555x483x700
<b>Weight</b>	approx. (kg):	280kg	320kg	370kg



### TECHNICAL DATA – PVS 32500 / 42500 / 50000

		<b>PVS 32500</b>	<b>PVS 42500</b>	<b>PVS 50000</b>
<b>Power DC</b> <sup>1) 5)</sup>	- continuous:	32500W	42500W	50000W
<b>Continuous current standard series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	100A <sub>DC</sub>	135A <sub>DC</sub>	157A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	82A <sub>DC</sub>	108A <sub>DC</sub>	125A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 480V_{DC}$ (600V range):	68A <sub>DC</sub>	90A <sub>DC</sub>	105A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 640V_{DC}$ (800V range):	51A <sub>DC</sub>	67A <sub>DC</sub>	79A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 720V_{DC}$ (900V range):	46A <sub>DC</sub>	60A <sub>DC</sub>	70A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	41A <sub>DC</sub>	55A <sub>DC</sub>	63A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Continuous current HV series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	100A <sub>DC</sub>	135A <sub>DC</sub>	157A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	82A <sub>DC</sub>	108A <sub>DC</sub>	125A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 600V_{DC}$ (750V range):	55A <sub>DC</sub>	71A <sub>DC</sub>	84A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	41A <sub>DC</sub>	55A <sub>DC</sub>	63A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 1000V_{DC}$ (1250V range):	33A <sub>DC</sub>	43A <sub>DC</sub>	50A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 1200V_{DC}$ (1500V range):	28A <sub>DC</sub>	36A <sub>DC</sub>	42A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Power Supply</b> ( $\pm 10\%$ , 50Hz 60Hz)		230V/400V CEE		
<b>Protection:</b>		3 x 100A	3 x 125A	3 x 160A
<b>Housing</b>	<i>Amplifier:</i>	19", 33U	19", 39U	19", 46U
	<i>approx. dimensions (mm):</i>	1467x483x700	1733x483x700	2042x483x700
	<i>Power Supply</i>	19", 33U	19", 39U	19", 46U
	<i>approx. dimensions (mm):</i>	1467x483x700	1733x483x700	2042x483x700
<b>Weight</b>	<i>approx. (kg)</i>	on request	on request	on request

### TECHNICAL DATA – PVS 65000 / 85000 / 100000 - External parallel connection

		<b>PVS 65000</b>	<b>PVS 85000</b>	<b>PVS 100000</b>
		= 2 x PVS 32500	= 2 x PVS 42500	= 2 x PVS 50000
<b>Power DC</b> <sup>1) 5)</sup>	- continuous:	65000W	85000W	100000W
<b>Continuous current standard series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	200A <sub>DC</sub>	270A <sub>DC</sub>	314A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	164A <sub>DC</sub>	216A <sub>DC</sub>	250A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 480V_{DC}$ (600V range):	136A <sub>DC</sub>	180A <sub>DC</sub>	210A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 640V_{DC}$ (800V range):	102A <sub>DC</sub>	135A <sub>DC</sub>	158A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 720V_{DC}$ (900V range):	92A <sub>DC</sub>	120A <sub>DC</sub>	140A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	82A <sub>DC</sub>	110A <sub>DC</sub>	126A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Continuous current HV series</b>	$U_{OUT} = 320V_{DC}$ (400V range):	200A <sub>DC</sub>	270A <sub>DC</sub>	314A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 400V_{DC}$ (500V range):	164A <sub>DC</sub>	216A <sub>DC</sub>	250A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 600V_{DC}$ (750V range):	110A <sub>DC</sub>	142A <sub>DC</sub>	168A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 800V_{DC}$ (1000V range):	82A <sub>DC</sub>	110A <sub>DC</sub>	126A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 1000V_{DC}$ (1250V range):	66A <sub>DC</sub>	86A <sub>DC</sub>	100A <sub>DC</sub>
	$U_{OUT} = 1200V_{DC}$ (1500V range):	56A <sub>DC</sub>	72A <sub>DC</sub>	84A <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Power Supply</b> ( $\pm 10\%$ , 50Hz 60Hz)		230V/400V CEE		
<b>Protection:</b>		3 x 200A	3 x 250A	3 x 320A
<b>Housing</b>	<i>Amplifier:</i>	on request	on request	on request
	<i>approx. dimensions (mm):</i>			
	<i>Power Supply</i>			
	<i>approx. dimensions (mm):</i>			
<b>Weight</b>	<i>approx. (kg)</i>	on request	on request	on request

## TECHNICAL DATA – PVS 1000/LV

<b>Nominal voltage</b>	DC	+37.5V <sub>DC</sub> / +75V <sub>DC</sub> / +150V <sub>DC</sub>
<b>Measurement resolution (via Software)</b>		U: 0.01V / I: 0.01A / P: 0.1W
<b>Power DC</b> <sup>2) 9)</sup>	- continuous	1000W
<b>Continuous Current</b>	$U_{OUT} = 30V_{DC}$ (37.5V range) $24A_{DC}$ Fig. 20:	
	$U_{OUT} = 60V_{DC}$ (75V range) $16.7A_{DC}$ Fig. 21:	
	$U_{OUT} = 120V_{DC}$ (150V range) $6.7A_{DC}$ Fig. 22:	
<b>Digital instrument Measuring ranges</b>	Voltage range: 150V Current range: 40A	
	Accuracy Voltage:	± 0.05% (of value) ± 0.05% (of range)
	Accuracy Current:	± 0.1% (of value) ± 0.1% (of range)
<b>Power Supply</b> (±10%, 50Hz 60Hz)		230V Schuko
<b>Protection:</b>		16A
<b>Housing</b>	Amplifier incl. Power supply:	19", 4U
	approx. dimensions (mm):	178x483x700
<b>Weight</b>	Amplifier (approx.)	55kg

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