

REACTIVE ENERGY REGULATORS

computer MAX 6f 12Vdc computer MAX 12f 12Vdc



Instruction Manual (M066B01-03-15B)

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1 INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

CIRCUTOR S.A. thanks you for choosing one of the regulators from the Computer MAX series. These units have been built with state-of-the-art technologies, including a powerful processor that can calculate the optimum algorithms and achieve the best correction of the $\cos \varphi$.

The units comply with the EN 61010 Electrical Safety Standard, in accordance with the Low Voltage Directive requirements (LVD 73/23/EC), as well as the EMC Directive (2004/108/EC) and are, therefore, certified for use with the CE mark.

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The purpose of this user manual is to describe the operating principles of the regulators of the Computer MAX series and to define the installation, start-up, and operation procedures.

Safety



The installation and maintenance of the unit must be performed by qualified and authorised staff, in compliance with the national and international Standards. Handling or use of the unit different from that specified by the manufacturer may compromise user safety.

The main switch must be disconnected before any maintenance is performed on the $\cos \varphi$ regulation units. After a disconnection, wait at least 5 minutes to make sure that all capacitors have been suitably discharged.

The following safety precautions must be taken into account during installation, maintenance or start-up operations on units regulated by a computer Max:

- Make sure that the units have the corresponding earthing connections before they are connected. A faulty earthing connection could lead to a faulty operation and represent the risk of electrical discharge to the user or person handling the unit.
- ✓ The necessary precautions will be taken during maintenance operations to prevent the risk of electrocution and electric shock. Make sure that the unit has been disconnected and wait until the capacitors have been fully discharged before handling or operating the unit. We recommend the use of safety goggles and gloves.
- Resonance can be produced when the power factor compensation units are connected with no loads. In this case, the voltage harmonics can be amplified, causing damage to the power factor compensation units and other units connected to the network.
- ✓ Follow the start-up and stop procedures described in the manual to prevent damage to the unit and/or adjacent units.
- ✓ Always use original spare parts or components when adjusting or replacing components and follow the corresponding procedures described in the instruction manual.

1.1 Checks to be carried out when the regulator is received

On receiving the regulator, check that:

- The unit has not been damaged during transport.
- The type supplied is the same as that requested. (See label on the rear, Fig. 1.1)
- Check the features shown on the unit's label, to make sure that they are valid for the type of grid where the unit will be connected. (Voltage and power supply frequency, measurement range, etc.)
- Follow the instructions described in section 3, in relation to the rest of the installation and setup.
- Please contact the technical-commercial service of CIRCUTOR, S.A. if you detect any anomalies.



Fig. 1.1.- Rear label of the unit

1.2 Start-up Screen



A start-up screen will be displayed when the computer MAX is powered, showing the unit's version. This information must be included when reporting any fault or defect

1.3 Definitions

The following definitions may be useful to understand some of the sections in this manual

1.3.1 4-Quadrant Regulator.

The regulator is capable of performing the measurement and regulation functions when the active power is transferred from the mains to the loads (common case in a consumer installation) or when the load is transferred to the mains (in the case of installations with generators that not only allow the consumption of energy, but can also export or sell energy).

1.3.2 FCP System (FAST Computerized Program).

This system controls the connection sequence of the different stages, tending to minimise the number of operations and matching the usage times of the different stages to achieve the determined final power demand. The operations are carried out in such a way that, in the case of stages with an identical power, the stage that has been disconnected the longest is connected when there is demand and the stage that has been connected the longest is disconnected in the case of a surplus.

1.3.3 Stages and Steps

A distinction must be established between stages and steps. In this manual, a STAGE is described as the capacitor banks in which the power factor compensation unit is divided and that may have different power ratings, usually in 1:1, 1:2, 1:2:4, etc. ratios.

A step is each one of the total power fractions that can be regulated by using stages with different weights.

1.3.4 Regulation Program.

The power ratings of the different groups or stages usually follow certain patterns called "programs". The program indicates the power ratios between different stages. The most frequent programs are:

Program 1:1:1 All stages have the same power rating. For example, a 100 kvar unit with 5 steps would be composed of 5 identical 20 kvar stages and would be described as a (5 x 20) kvar unit.

