CT-3500 S2
digital circuit breaker analyzer

Product Overview
The CT-3500 S2 is Vanguard’s second generation, stand-alone, digital, microprocessor-controlled, circuit-breaker timer. It measures the elapsed time from the instant a breaker coil is energized to the instant of opening or closing of a circuit-breaker’s dry contacts. In addition to timing a breaker’s contact response time, the CT-3500 S2 can also time relays or other switching functions that use an initiating trigger voltage (30-300 Volts DC or AC). The timer-triggering voltage starts three independent electronic timers. Each timer is individually stopped by its respective dry-contact closing or opening. The CT-3500 can fully analyze the timing of all circuit breaker operations (Open, Close, Open − Close, and Close − Open). Timing results are displayed in milli-seconds and cycles on the unit’s back-lit LCD screen and can be printed on the built-in 2.5-inch wide thermal printer.

Contact Timing Inputs
The CT-3500 S2 features three dry-contact, timer-channel monitoring inputs. The dry-contact channel power supply is fuse-protected. All inputs are shunted to ground until the instant a test is initiated. All contact timing inputs are protected against static discharge. A contact self-test cable-mode is also available for testing cables or connections to the breaker.

User Interface
The CT-3500 S2 features a back-lit LCD screen (128 x 64 pixels) that is viewable in both bright sunlight and low-light levels. A rugged, 44-key, “QWERTY” membrane keypad is used to control the unit and input data. The unit’s built-in 2.5-inch wide thermal printer can be used to print test reports.

Internal Test Record Storage
The CT-3500 S2 can store up to 128 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 USB interface. The USB interface can also be used for diagnostic testing and for updating firmware. The CT-3500 S2 also features a USB Flash drive interface that can be used to store test records on an external USB Flash drive.

A Windows®-based Circuit Breaker Analysis application is provided with each unit and can be used to transfer test records to a PC. Test records can also be reviewed, printed or exported in Excel, PDF, and XML formats for further analysis.

CT-3500 S2 connections

ordering information
Part No. Description
9002-UC CT-3500 S2, cables, and PC software
9002-SC CT-3500 S2 shipping case
TP3-CS TP3 thermal printer paper (36 rolls)
## CT-3500 S2 technical specifications

### physical specifications
- **Dimensions:** 16”W x 7”H x 13” D (40.6 cm x 17.4 cm x 33 cm)
- **Weight:** 14 lbs. (6.4 Kg)

### input voltage
- 100 – 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz

### trigger input voltage
- open/close, 30 – 300 V, dc or peak ac

### timing resolution
- ±0.1 ms; accuracy: 0.05% of reading ±0.1 ms

### display
- back-lit LCD screen (128 x 64 pixels); viewable in bright sunlight and low light levels

### keypad
- rugged, 44-key "QWERTY"-style membrane keypad

### pc software
- Windows® based Breaker Analysis software included with purchase price

### temperature
- **Operating:** -10°C to +50°C (+15°F to +122°F)
- **Storage:** -30°C to +70°C (-22°F to +158°F)

### altitude
- 2,000 m (6,562 ft) to full safety specifications

### humidity
- 90% RH @ 40°C (104°F) non-condensing

### cables
- furnished with full set of test leads (including 20-foot (6.10m) contact leads and 30-foot (9.14m) contact lead extensions)

### options
- shipping case

### 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.

### trigger input connector

### back-lit LCD screen

### USB PC interface

### power switch

### ground stud

### contact input connector

### rugged membrane keypad

### USB flash drive interface

### 2.5” wide thermal printer

### printer built-in 2½” wide thermal printer

### internal test record storage
- stores up to 128 timing records

### computer interfaces
- one USB PC interface, one USB flash drive interface

### safety
- designed to meet IEC61010 (1995), UL61010A-1, CSA-C22.2 standards

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**NOTE:**

The table above includes key specifications for the CT-3500 S2 digital circuit breaker analyzer, detailing its physical characteristics, input and trigger specifications, display and keypad features, PC software availability, temperature and altitude ratings, cables provided, options, and warranty information. Specifications are valid at nominal voltage and ambient temperature of +25°C (+77°F), with the understanding that they may change without notice.
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Founded in 1991 and located in Ontario, California, USA, Vanguard Instruments™ offers a wide range of diagnostic test equipment that accurately and efficiently measures the health of critical substation equipment, such as transformers, circuit breakers, and protective relays.

Our first product was a computerized, extra high voltage (EHV) circuit breaker analyzer, which became the forerunner of an entire line of EHV circuit breaker test equipment. Over the years, our portfolio has grown tremendously 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 application-specific products.

Our instruments are rugged, reliable, accurate, and user friendly. They eliminate tedious and time-consuming operations, while providing fast, complex test-result calculations. Using our equipment helps reduce errors and eliminates the need to memorize long sequences of procedural steps.

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