

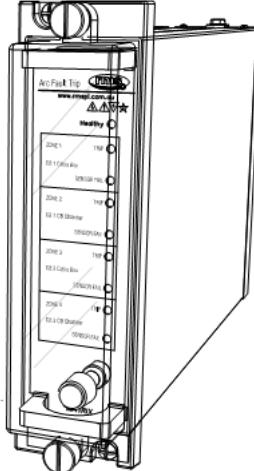
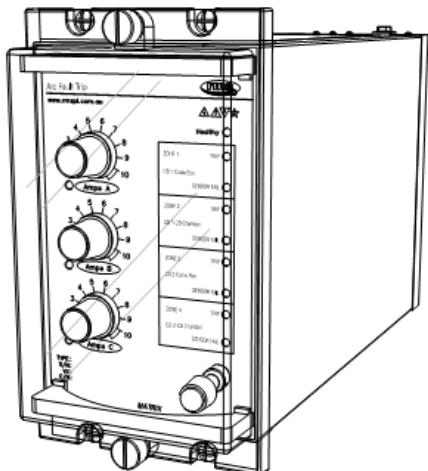


# Arc Fault Protection System

## Arc Flash Timing Test Guide

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### Advanced Protection Devices

		
<b>RMS 1S30 Optical Arc Fault Sensor</b>	<b>RMS 1S25 Arc Fault Monitor 4 Zones, 8 Sensors</b>	<b>RMS 1S26 Arc Fault Monitor + Integrated Current Check</b>
		
<b>YN-560 flash light</b>	<b>LS-PC635 Sync cable and 6.35mm Mono Line socket</b>	<b>Manual mode, 25% of power (binary coding)</b>

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## 1.0 Introduction

This Test Guide describes the method for testing the timing performance of an RMS Arc Protection System comprising of Arc Sensors and Arc Fault Monitor. The simple test setup uses an off the shelf photo flash and standard Doble (or equivalent) test set.

For Arc simulation an off the shelf photo flash such as the Yongnuo (YN-560) or similar may be utilised. This flash needs to be equipped with a PC Sync input, for flash initiation, and a Guide Number specification of at least 58 m to ensure reliable sensor operation.

Flash initiation and protection timings are undertaken using an AC Test System such as the Doble F2250 (F2251) or similar. An AC channel in the test set is utilised in Arc Fault Applications employing current checking.

## 2.0 Reference Documents

Table 1

Description	Document ID	Comment
RMS Technical Bulletin	1S30	Issue G, 18/07/2011
RMS Technical Bulletin	1S25	Issue F, 7/03/2011
RMS Technical Bulletin	1S26	Issue L, 23/04/2010
Photo Flash Technical Manual	YN-560	Yongnuo
PC Sync to 6.35mm Cable	LS-PC635	<a href="http://www.hkyongnuo.com">www.hkyongnuo.com</a>

### 2.1 Expected timing performance

- The Arc Fault System without an over current check (1S30 + 1S25) shall have a total trip time of less than 10 ms.
- The Arc Fault System with a separate Instantaneous over current check (1S30 + 1S25 + external current check relay) shall have a total trip time of less than 15 ms at 2x current setting.
- The Arc Fault System with integral over current check (1S30 + 1S26) shall have a total trip time of less than 15 ms at 2x current setting.

### 3.0 Method

#### 3.1 Equipment Under Test

RMS 1S30 - Optical Arc Fault Sensor,  
RMS Arc Fault Monitors 1S25 or 1S26

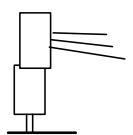
#### 3.2 Recommended Test Equipment

- AC Test System "Doble" F2250 (F2251) or similar
- Auxiliary Power supply 40-150 VDC, 1A
- Photo Flash YN-560, Guide number 58 m (@ ISO 100, 105 mm), 4xAA batteries
- Yongnuo PC Sync to 6.35 mm Cable, LS-PC635
- 6.35 mm Mono Socket, cable type, terminated with banana plugs on the ends for connection to test set

#### 3.3 Flash Setting

To ensure positive operation of the Arc Fault sensors for testing purposes the Photo Flash unit must be set to emit a flash of suitable intensity at a given distance. The angle of incidence of the flash with respect to the sensing point will also influence operation of the Arc Fault sensor, the test flash is to be placed in front of the sensor and aimed directly at the sensor point as shown below:

Flash Unit



Side View

Flash Unit



Plan View

For up to 1m flash distance set the YN-560 Photo Flash at 25% power.

For up to 3m flash distance set the YN-560 Photo Flash at 100% power.

For other photo flash units experimentation with photo flash setting may be required to achieve positive operation of the Arc Fault sensor.