Program 1:2:2:. Starting with the second stage, each stage has twice as much power as the first stage. For example, a 180 kvar unit with 5 stages would be composed of a first 20 kvar stage and 4 identical 40 kvar stages, and so it could be described as a $(20 + 4 \times 40)$ kvar unit.

Program 1:2:4 The second stage has twice as much power as the first stage and the remaining stages after the second stage have four times as much power as the first stage. For example, a 300 kvar unit with 5 stages would be composed of a first 20 kvar stage, a second 40 kvar stage and 3 identical 80 kvar stages, and so it could be described as a $(20 + 40 + 3 \times 80)$ kvar unit.

Other Programs. Other programs can be used, such as 1:2:4:8 or 1:1:2:2, etc. The numbers, as can be deduced from the preceding cases, give the power ratio between the first stage, which receives a value of 1, and the subsequent stages (2 means twice as much power, 4 means four times as much power, etc.).

The unit comes equipped with a program called P00 that simulates and displays the number of steps that would be connected on the screen, without actually connecting them. It is used to see the unit's behaviour in safe mode.



2 GENERAL FEATURES

computer MAX 6f 12Vdc / 12f 12Vdc reactive energy regulators measure the network $\cos \varphi$ and regulate the connection and disconnection of capacitors to correct it.

Туре	Maximum no. outputs
Computer Max 6f 12Vdc	6 outputs
Computer Max 12f 12Vdc	12 outputs

Here are some of the most important features of this series of regulators:

- FCP system that minimises the number of capacitor connections and disconnections.
- A wide variety of programs 1:1:1, 1:2:2, 1:2:4, 1:1:2:2, etc. This enables breaking down the total power into up to 31 steps in the **computer MAX**
- 4-quadrant control (see Fig.2.1), with indication about the connected stages, indication of the cos φ , power and reactive power signs (inductive- \frown or capacitive \dashv)
- THREE-digit LCD screen with seven segments and over 20 icons for identifying different operating conditions.
- Easy configuration, with only three buttons and without having to disconnect the power supply.
- Use of the 50 or 60 Hz frequency, indifferently.
- Display of all measurements on a single screen.
- Easy mounting without tools.
- Dimensions in compliance with DIN 43 700 (144 x 144 mm front panel)
- Voltage measurement circuit and power supply on a single input.
- 4-quadrant regulation (importing or exporting power installation)



Fig. 2.1.- Signs in 4-quadrant measurements

3 FRONT PANEL: SCREEN AND KEYBOARD

The regulator's front panel shows the following signals:



3.1 Screen

The regulator screen is a three-digit LCD with seven segments. It also has several icons that provide information about the regulator state, such as indicating the value of the $\cos \varphi$, the reactive power sign (inductive- γ - or capacitive-I^L), signals for the connected stages, and various parameter measures (see section 3.2)



3.2 Parameter measurement

During the normal operating mode, the regulator measures the following parameters: $\cos\varphi$, mains current, THD of the network current and network voltage. The section also shows the maximum values of the current and network voltage from the previous parameter reset. The measured parameter can be changed with the navigation arrows and is indicated by the cursor

3.3 Errors and ERROR Messages

If the unit detects and error, a code appears on the screen indicating the type of error detected. The errors that can be detected and the messages displayed on the screen are summarised in Table 3.1.

ERROR message	Description
	Load current below minimum or current transformer not connected. Appears if Isec<0.05 A
	Overcompensation. A disconnect request is made and all the stages are disconnected.
	Undercompensation. A connection request is made and all the stages are connected.
	Overcurrent. The current measured exceeds the nominal current by + 20 %. The nominal current is considered to be that of the CT primary
	Overvoltage. The measured rated voltage exceeds the nominal voltage by 15 % or more

Table 3-1: Errors and messages displayed on the screen

3.4 Modes of the unit and button functions

The **Computer MAX 6f 12Vdc / 12f 12Vdc** regulators can operate in two modes:

Normal or Working mode: This is the normal operating mode of the regulator. In this mode, the regulator measures the $\cos \phi$ of the installation and automatically regulates the connection and disconnection of the capacitors to correct it. The regulation method depends on the adjustments entered in the configuration mode.

