

## Operating temperature

The Tmax circuit-breakers can be used in environmental conditions where the ambient air temperature varies between -25 °C and +70 °C, and stored in ambients with temperatures between -40 °C and +70 °C.

The circuit-breakers fitted with thermomagnetic trip units have their thermal element set for a reference temperature of +40 °C. For temperatures other than +40 °C, with the same setting, there is a thermal trip threshold variation as shown in the table on page 4/50 and following. The electronic trip units do not undergo any variations in performance as the temperature varies but, in the case of temperatures exceeding +40 °C, the maximum setting for protection against overloads L must be reduced, as indicated in the derating graph on page 4/37 and following, to take into account the heating phenomena which occur in the copper parts of the circuit-breaker passed through by the phase current.

For temperatures above +70 °C the circuit-breaker performances are not guaranteed.

To ensure service continuity of the installations, the way to keep the temperature within acceptable levels for operation of the various devices and not only of the circuit-breakers must be carefully assessed, such as using forced ventilation in the switchboards and in their installation room.

## Altitude

Up to an altitude of 2000 m Tmax circuit-breakers do not undergo any alterations in their rated performances. As the altitude increases, the atmospheric properties are altered in terms of composition, dielectric resistance, cooling capacity and pressure. Therefore the circuit-breaker performances undergo derating, which can basically be measured by means of the variation in significant parameters such as the maximum rated operating voltage and the rated uninterrupted current.

Altitude	[m]	2000	2600	3000	3900	4000	5000
Derating on service voltage, Ue	[%]	100	93	88	79	78	68
Derating on uninterrupted current	[%]	100	99	98	94	93	90

# Construction characteristics

## Distinguishing features of the series

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### Electromagnetic compatibility

Operation of the protections is guaranteed in the presence of interferences caused by electronic apparatus, atmospheric disturbances or electrical discharges by using the electronic trip units and the electronic residual current releases. No interference with other electronic apparatus near the place of installation is generated either. This is in compliance with the IEC 60947-2 Appendix B + Appendix F Standards and European Directive No. 89/336 regarding EMC - electromagnetic compatibility.

### Tropicalisation

Circuit-breakers and accessories in the Tmax series are tested in compliance with the IEC 60068-2-30 Standard, carrying out 2 cycles at 55 °C with the “variant 1” method (clause 7.3.3). The suitability of the Tmax series for use under the most severe environmental conditions is therefore ensured with the hot-humid climate defined in the climatograph 8 of the IEC 60721-2-1 Standards thanks to:

- moulded insulating cases made of synthetic resins reinforced with glass fibres;
- anti-corrosion treatment of the main metallic parts;
- Fe/Zn 12 zinc-plating (ISO 2081) protected by a conversion layer, free from hexavalent-chromium (ROHS-compliant), with the same corrosion resistance guaranteed by ISO 4520 class 2c;
- application of anti-condensation protection for electronic overcurrent releases and relative accessories.

### Resistance to shocks and vibrations

Tmax T circuit-breakers are unaffected by vibrations generated mechanically and due to electromagnetic effects, in compliance with the IEC 60068-2-6 Standards and the regulations of the major shipping registers<sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>:

- RINA
- Det Norske Veritas
- Bureau Veritas
- Lloyd’s register of shipping
- Germanischer Lloyd
- ABS
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai.

The T4-T7 Tmax circuit-breakers are also tested, according to the IEC 60068-2-27 Standard, to resist shocks up to 12g for 11 ms. Please ask ABB SACE for higher performances in terms of resistance to shocks.



<sup>(1)</sup> Ask ABB for specific certifications

<sup>(2)</sup> Except for T6V