Earth-Rite® OMEGA II

The Earth-Rite® OMEGA II is a compact panel mounted static grounding module that can monitor a range of resistance values, based on the grounding application and installation requirements of specific processes.

The OMEGA II monitors the resistance of the static grounding circuit for processes where a risk of static charge accumulation on the equipment could result in an incendive electrostatic spark within locations that have potentially flammable atmospheres present.

It is specified primarily for applications where an alternative means of ground status indication is provided, e.g. via panel mounted indicators or remote indicator stations, as opposed to more regular grounding solutions in the Earth-Rite® range.

The DIN rail mountable module can be located in an electrical panel mounted in a non-hazardous area or inside an XP certified enclosure located inside the hazardous area.

Two dry contacts can be used to switch power to additional ground status indicators or interlock with the process to shutdown product transfer when the OMEGA II detects an open circuit on the path to ground.

Ground Resistance Monitoring Set Points

The OMEGA II is designed specifically for monitoring the static grounding of process equipment and has 4 resistance set points depending on the installation and operating characteristics of the application. It can also be installed to monitor the resistance of bonding circuits and lightning protection grounding points.

- 0 ohms to 2 ohms to monitor low resistance bonding paths.
- 0 ohms to 4 ohms.
- 0 ohms to 10 ohms (recommended values of resistance in IEC 60079-32 & NFPA 77).
- 0 ohms to 600 ohms (to monitor the grounding of rotating machinery).
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Technical Specification

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Power supply</td>
<td>24V dc stabilised supply</td>
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<td>(Supply voltage range: 18V to 30V dc).</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Up to four OMEGA II modules can be powered by Newson Gale’s 24V DC power supply</td>
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<td>(Product code: VESF86)</td>
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<td>Power rating</td>
<td>5 Watts</td>
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<td>Power supply protection</td>
<td>500 mA fast blow fuse connected into the supply circuit (not included).</td>
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<td>Ambient temperature range</td>
<td>-40°C to +60°C</td>
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<td>-40°F to +140°F</td>
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<td>Ingress Protection</td>
<td>Type 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Module nett weight</td>
<td>0.55 lbs (0.25 kg)</td>
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<td>Enclosure material</td>
<td>Polycarbonate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Contact relay rating</td>
<td>1 pair of NO/NC changeover contacts</td>
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<td>250 V AC, 5 A, 500 VA max resistive.</td>
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<td>30 V DC, 2 A, 60 W max resistive.</td>
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<td>The relay is designed to switch Low Voltage circuits or Extra Low Voltage circuits. A slave relay should be used for switching Low Voltage circuits and Extra Low Voltage circuits at the same time.</td>
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<td>Resistance monitoring set points</td>
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<td>0 ohms to 600 ohms (typically used for grounding rotating equipment).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mechanical dimensions</td>
<td>Units in inches: 3.5 x 4.1 x 2.3</td>
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Hazardous Area Certification

Europe / International:  
- IECEx  
  [Ex ia Ga] IIC (gas & vapour), [Ex ia Da] IIC (combustible dusts).  
  Ta = -40°C to +60°C.  
  IECEx SIR 13.0003X  
  IECEx certifying body: SIRA.  
- ATEX  
  (II 1 GD)  
  [Ex ia Ga] IIC (gas & vapour), [Ex ia Da] IIC (combustible dusts).  
  Ta = -40°C to +60°C.  
  SIRA 13ATEX2009X  
  ATEX Notified Body: SIRA.

North America:  
- NEC 500 / CEC (Class & Division)  
  Intrinsically safe associated apparatus for supply to locations classified:  
  Class I, Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D.  
  Class II, Div. 1, Groups E, F, G.  
  Class III, Div. 1.  
  Ta = -40°C to +60°C.  
  Ta = -40°F to +140°F.  
  OSHA recognised NRTL: CSA.  
- NEC 505 & 506 (Class & Zoning)  
  Class I, Zone 0, [AEx ia], IIC (gas & vapour).  
  Class II, Zone 20, [AEx iaD], IIC (combustible dusts).  
- CEC Section 18 (Class & Zoning)  
  [Ex ia] IIC

Additional Certification

Safety Integrity Level:  
SIL 2 (in accordance with IEC/EN 61508).