Configuration or Adjustment mode: This mode is for configuring the working parameters of the regulator. Use a long keystroke of the \bigcirc button to enter this mode. After entering this mode, the regulator progressively disconnects all the capacitors, stops regulating and admits changes to the adjustments



3.4.1 Keypad functions in normal WORKING mode

0	Keypad for entering the configuration mode : After a long keystroke of this button (more than 1 s) the unit changes to the configuration mode
	Manual capacitor connection: When the button is pressed down and held (more than 1 s), the regulator begins sequentially connecting steps in time intervals of 1 s.
	Manual capacitor disconnection: Long Keystroke (more than 1 sec), the regulator begins sequentially disconnecting steps in 1 s intervals.

3.4.2 Keypad functions in normal CONFIGURATION mode

(Long Keystroke (more than 1 s): Enters and exits the configuration mode. The configured parameters are only saved after a long keystroke of the button.
	Short Keystroke : Enter / Exit the configuration option (different configurable parameters). Attention! The programmed values are not saved if a long keystroke with this button is not done when the configuration is finished
	Navigates upwards in the configurable parameters menu. Increases the digits during parameter configuration.
	Navigates downwards in the configurable parameters menu. Decreases the digits during parameter configuration. Changes the digit being configured (if the parameter has more than 2 digits).
long	Disabling / Enabling Alarms : If the two buttons are pressed simultaneously, the regulator shows a disabled or enabled or enabled message of the current fault, overcompensation and undercompensation alarms (Section 3.3). Once they are disabled, the corresponding error messages will no longer appear in the unit.

4 INSTALLATION AND START-UP

This section contains information and warnings that the user must respect at all times to guarantee his/her own safety and the safe operation of the unit.



WARNING! The **Computer MAX 6f 12Vdc** / **12f 12Vdc** regulators are connected to units with capacitors that remain charged even after the voltage has been disconnected. **Wait at least 5 minutes** after the unit has been disconnection, before the internal components of the equipment are handled, in order to avoid the risk of electric shock.

Handling or use of the unit other than that specified by the manufacturer may compromise user safety.

The power supply must be disconnected from the unit when it shows signs of deterioration or faulty operation. In this case, contact a qualified service representative.

The persons responsible for the installation or operation of the **Computer MAX 6f 12Vdc** / **12f 12Vdc** regulator must follow common electrical installation safety measures for LV or MV installations to guarantee a safe operation, depending on the installation location. In addition, they must take into account all warnings found in this instruction manual.

4.1 Technical features

The main features of the unit are marked on the label on the rear (see Fig. 1.2) and they are also summarised in following the table.

Power supply and measured	400 +15% -10%; 45-65 Hz, (see label)		
voltage (Terminals C-D)	It is best to connect to phases L2-L3.		
Power supply cables	1.5 mm ² cross-section		
Power circuit protection	With a gl type 0.5 to 2A fuse		
Current measurement circuit.	External current transformer (CT), In /5 ratio. It is best to connect to		
(Terminals A-B)	phase L1.		
	Minimum 2.5 mm ² cable cross-section. For distances greater than 25		
Current measurement circuit	m between the regulator and CT, it is recommended to increase the		
cables	cross-section to 1 mm ² for every 10 m, or use a CT with a higher		
	primary In		
Current measurement margin	0.05 to 5 A (maximum overload +20%)		
Measurement accuracy	Voltage and current: 1%; $\cos \varphi$: 2 % ± 1 digit		
Cosφ setting range	0.85 ind. A 0.85 cap, Default setting: 1		
	computer MAX 6f 12Vdc : 400 V: 6,5 VA		
Maximum consumption	computer MAX 12f 12Vdc : 400 V: 7,5 VA		
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4.2 Unit installation

4.2.1 Mechanical Installation

In mechanical terms, the unit is installed on the front panel of a cabinet or on a panel. The panel fixing drill must be drilled in compliance with DIN 43 700, (dimensions: 138^{+1x}x138⁺¹ mm).

