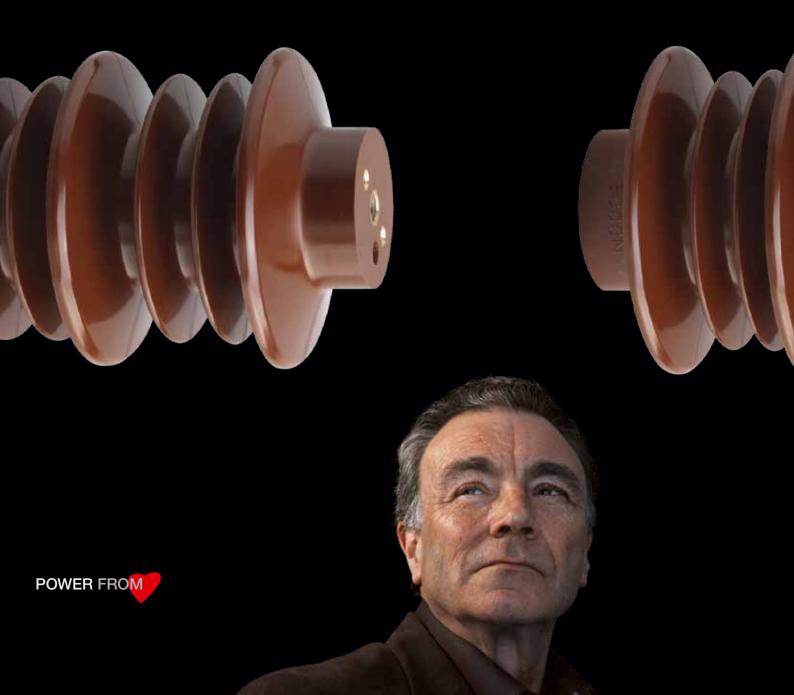




# Advanced Materials Araldite HCEP Systems

Hydrophobic epoxy for extreme outdoor conditions



## Benefits for the manufacturer

- > Extended hydrophobic properties
- > Low leakage currents
- > Superior thermal cycle resistance
- > Enhanced flame retardancy
- > Excellent tracking and erosion resistance
- > Extended insulator life time expectation
- > Construction and insulation material for monolithic insulators
- > Advanced design flexibility
- > Lower cost over lifetime of the insulator

## Exceeding worldwide requirements

Araldite® HCEP Systems are used in outdoor applications worldwide. Electrical equipment manufactured with this material has received key utility approvals, such as EDF, ESKOM and KEPCO. Araldite® HCEP Sys-

tems are proven in extreme situations and have passed one of the most agressive natural aging tests for outdoor applications: KIPTS (Koeberg Insulator Pollution Test Station) in South Africa.



Current transformer KOR 50 made with hydrophobic Araldite® CY 5622 – with courtesy of ABB USA

## Epoxy systems for tough climatic environments

Araldite® HCEP (Hydrophobic Cycloaliphatic Epoxy) Systems have been developed to meet and exceed the stringent requirements of medium to high voltage outdoor applications.

The durable outdoor insulation systems offer high performance and reliability in tough climatic environments combined with the strength of traditional epoxy systems.

## Extended hydrophobic properties

- > Intrinsic hydrophobicity
- > Hydrophobicity transfer
- > Hydrophobicity recovery
- > Long-term stability of hydrophobicity

### Hydrophobicity recovery effect



Hydrophilic surface



Hydrophobic surface

The hydrophobicity recovery effect is the ability of surfaces to recover their initial hydrophobic properties after losses resulting, for example, from electrical aging.

### Hydrophobicity transfer effect





Hydrophobic pollution

The hydrophobicity transfer effect is the ability of surfaces to turn hydrophilic pollution into hydrophobic layers.



#### ABB selects Araldite® HCEP Systems

### Insulation materials for new ABB outdoor vacuum reclosure OVR

ABB reclosures made of Araldite® HCEP Systems have passed one of the most stringent natural aging tests for outdoor applications: KIPTS in South Africa.

With dry summers, high winds, high exposure to UV radiation, seasonal rainfall and extremely heavy levels of marine and industrial pollution like salt, KIPTS is recognized worldwide as one of the harshest natural aging test sites.

The reclosers made from Araldite® HCEP Systems were tested over one year. Results are:

- > No signs of material erosion, tracking, cracks or punctures
- > No more than one instance of insulation leakage current exceeding 750 mA (only three instances allowed)
- > Heavy to very heavy pollution test passed
- > Testing for use in marine and industrial environments passed



Pole for 15 kV recloser – with courtesy of ABB Germany/USA



### Comparison of medium-voltage outdoor insulators

	HCEP Araldite® HCEP Systems	Silicone (composite insulator)	<b>EPDM</b> (composite insulator)	CEP Standard cyclo- aliphatic epoxy	Porcelain
Design versatility	••••	••••	•••••	••••	• • • • •
Weight	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Manufacture process (complexity, duration)	••••	••••	••••	••••	
In-house production	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Handling	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Intrinsic hydrophobicity	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Hydrophobicity recovery	••••	••••	••••	••••	
Hydrophobicity transfer	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Thermal shock resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	• • • • •
Vandalism resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Bird attack resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Number of interfaces	••••	••••	••••	••••	• • • • •
Flashover probability	••••	••••	••••	••••	• • • • •
Flashover resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Corona resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Pitting erosion	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Tracking and erosion resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Flame resistance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Maintenance	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Insulator cost	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••
Overall insulator life cost	••••	••••	••••	••••	••••



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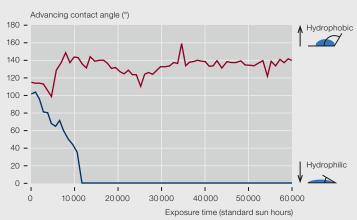
- > Suited for railway tunnel applications (NF standard 16-101/16-102)
- > Key utility approvals: EDF, ESKOM, KEPCO
- > Passed KIPTS test (Koeberg Insulator Pollution Test Station) in South Africa
- > Worldwide experience
- > Successfully tested by key institutes:
  - > FETI (Furukawa Electric Institute of Technology), Hungary
  - > FGH Engineering & Testing GmbH, Mannheim, Germany
  - > Technical University Braunschweig, Germany
  - > Utsonomiya University, Japan
- > Featured in key publications from Huntsman, ABB and third parties

#### **Accelerated** weathering

#### Fluorescent UV aging test

Standard cycloaliphatic epoxies loose hydrophobicity after 5000 hours whereas Araldite® HCEP Systems even increase hydrophobicity due to higher roughness (lotus leaf effect). 1 000 standard sun hours fluorescent UV correspond to 1 year in nature.



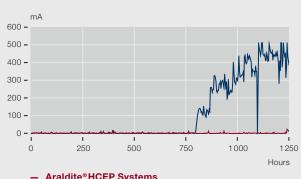


- Araldite® HCEP Systems
- Standard cycloaliphatic epoxy system

#### Lower leakage currents

#### 1000 hours salt fog test according to IEC 61109: very low leakage currents

During a 1000 hours salt fog test, the Araldite® HCEP Systems show lowest leakage currents in comparison to standard cycloaliphatic epoxy systems. They provide extended insulator lifetime due to lower discharging activity and lower risk for flashovers. (Tested at FETI, Hungary)



Araldite®HCEP Systems

Standard cycloaliphatic epoxy system

#### **Enhanced thermal** cycling resistance

Araldite® HCEP Systems help designers to create applications for lowest temperatures. The

Embedded Pole OP1 - Outdoor from ABB has passed a thermal cycle test down to -80 °C.

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