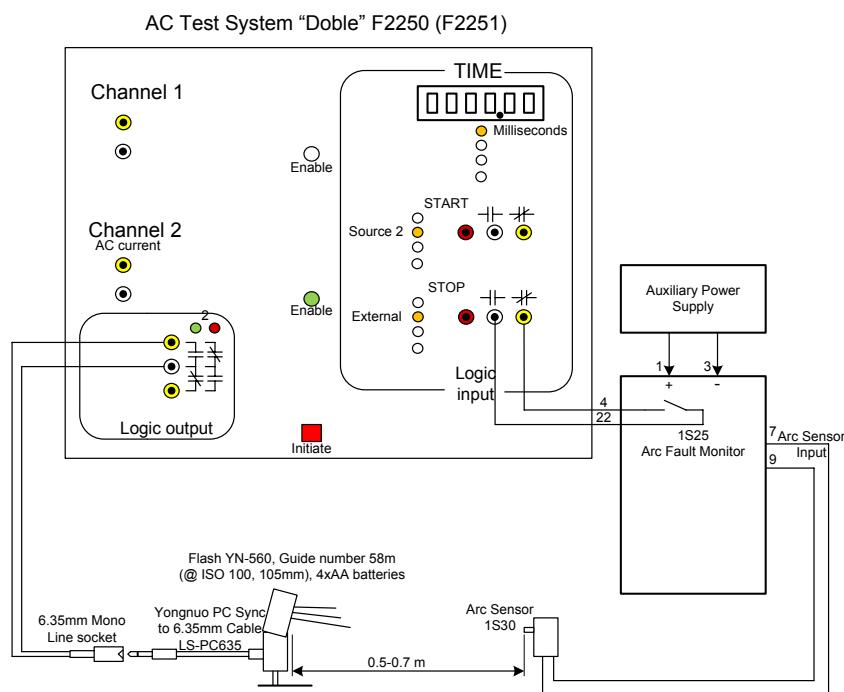
#### 3.4 Safety precautions

***To prevent eye injury avoid flash exposure at close proximity.***

***Provide a warning to others to shield their eyes prior to a test sequence.***

### 3.5 Timing test of 1S25 (no current check)

#### 3.5.1 Example Test setup



**Figure 1: 1S25 test setup**

(Example shows single Zone 1 sensor under test and common trip output monitored for timing purposes)