4.2.2 Connections

The following points must be checked before the unit is powered:

The installation and maintenance of the unit must be performed by qualified and authorised staff, in accordance with the national and international Standards.
 All connections must remain inside the electric panel.
 Take into account that when the unit is connected, the terminals may be hazardous to the touch, and opening the covers or removing elements may expose these parts. Do not use the unit until its installation is completed.
 This regulator has a series of associated capacitor banks that remain charged up to 5 minutes after the unit has been disconnected from the mains. Make sure that all capacitors have been discharged before handling the unit.

The installation of an external current transformer (CT) is necessary to measure the current. Usually, the transformation ratio of this CT is **In/5 A**, where **In** must be a minimum of 1.5 times over the total maximum current of the load.

The current transformer (CT) must be installed on the distribution panel where all of the load currents circulate and where the current of the capacitors will be compensated (see Fig. 4.1)

The current transformer (CT) should preferably be connected to phase L1, while the voltage connections should be connected to phases L2 and L3 (see diagrams in Fig. 4.2 and 4.3). Connections P1, P2, S1 and S2 shown on the said diagrams must be respected. If the connection layout mentioned above is not respected, the phase must be adjusted, following the procedure in section 5.1.7.



Fig. 4.1.- Location of the current transformer

4.2.3 Cable cross-sections and protection elements

The power circuit must be protected with gl (IEC 269) or M type fuses (IEC 127) with a rating of 0.5 to 2 A. A circuit breaker or equivalent device must be used to connect and disconnect all of the unit's control circuits from the power supply network. The switch must be installed on the unit and be easy to access. The power circuit and voltage circuit must be connected with cables that have a minimum cross-section of 1.5 mm^2 . The secondary cables of the current transformer (CT) must have a minimum cross-section of 2.5 mm^2 . For distances between the CT and the regulator greater than 25 m, this cross-section must be increased by 1 mm² for every 10 m.

4.2.4 Wiring diagrams

No	Description of the terminals	No	Description of the terminals
С	Power supply	5	Output 5
D	Power supply	6	Output 6
Α	Current input S1	7	Output 7 (computer MAX 12f 12Vdc)
В	Current input S2	8	Output 8 (computer MAX 12f 12Vdc)
-	Negative outputs	9	Output 9 (computer MAX 12f 12Vdc)
1	Output 1	10	Output 10 (computer MAX 12f 12Vdc)
2	Output 2	11	Output 11 (computer MAX 12f 12Vdc)
3	Output 3	12	Output 12 (computer MAX 12f 12Vdc)
4	Outpu 4		



Fig. 4.2.- Connection diagram Computer MAX 6f 12Vdc / 12f 12Vdc

5 CONFIGURABLE PARAMETERS OF THE REGULATOR

A series of parameters must be programmed to adjust the regulator to the installation where the $cos\phi$ will be regulated. The programmable parameters and configuration procedure are described below. See section 3.5.2 for selecting the different configuration options. The following parameters can be configured:

5.1 Target $\cos \phi$

To adjust this parameter, press the \Im S buttons until the cursor \blacktriangleright points to the option \blacksquare *Cos* and then press \blacksquare

This parameter is used to fix the desired power factor for the installation. The regulator will add the number of capacitors needed to adjust the value as close as possible to the target value. The regulation process is carried out in stages so that it will not affect any switching operations until the non-compensated demand is at least 70% of the power of the smallest stage or the excess compensation is 30% of the power of the smallest stage. Any value between 0.85 Inductive and 0.95 Capacitive can be configured.

