

Switches made of porcelain, Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ and glass.

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Quality inside and out. A cut above the rest. Our light switching systems.

Our switching systems made of porcelain and Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ have been developed by our in-house specialists. They are produced in Thuringia (porcelain covers and central inserts), in Westphalia (Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ covers, central inserts and switching mechanisms) and in Bavaria (glass covers). These materials even have experts taking a second look: At trade fairs we regularly see architects tapping and feeling the material to see whether it really is genuine. Which it is, of course, and not only superficially, but through and through - for covers made of Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ the material walls are at least 2.5 mm thick, glass covers 4 mm and the porcelain covers are 13 mm thick. The inner workings are made to match: The main units for the rotary, rocker and toggle switches are made of ceramic material. And: Our rotary switches are still true rotary switches in which the contacts are opened and closed through rotation. These days, that is not always the case, many other rotary switches are really rocker switches which are operated via a turning knob. The difference can be both felt and heard.
The following pages contain detailed information about the systems and components which we supply. If you require further information or cannot find the part which you need, please do not hesitate to contact us. We shall be glad to advise you, your architects, planners and fitters on any queries you might have.

## The internal structure: Ceramic switches.

 Influenced by nautical electric engineeringIn some sectors, these types of rotary switches have survived until today - this is generally the case where dependability and durability are a top priority and where relying on the robust mechanical operation of switches is critical despite frequent use of co-current electricity: this is the case in shipbuilding and industrial applications. Our switches' mechanisms are produced by CAW (Casp. Arn Winkhaus) in Halver near Lüdenscheid; they have been making electrotechnical installation products since 1910, and we have developed our switch series in close cooperation with them. The over-centre device of the ceramic switch which consists of 42 part is the result of great mechanical precision: it keeps consistent switch contact regardless of the speed of the turning motion and is closed with a loud clicking noise - it not only sounds great, but it also protects the material, since it prevents the harmful arc effect, whic can also arise with alternating currents, and damage switch contacts in the long-term. The over-centre device is also galvanised to ensure safe operation.
All products of this catalogue have the VDE test mark if testing applies.

CE
The CE mark is applied to the packaging label and any products subject to the CE directive.

overs and combination options.
single, double and multiple combinations.
Switches and power outlets are delivered without outside faceplates For the inserts of the white porcelain series faceplates are available as single and double covers as well as system faceplates. Thanks to these system faceplates, various combinations of different elements remple a power outlet and a switch) or identical element (orats) an be combined and ment for example thee power oulles) can be combined and mounted All porcelain switches and power outlets can be combined with one nother. The only exception are data and telephone jacks, antenna outlets and speaker wall sockets which cannot be mounted in the porcelain double cover
For the inserts of the black and white Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ series are single round and square faceplates available, round system faceplates as well as square double, triple and quadruple faceplates
for the black and white Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ inserts for the glass series are round single and system faceplates available.

## he white "Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ "

Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ is a registered trademark of Momentive Specialty Chemicals nc. The white Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ series is formed from the same material as the black one. However, the white material is produced by a different manufacturer. Strictly speaking, it should therefore not be called by the brand name Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$, but by the generic name duroplast. To make it easier to distinguish items, we use the designation Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ for items from black series, and duroplast for white ones.

Installation note: The distances of the inserts in all multiple and system coverings are consistent with the standard spacing of 71 mm and can be easily used with existing installations. The switch systems fit in all standard concealed outlets.

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## From nuisance to pleasure: The porcelain switch system

From the beginning of the electrical age and several decades to follow, the porcelain and ceramics industry was the most important provider of electrical technology: Casings, switch pieces and housings were made from this attractive material that, apart from its aesthetic qualities, has tangible technical benefits: it insulates and is extremely tough.
It is hard to understand why today's porcelain material for electrical switch systems can generally only be found in industrial use. This fact can only be explained by the dominant business mentality "more, faster, cheaper"
The producers of technical porcelain - based primarily in the Bavarian Forest and in Thuringia - are desperately searching for new fields in which to apply their highly-developed skills. We have brought together a producer of electro-technical switches from Westphalia and a producer of electro-technical porcelain from Thuringia. The result is this porcelain switch system what is shortly for twenty years established on the market. It is both functional and pleasant in three ways: to the eye, to the touch and to the ear (thanks to the enjoyable "klack" sound of the rotary switch).