SIL assessment body:  
ExVeritas.

EMC Tested:  
to EN 61000-6-1,EN 61000-6-3, FCC Part 15 (Class B Digital).

The Earth-Rite® OMEGA forms part of the Earth-Rite® range of Static Grounding and Bonding Equipment available from Newson Gale Ltd.
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System Options

Newson Gale supplies a range of product options that enhance the control and general safety of transfer processes and aid engineers with system installations and routine system service checks. Contact Newson Gale or your local Newson Gale representative for more information on the range of options available.

Universal Resistance Tester

The URT is designed to provide owners of Newson Gale Earth-Rite® and Bond-Rite® static grounding systems with a means of regularly testing the grounding settings for their system on a routine basis.

Periodic testing with the URT verifies that the grounding system’s GO/NO GO settings are working in compliance with the recommendations of:

NFPA 77: “Recommended Practice on Static Electricity.”


The easy to use tester consists of a pair of switches that enable an electrician to set up the resistance level at which the grounding system should be working and conduct a PASS / FAIL test at the required setting.

Earth-Rite® and Bond-Rite® products that can be tested with the URT:

> Earth-Rite® PLUS
> Earth-Rite® FIBC (both 10 meg-ohm and 100 meg-ohm variants)
> Bond-Rite® CLAMP
> Bond-Rite® EZ
> Bond-Rite® REMOTE
> OhmGuard® (both 10 ohm and 100 ohm variants).
Hazardous Area Strobe Light

The strobe light is mounted in an elevated position and when the equipment is correctly grounded, flashes continuously informing personnel that a transfer process is underway and is protected from the static hazard. The strobe light can be used in conjunction with the Earth-Rite RTR and Earth-Rite PLUS.

- Amber, Green & Red strobe colour options.

2-Pole Surface Mountable connector

With this assembly operators tasked with earthing mobile process equipment will have a dedicated earthing point to attach the easy to use screw thread connector. The ‘plug and play’ connector can interface with all Newson Gale 2 core systems to provide earth monitoring capability on a wide range of mobile processes and equipment where generic earthing clamps cannot be used.

The conical shape design prevents powder deposit build up over time and aids in clean down operations.

- Made using Stainless Steel 304 with Viton O-Rings
- IP 66
- -40˚C to 60˚C
- Various lengths of straight or spiral Hytrel cable available.
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Product Ordering Codes

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<td>ER/OM2/02</td>
<td>Earth-Rite OMEGA II / 0 ohms to 2 ohms resistance monitoring range. (To monitor the condition of bonding connections to True Earth grounding points.)</td>
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<td>Earth-Rite OMEGA II / 0 ohms to 4 ohms resistance monitoring range.</td>
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<td>ER/OM2/10</td>
<td>Earth-Rite OMEGA II - 0 ohms to 10 ohms resistance monitoring range. (Recommended ground resistance values in IEC 60079-32 &amp; NFPA 77).</td>
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<td>ER/OM2/600</td>
<td>Earth-Rite OMEGA II - 0 ohms to 600 ohms resistance monitoring range. (For monitoring the grounding of rotating machinery).</td>
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<td>VESF80</td>
<td>115 to 230 V AC Power supply - powers up to 4 OMEGA II modules simultaneously.</td>
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<td>VESX90-IP</td>
<td>Large and standard Heavy Duty grounding clamps to connect the OMEGA II to process equipment requiring static grounding protection.</td>
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<td>VESX45-IP</td>
<td>Large and standard Heavy Duty grounding clamps to connect the OMEGA II to process equipment requiring static grounding protection.</td>
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<td>VESI33U</td>
<td>Explosion Proof Strobe Light (colour options amber, clear, blue, green and red) - Please inquire for more details</td>
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<td>ER2/URT</td>
<td>Universal Resistance Tester</td>
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Additional Accessories

Please note: the method of connecting the OMEGA II to process equipment will be dictated by the application and installation characteristics of the process. Contact Newson Gale to determine which combination of clamps, cables, reels and junction boxes can be used to provide the optimum installation.