5.2 Current of the smallest capacitor step

To adjust this parameter, press the 0 0 buttons until the cursor \blacktriangleright points to the option C/K and then press $\fbox{0}$

This parameter is adjusted with the reactive current supplied by the smallest capacitor step, measured on the current transformer's (CT) secondary. Its adjustment value will depend on the power of the smallest capacitor step, the CT ratio and the network voltage. Table 5.1 shows the values that must be used to adjust the C/K for a 400 V network between phases, the different transformer ratios and the power ratings of the smallest stage. In the case of other voltages or conditions that have not been included in the table, the C/K value can be obtained with a simple calculation, as shown in section 5.1.3

Table 5-1.- C/K Factor, in accordance with the power of the smallest stage and current transformer (CT) ratio

CT Ratio (_p /I _s)				Р	ower in I	kvar of tł	ne small	est sta	ge, in kv	var, at 40)0 V (*)				
4° -7	2.5	5.00	7.5	10.0	12.5	15.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	37.5	40.0	50.0	60.0	75.0	80.0
150/5	0.12	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.60	0.72	0.96								
200/5	0.09	0.18	0.27	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.72	0.90							
250/5	0.07	0.14	0.22	0.29	0.36	0.43	0.58	0.72	0.87						
300/5	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.30	0.36	0.48	0.60	0.72	0.90	0.96				
400/5	0.05	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.23	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.58	0.67	0.72	0.87			
500/5		0.07	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.29	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.54	0.72	0.87		
600/5		0.06	0.09	0.12	0.15	0.18	0.24	0.30	0.36	0.45	0.48	0.60	0.72	0.90	0.96
800/5			0.07	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.23	0.27	0.33	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.68	0.72
1000/5			0.05	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.27	0.29	0.36	0.43	0.54	0.57
1500/5				0.05	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.19	0.24	0.29	0.36	0.38
2000/5						0.05	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.18	0.22	0.27	0.28
2500/5							0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.17	0.22	0.23
3000/5							0.05	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.19
4000/5									0.05	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.14

(*) For other network voltages, the factor in the table, V_{nom}, must be multiplied by the ratio (400/V_{nom})

IMPORTANT!:

When the C/K adjustment is too low, there will be a series of continuous connections and disconnections with minor load variations. (The system performs more operations than those actually needed).

When the C/K adjustment is configured a little high (10%), the regulator needs demand or higher reactive excess for switching and performs fewer switching operations.

Calculation of the C/K Factor 5.3

In the case of values that have not been included in the table, the C/K factor can be calculated as follows: The smallest reactive power of the capacitor, Q, and the network voltage, V, must be known. The current $I_C = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{3}V}$ of this capacitor will be then calculated as

The transformation ratio of the current transformer must also be known. This is called the K factor:

$$K = I_{prim} / I_{sec}$$

where: I prim Iprim is the nominal current of the transformer's primary (for example, in a 250/5 it would be 250A)

 I_{sec} is the transformer's secondary current. Usually 5A

Therefore, the *C/K* factor will be:
$$C/K = \frac{I_C}{K} = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{3}.K.V}$$

Example: In a 500 V unit, the smallest capacitor is 60 kvar with a current transformer having a ratio of 500/5, and the calculation would be done as follows: K = 500/5 = 100

K factor

Current of the smallest capacitor

C/K value

$$I_{C} = \frac{60.1000}{\sqrt{3.500}} = 69,28A$$
$$C / K = \frac{Ic}{K} = \frac{69,28}{100} = 0,69$$

5.4 Power configuration of the stages or configuration program:

To adjust this parameter, press the \Im \Im buttons until the cursor \blacktriangleright points to the option Prog and then press 🔕

While making the adjustment, the screen switches between the options T1 to T6 and the $\cos \varphi$

The capacitor banks are composed of stages with different power ratings. Taking the lowest power stage as base power (1), the powers of the rest of the stages are given in relation to the first. Therefore, the following programs would be available:

Program 1:1:1... All stages have the same power rating as the first stage.

Program 1:2:2... After the second stage, all capacitors have a power rating that is twice as much as that of the first stage.

Program 1:2:4... The second stage has twice the power and the subsequent stages have a four times the power rating of the first step.

There are two types of actions in the same program, the FCP, which minimises the number of connections and disconnections, and the Total, which simultaneously connects and disconnects all the necessary steps.

The programs available in the computer MAX f are listed in Table 5.2. The unit comes configured with P00 by default. This program displays the steps that should be connected in each situation on the screen. but does not actually connect them.