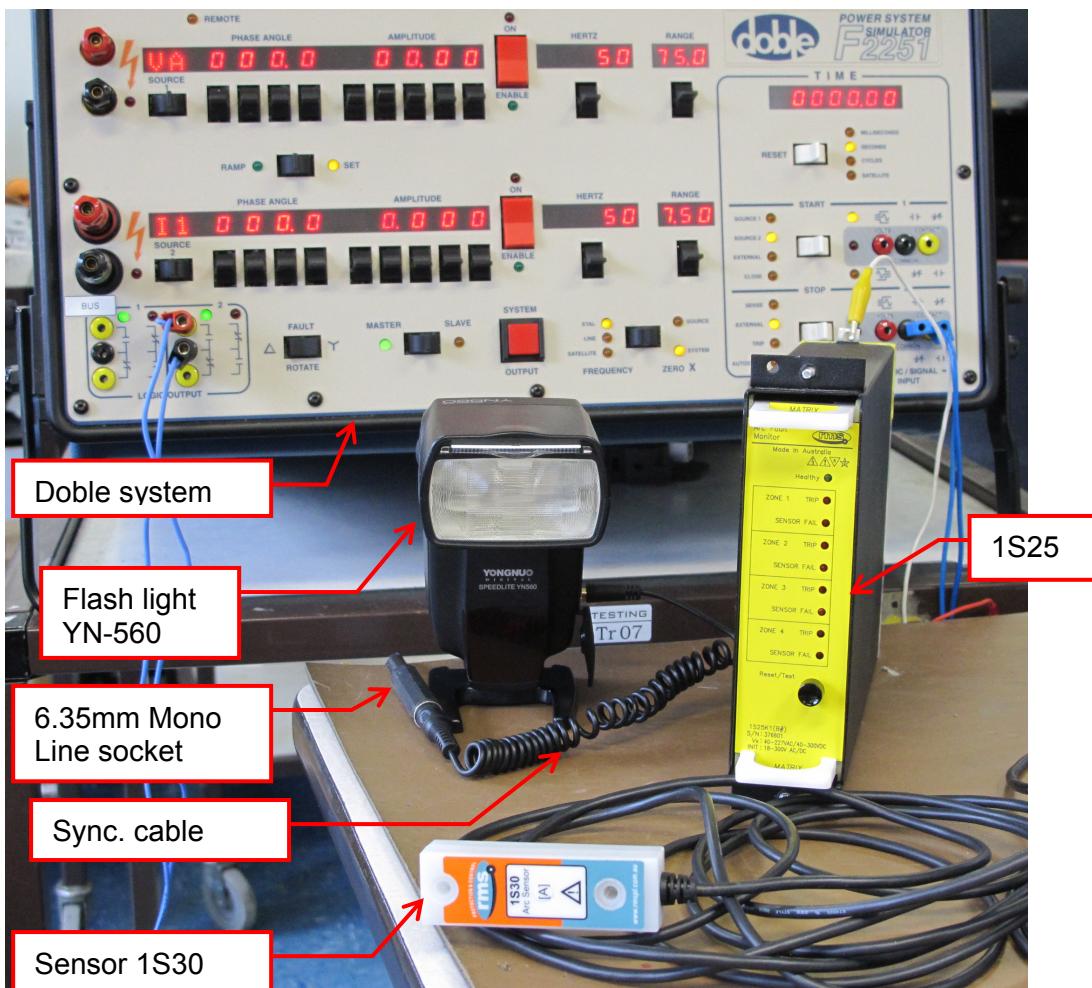


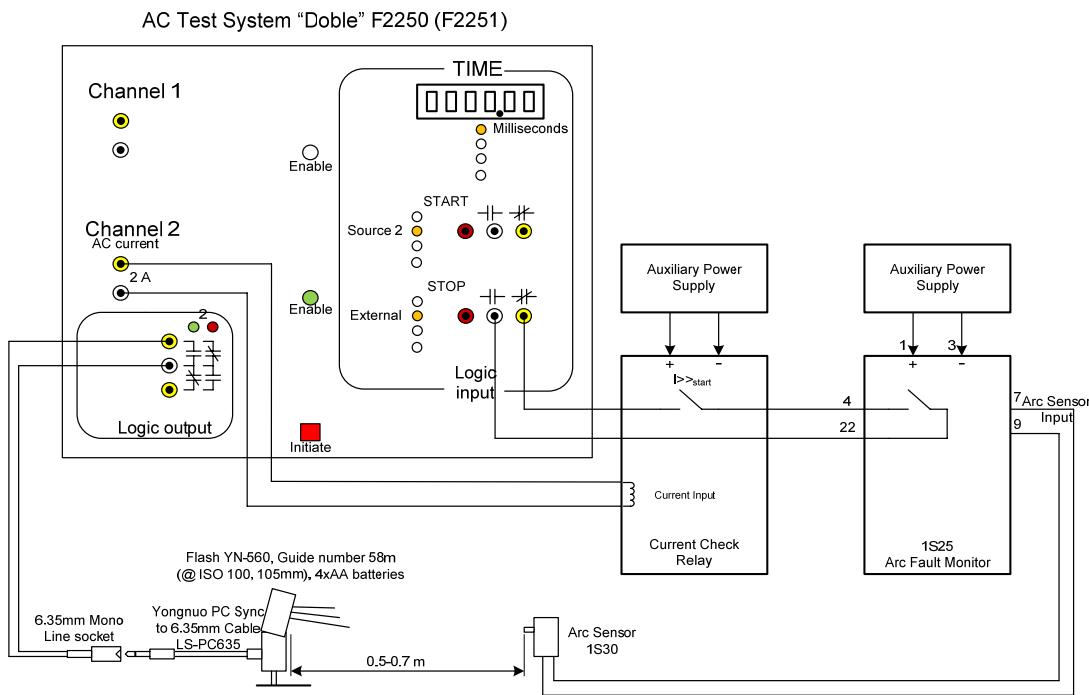
Figure 2: 1S25 setup - general view

### 3.5.2 Test procedure:

1. Set up the test as shown in the Figure 1. Example shows testing for a single Zone 1 sensor operation.
2. Set configuration switches of the 1S25 in accordance to the specific application requirements. Check for appropriate setting of the configuration switches (refer to technical bulletin for details)
3. On the Doble system set the output of Channel 2 to 0 A/ 50 Hz.
4. Set timer Start to “Source 2”. Set timer Stop to “External”. Reset the timer.
5. Switch on the Photo Flash unit and wait until the unit is ready to discharge.
6. Enable the output of Channel 2 (green LED shall be lit). To start the test press the Red button “Initiate”.
7. The Photo Flash will operate and the Doble timer will start counting. Upon the closing of the output contacts the timer will stop counting.
8. Read the timer result.
9. Repeat the test at least 3 times. Record results in the results table.
10. Repeat tests for all zones and record timing results of respective zone outputs.