## The faceplate and the pushbutton

electro-technical porcelain...
All porcelain parts originate from Schierschnitz in Thuringia, where electro-technical porcelain has been produced since 1913. The porcelain is moulded under a pressure of $35-40 \mathrm{MPa}$ into metal mouldings, then glazed and sintered at a temperature of $1320-$ $1330^{\circ}$ C. (The porcelain used, type C 110 , also meets standards for material characteristics defined in DIN VDE 0335 part 3.)

## .. and duroplast.

For safety reasons, the insert of the porcelain power outlet is thermoformed in a matching colour duroplast.

## ecommended:

The porcelain switch system was rated "recommendable" by consumer rights organisation Öko-Test. For background information, see to the magazine Öko-Haus (4/2000).
DE All switches and power outlets meet the safety regulations of the VDE Association for Electrical, Electronic \& Information Technologies.

## Porcelain switch system at a glance




## The black Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ switch system

he second switch system: black and Bakelite Porcelain and Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ coexisted harmoniously for many years, and both switch colours, white porcelain and black Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ were equally popular. The synthetic resin Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ was found to be an ideal material for electro-technical applications: its stability was unmatched and its temperature resistance and insulation were tremendous.
The material remained common in light switches and power outlets into the 1960 's, but then Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ was replaced by heaper synthetic materials. With the spread of thermoplastic as the new switch material, Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ virtually disappeared from the sene. However, there is no comparison between Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ and
 and to the Bake This is due to its proctores being and to the touch. This is due to its production. Instead of ${ }^{\text {® }}$ roduced using the injection-moulding procedure, Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ moulded directly from its raw form using the "matrix method". With the successful development of the porcelain switch system, we have set out to restore this harmonious coexistence. In close cooperation with the company CAW, we have brought the lost moulds and tools back into production and have found material manufacturers who re masters at processing Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ - a skill which can no longer be taken for granted. The result is the Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch system: just ike its porcelain counterpart, it is both functionally and aesthetically superior to other synthetic mouldings.

Information about Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$.
When Leo H . Baekeland registered the patent for the production of the first completely synthetic material in 1908, he was aware of the hardships faced by the electronic industry, which was in dire need of a substitute material for the expensive material shellac. His Bakelite, the first ever thermosetting synthetic materia, made it possible to manufacture it manufa th nobs and switches, then moving to radios, telephones and even typewriters.

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Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch system with round coverings at a glance


Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ switch system with square coverings at a glance



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nae outlets and speaker wall sockets.
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and $20-3515 \mathrm{~W}$ light bulbs. Pressure alternation $\quad$ Order no. 173060
For low voltage halogen lamps with magnetic transformer For low voltage halogen lamps with magnetic transformer
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Pressure alternation light bulbs. $\quad$ Order no. 173062 For LED lamps $3-50 \mathrm{~W}$
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Pressure alternation Electronic potentiometer
$\mathrm{AC} 230 \mathrm{~V}(+1-10 \%), 5 \mathrm{~Hz}$
Other dimmers are available upon reques.

Order no. 173102

Order no. 173103

 ons. The Bakelite ${ }^{\text {s }}$ switch systems fit in all standard concealed outlets.
For the vertical and horizontal installation of several devices into individual covers, we recommend a pitch of 91 mm for optical reasons.

EXTERNAL SYSTEM COVERING BAKELITE® $82 \mathrm{~mm} \varnothing$. For veritical and horizontal assembly y fall components with central insert excluding dimmerer datal and
telephone $i$ ick, antennae outlets and speaker wall sockets telephone jack, antennae outlets and speaker wall sockets. $\begin{gathered}\text { Order no. } 173092\end{gathered}$ EXTERNAL SYSTEM COVERING FOR DIMMER BAKELITE® $82 \mathrm{~mm} \varnothing$. For vertical and horizontal assembly of dimmer,


## The white Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ switch system - duroplast

The white duroplast series corresponds technically to the black
Bakelite series. All cover plates, switch buttons and outlet elements Bakelite series. All cover plates, switch buttons and outlet elements in the series are made of lightfast white duroplast.
Like in all other series, the insides of these switches originate from CAW. As early as in 1910, CAW was granted a patent for an electric rotary switch with a movable contact bridge on an annular track DE Of course, all of our products have the VDE test mark if testing applies.