Screen Display	C-Stage Power Ratio
P00	Simulator Program
111	1:1:1:1:1
122	1:2:2:2:2
124	1:2:4.4:4
248	1:2:4:8:8
112	1:1:2:2:2
T11	Total 1:1:1:1:1
T22	Total 1:2:2:2:2
T24	Total 1:2:4.4:4
T48	Total 1:2:4:8:8
T12	Total 1:1:2:2:2

5.5 Configuration of the connection and reconnection system delays:

To adjust this parameter, press the 0 0 buttons until the cursor \blacktriangleright points to the option Delay and then press $\fbox{0}$

This parameter establishes the unit's actuation times. The adjustment time, Tc, establishes the delay to connect or disconnect subsequent stages. The unit enables adjusting the Tc within the range of 2 to 99 network cycles. The time of the network cycle depends on the frequency, for example, for a 50 Hz network frequency, one cycle equals 20 ms. Note that this is the time the capacitors need to discharge. **By default the parameter comes configured for 5 cycles**.

5.6 Selection of the number of stages.

To adjust this parameter, press the 0 0 buttons until the cursor \clubsuit points to the option Steps and then press $\fbox{0}$

The option enables programming the number of outputs the regulator will have. According to the **computer MAX 6f 12Vdc or computer MAX 12f 12Vdc** version can be configured 6 or 12 stages.

5.7 Selection of the phase between voltage and current.

To adjust this parameter, press the \Im b buttons until the cursor \blacktriangleright points to the option \blacksquare *Phase* and then press \blacksquare

This parameter can be used to adapt the regulator to the different connection options of the power supply and measuring cables, and the cables of the current transformer to the phases of the three-phase system. Fig. 4.2 and 4.3 show the default configuration. That is, the current transformer is on phase L1 and the voltage measure between phases L2 (terminal C) and L3 (terminal D). It is often hard to check whether the unit has been wired like this or not, and so one of the T1 to T6 options shown in Table 5.3 must be chosen to cater to this situation. The selection of one of these options must be made in the installation, assuming that, during adjustment, it is consuming inductive reactive power with an inductive $\cos\phi$ between 0.7 and 1. It is necessary to keep testing options until the screen displays a $\cos\phi$ between 0.7 and 1

	Screen	Phase shift V-I to cosφ = 1	V Measurement phases	CT Connection Phase
ſ	T1	30°	L3-L2	L3
	T2	270°	L3-L2	L1
	Т3	150°	L3-L2	L2
	T4	210°	L3-L2	L3 (Inverted Transformer)
	T5	90°	L3-L2	L1 (Inverted Transformer)
	T6	330°	L3-L2	L2 (Inverted Transformer)

Table 5-3.- Phase selection options in the **computer MAX**

5.8 Primary current configuration of the current transformer (CT).

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The adjustment for this parameter is selected at the end of the menu by marking the option This is indicated by the blinking red LED. The primary current of the CT must be configured in this parameter, in accordance with the CT that has been installed for measuring the current of the installation. The adjustment range is 0 to 999, which with the x10 factor allows a transformer primary of up to 9990 A. The CT secondary comes with a default configuration of 5 A

6 DEVICE MENU AND CONFIGURATION PROCEDURE.

6.1 Entering the setup menu.

To enter the setup menu of the unit, press and hold button \square for more than 1 s. (This is called a long keystroke in table 6.1, which gives a summary of the adjustment procedure). The pointer \blacktriangleright begins flashing and points to the parameter that is going to be adjusted. Use buttons \square to select the parameter to be adjusted.

The unit only switches to adjustment or configuration mode if all the capacitors are disconnected. Otherwise, the button the pressed and held down during the full capacitor disconnection sequence, which will be done with 1 s delays. After the disconnection process ends, the regulator enters the adjustment menu. The navigation diagram can be found in Table 6.1 and the details on the adjustable parameters and their adjustment possibilities are shown in Section 5.1.

6.2 Diagram for navigating through the menus.

Table 6-1.- Setup Menu navigation diagram



IMPORTANT:

Once in the setup menu, if no buttons are pressed during three minutes, the unit exits the adjustment mode and changes to the normal mode *without saving the configured parameters*. To exit the setup menu of the unit and save the parameters, it is necessary to press and hold button for more than 1 sec.