### 3.6 Timing test of 1S25 (with external current check)

#### 3.6.1 Example Test setup



**Figure 3: 1S25 (with external current check) test setup**

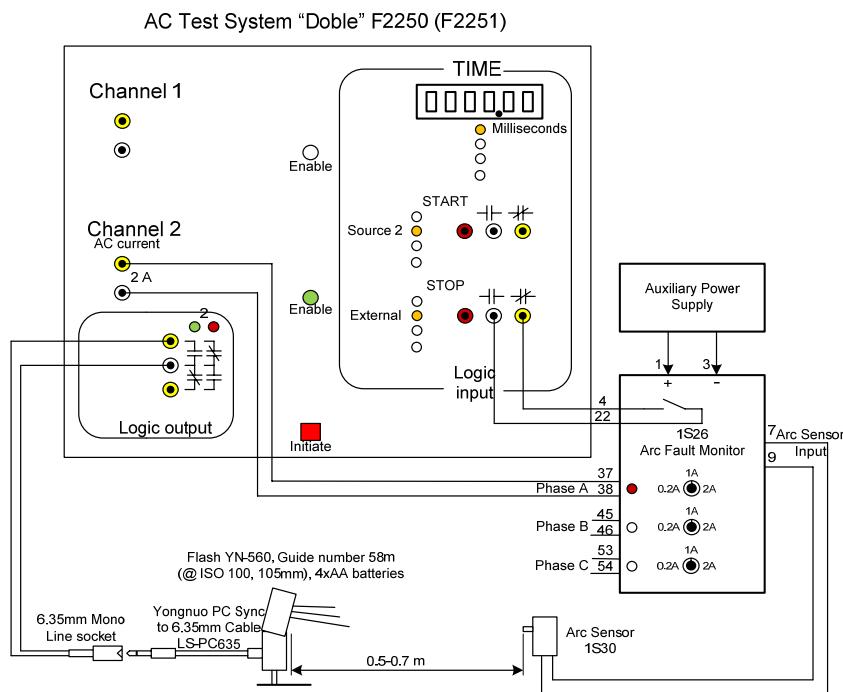
(Single Zone 1 sensor under test and common trip output monitored for timing purposes)

#### 3.6.2 Test procedure:

1. Set up the test as shown in the Figure 3. Example shows testing for a single Zone 1 sensor operation.
2. Set configuration switches of the 1S25 in accordance to the specific application requirements. Check for appropriate setting of the configuration switches (refer to technical bulletin for details).
3. Set Input current setting of the external current check relay to the required current sensitivity.
4. On the Doble system set the output of Channel 2 to twice the current setting of the current check relay, example for a 1A relay setting set the Doble to output 2A/ 50 Hz.
5. Set timer Start to "Source 2". Set timer Stop to "External". Reset the timer.
6. Switch on the Photo Flash unit and wait until the unit is ready to discharge.
7. Enable the output of Channel 2 (green LED shall be lit). To start the test press the Red button "Initiate".
8. The Photo Flash will operate and the Doble timer will start counting. Upon the closing of the output contacts the timer will stop counting.
9. Read the timer result.
10. Repeat the test at least 3 times. Record results in the results table.
11. Disable Channel 2 of the Doble system after each test to avoid the potential of thermally overloading the current input of the Current Check Relay.
12. Repeat tests for all zones and record timing results of respective zone outputs.
13. Repeat the test for all phases.