Letters patent from 1910.

## Duroplast switch system with round coverings at a glance



Duroplast switch system with square coverings at a glance




SINGLE COVERING DUROPLAST 82 mm Ø. For assembly of all components with central insert excluding dimmer, data and telephone jack, antenn outlets and speaker wall sockets. Order no. 176421 $\begin{aligned} & \text { For assembly of dimmer, data and telephone jack, antennae } \\ & \text { outtets and speaker wall sockets. } \\ & \text { Order no. } 181997\end{aligned}$



SINGLE COVERING SQUARE DUROPLAST $82 \times 82 \mathrm{~mm}$. For assembly of all components with central insert excluding dimmer, data and telephone jack, antenna For assembly of dimmll sockets. Order no. 119330 For assembly of dimmer, data and telephone jack, antennae
outlets and speaker wall sockets.
Order no. 119329

ExTERNAL SYSTEM COVERING DUROPLAST $82 \mathrm{~mm} \varnothing$. For verical and horizontal assembly of all Components with central insert excluding dimmer, data and
 EXTERNAL SYSTEM COVERING FOR DIMMER 82 mm Ø. For vertical and horizontal assembly of dimmer, data and telephone jack, antennae outlets and speaker wall
Order no. 176427 SYSTEM COVERING WAIST DUROPLAST
82 mm $\varnothing$. For vertical and horizontal assembly of 82 mm . For vertical and horizontal assembly of all components with central insert excluding dimmer, data and
telephone jack, antennae outtets and speaker wall sockets.

Order no. 176426
SYSTEM COVERING WAIST FOR DIMMER DUROPLAST $82 \mathrm{~mm} \varnothing$. For vertical and horizontal assembly of dimmer, sockets sockets. Order no. 17642

Instalation note. The distances of the inserts in all multiple and syster ns. The Duroplast switch systems fit in all standard concealed outlets.
For the vertical and horizontal installation of several devices into individual covers, we recommend a pitch of 91 mm for optical reasons.


The glass switch series: cut glass and Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$.

Light switches with glass covers - as used in our other series ave already existed before, in the 1930s. With our glass covers, manufactured from a special, highly transparent glass, switches re rendered almost invisible. In addition, pretreatment makes the glass resistant to any splintering at the edges. It is beveled at a $45^{\circ}$ angle and lavishly polished to ensure the perfect optical finish. The switch can even be easily papered over. It does require some extra attention during installation, but the outstandingly subtle look ertainly compensates the extra effort. Our covers are available in six variations and can be used with all rotary switches and central inserts from our black and white Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ series. There are particular models that have been tailored to work with the glass covers.
A specialist company from Bavaria manufactures the glass components. The four-millimeter thick glass plates are thermally hardened. The Optiwhite glass used sets them apart from comparable covers through its superior transparency. You will hardly see these covers.As with all of our series, the electrical components are produced in the Sauerland region and have the VDE test mark f testing applies.
Installation note: The mounting of our switches to glass covers requires a different installation sequence than the usual one: The electrician installs the internal components and the acrylic glass ring that was included in delivery. After that, the completely may have a maximum thickness of 0.5 mm to observe all regulations and standards of the
German Association for Electrical. Electronic \& Information Technologies (VDE). For this Gerrman Association for Electrical, Electronic \& Information Technologies (VDE). For this
reason, the hollow wall sockets must be mounted cleanly so that the $1 \mathrm{~mm}-$-hick arylic reason, the hioliow wall sockets must be mounted cleanly so that the imm-thick acrylic
glass plate is flush with the wall. In addition, white cardboard form plates have been included with the glass covers. These form plates fit precisely directly beneath the glass cover. The cardboard covers can be wallpaperedod over or painted in the desired wall colour
After a possible disassembly of the switches (e.g., for techical inspection), these covers uarante that thas eombly of the switches (e.g., for technical inspection) If several individual covers are to be mounted next to each other, this circumstance must be taken into consideration when the sockets are placed; for this purpose, spacer fittings with 20 mm are required. When mounting system covers, observe a precise mean size with 20 mm
of 71 mm .