7 WORKING MODE

After completing the installation and the adjustments described in the previous sections, the unit can be set to the WORKING mode. The unit selects this mode by default after start-up and a brief moment while the processor is initialised. Two situations could appear in said mode:

- a) No alarm, Normal WORKING mode: In this case, the unit regulates the connection and disconnection of the capacitor stages according to the needs of the installation and the screen shows the $\cos\varphi$ of the installation by default. By pressing certain buttons, the different parameters can be measured and capacitor connection or disconnection can be forced, as shown in Section 7.1.
- **b)** Alarm mode: If any of the anomalies indicated in Section 3.2 occur, the unit shows an error code and steps to the alarm mode. Depending on the type of error, the unit can disconnect all the stages or continue regulating within its possibilities.

7.1 Functions of the unit in normal WORKING mode

The following functions can be executed when the unit is in normal WORKING mode:

long	Manual capacitor connection: When the button is pressed down and held (more than 1 s), the regulator begins sequentially connecting steps in time intervals of 1 second
long	Manual capacitor disconnection If the button is held down more than 1 s, the regulator disconnects the steps in sequence at time intervals of less than 1 second
(T)	Display of the number of connected steps: If the two buttons are pressed simultaneously, the regulator shows the number of connected steps. Bear in mind the difference between steps and stages (Section 1.1)
short	Parameter measurement: If a short keystroke with this button is done, a sequence of screens are scrolled, showing the following parameters: (cos), cosine ϕ of the installation; (I), current; (THD), THD of the network current; (V) Network voltage; (I, MAX) Maximum value reached by the current; (I, MAX) maximum value reached by the voltage;.
	The parameter displayed is indicated with the cursor
short	Parameter measurement: Scrolls through the same parameters indicated in the previous panel, but in reverse order
long	Keypad for entering the configuration mode : After a long keystroke of this button (more than 1 s) the unit changes to the configuration mode
	Button for erasing maximums: If a long keystroke is done with this button (more than 1 sec) when the cursor ▶ marks MAX, the unit resets the maximum values of I and V registered while operating.

7.2 Behaviour of the unit during ALARM mode

If the unit detects an error (see section 3.2) the error code will be shown on the screen and the response of the computer will act as indicated on table 7.1

ERROR message	Description	Possible cause and computer response
$ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 $	Lower current measure at the threshold (0.05A on the secondary CT)	Possible causes: Low load or CT not connected. The unit shows the RUN LED and the screen with all the zeros flashing, and does not connect any output
	Overcompensation . A disconnect request is made and all the outputs are disconnected.	Possible causes: C/K incorrectly adjusted No outputs are connected.
	Undercompensation . Connection is requested and all the outputs are connected.	Possible causes: C/K incorrectly adjusted All the outputs remain connected except the alarm, if triggered (see section 3.3)
	Overcurrent. The current measure exceeds Inom + 20%.	Possible causes: C/K incorrectly adjusted The alarm output disconnects, if triggered (see section 3.3). The unit normally tries to regulate, although it could have a regulation error.
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Overvoltage. The voltage measure exceeds Vnom +15%.	Possible causes: Bad voltage connection The alarm output disconnects, if triggered (see section 3.3). The unit normally tries to regulate, although it could have a regulation error.

8 MAINTENANCE

The **computer MAX 6f 12Vdc** / **12f 12Vdc** regulator does not require special maintenance. Try to avoid any type of adjustment, maintenance or repairs while the unit is open as much as possible. If this cannot be avoided, only qualified and trained staff should carry out these operations.

Disconnect the unit from all power supplies before performing any connection modifications, relocation, maintenance or repair operations. If any operational faults in the unit or in its protection elements are suspected, remove the unit from service and make sure that accidental connection is not possible. The design of the unit makes it easy to replace in the event of a fault.

9 TECHNICAL SERVICE

If you have any doubts about the operation of the unit or suspect any malfunction, contact our service staff at CIRCUTOR, S.A.

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