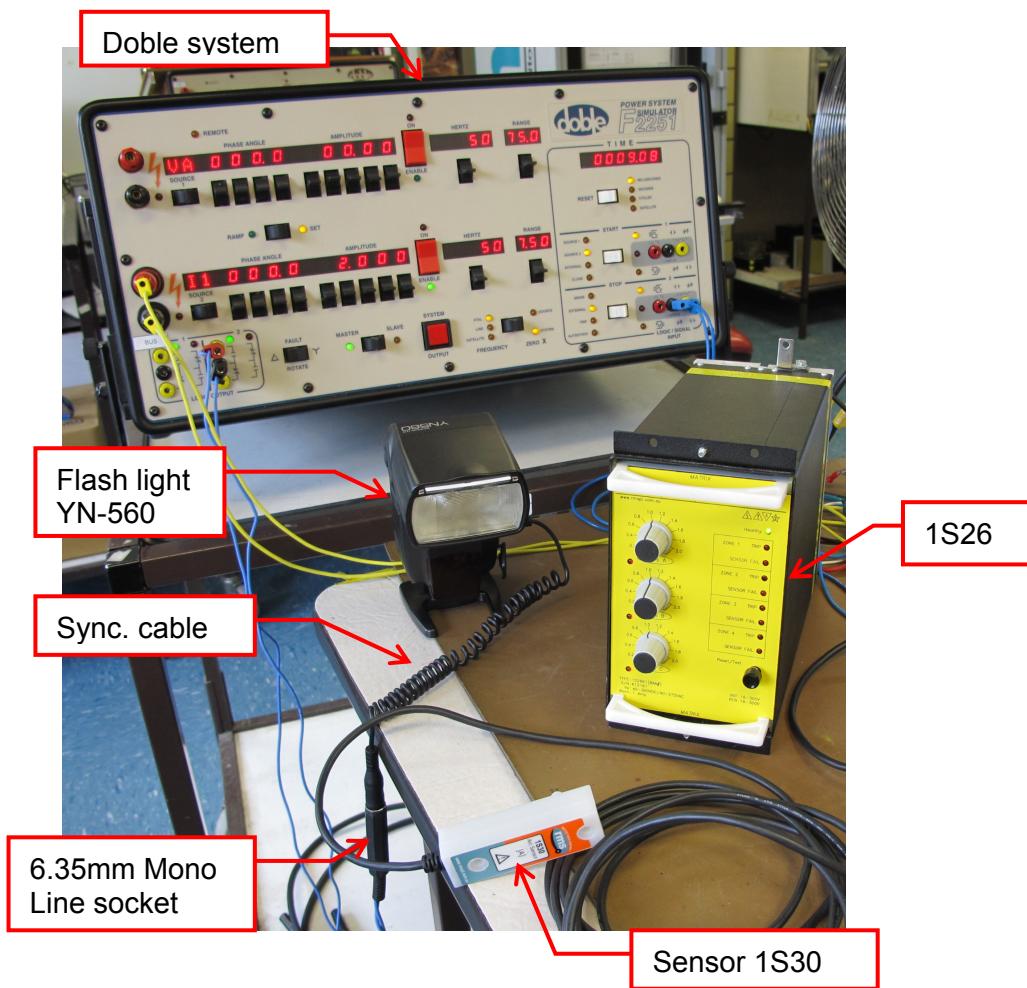
### 3.7 Timing test of 1S26

#### 3.7.1 Test setup



**Figure 4: 1S26 test setup**

(Single Zone 1 sensor under test and common trip output monitored for timing purposes, current check set at 1A)



**Figure 5: 1S26 setup - general view**

### 3.7.2 Test procedure:

1. Set up the test as shown in the Figure 4. Example shows testing for a single Zone 1 sensor operation.
2. Set configuration switches of the 1S26 in accordance to the specific application requirements. Check for appropriate setting of the configuration switches (refer to technical bulletin for details).
3. Set the Input current setting of the 1S26 to required current sensitivity, in this example 1 A on all three phases.
4. On the Doble system set the Channel 2 output to 2 times of 1S26 setting, in this example 2 A/ 50 Hz.
5. Set timer Start to "Source 2". Set timer Stop to "External". Reset the timer.
6. Switch on the Photo Flash unit and wait until the unit is ready to discharge.
7. Enable output of the Channel 2 (green LED shall be lit). To start the test press the Red button "Initiate".
8. The Photo Flash will operate and the Doble timer will start counting. Upon the closing of the output contacts the timer will stop counting.
9. Read the timer result.
10. Repeat the test at least 3 times. Record results in the results table.
11. Repeat tests for all zones and record timing results of respective zone outputs.
12. Disable Channel 2 of the Doble system after each test to avoid the potential of thermally overloading the current input of the 1S26.
13. Repeat the test for all phases

### 4.0 Results

Test results may be recorded in the tables below.

#### 4.1 Results of 1S25 testing (no current checking)

**Table 2**

Description	Distance, cm	Delay, ms	Expected	Pass /Fail
Test 1			≤10 ms	
Test 2			≤10 ms	
Test 3			≤10 ms	
Overall result			≤10 ms	

#### 4.2 Results of 1S25 testing (with external current checking)

**Table 3**

Description	Distance, cm	Delay, ms	Expected	Pass /Fail
Test 1			≤15 ms	
Test 2			≤15 ms	
Test 3			≤15 ms	
Overall result			≤15 ms	

#### 4.3 Results of 1S26 testing

**Table 4**

Description	Distance, cm	Delay, ms			Expected	Pass /Fail
		Ph. A	Ph. B	Ph. C		
Test 1					≤15 ms	
Test 2					≤15 ms	
Test 3					≤15 ms	
Overall result					≤15 ms	

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