Glass switch system with Bakelite ${ }^{\circledast}$ inserts at a glance


Glass switch system with Duroplast inserts at a glance




Free flowing music. Our audio wall sockets with WBT jacks.
High-end audiophilism has long left the ranks of unfounded theories redesigning the basic structure of the supporting frame was also - the differences are both measurable and perceptible. Often the necessary. The transmitting systems have a minimalistic design. weakest link is that, which has the most influence over the overall Direct comparisons demonstrated the crisp, powerful and crystal result. Up until a few years ago, this had usually been the plug clear sound playback with this construction. That's why we wasted connection that would rob the system and its expensive cables no time in instaling them in the wall sockets of our switch series. of its crisp sound. However, all this changed when the German This means that great sound is possible without having metres of company WBT redesigned its plugs and jacks according to audiophile cable running through the room. They can be concealed and create principles. In the end, it is all about designing an interface between alternative locations for speakers or even junctions into neighbouring the cables and components that eliminates the possibility of physical rooms. Our wall sockets can also be used as connection terminals for phenomena that could disrupt or minimise performance. Since most speakers. For optimal results, these components should only be high purity and therefore softer metals are used for this purpose, used in combination with WBT plugs and high-quality cables.


## Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ surface mounted. IP20

To complement our tried and tested switch systems of porcelain and Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ we have developed switches and sockets for surface mounting. Optically, their design is reminiscent of historical predecessors - whereby they do, of course, comply with all current standards and safety regulations. The robust $2,5 \mathrm{~mm}$ thick casings of Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Duroplast are moulded in one piece and provide sufficient impact protection for the electrical contacts underneath. To allow cables to be laid to or through the units, the casing has lateral sections which can be broken out along predetermined lines. The casing is open at the back, so that the cabling can also be laid below he surface. The mechanical components fulfil the same standards in esper of durability and service life as the other switch seriss which ve alcor stallation: The inner components are mounted on the underlying surface and then connected with the cabling, after which the casing is put in place and screwed tight. Where the underlying surface is flammable, it should first be covered using a suitable layer of material, e.g. Pertinax. As part of the surface mounting product series we supply matching base plates made of Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Duroplast.
$\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{E}}$ Of course, these switches and sockets also have the VDE test OE mark


surface-mounted rota $10 \mathrm{~A}, 10 \mathrm{AX}, \mathrm{AC} 250 \mathrm{~V}$, IP20 Duroplast housing and locking bol. wi.t. locking bolt 53 mm Duroplast housing and locking bolt. With spring clip. Alersation switch Multi-circuit switch Order no. 186890


SUREACE-MOUNTED Botady switch bavelite $10 \mathrm{~A}, 10 \mathrm{AX}, \mathrm{AC} 250 \mathrm{~V}$, IP20 62 mm , height above surface incl. locking bolt 53 mm . Bakelite $\Theta$ housing and locking bolt. With spring clip Alternation switch Order no. 186892 rossbar switch $\quad$ Order no. 18689 Order no. 18689


SURFACE-MOUNTED TOGG mm $\varnothing$, height above surf Duroplast housing and toggle. Ilternation switch Alternation switc


Le SWITCH DUROPLAST
incl. toggle 49 mm
Order no. 184197
Order no. 184206


TGGIE SWITCH BAKELTTE $10 \mathrm{~A}, 10 \mathrm{AX}, 250 \mathrm{~V}$, IP20 $62 \mathrm{~mm} \varnothing$, height above surface incl. toggle 49 mm . Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ housing and toggle Alternation switch
Crossbar switch

Order no. 184198 Order no. 184198
Order no. 184207


SURFACE-MOUNTED OUTLET DUROPLAST 16 A, AC 250 V, IP20 nusing with shutter. With spring clips. Order no. 184199 Dutlet with middle-safety contact
DUROPLAST With shutter (French version) BASE PLATE DUROPLAST Order no. 100062 62 mm e Order no. 184642


SURFACE-MOUNTED OUTLET BAKELTE® ${ }_{16}$ A A AC 250 V , IP20 62 mm Ø, height above surface 49 mm . Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ housing with shutter. With spring clips. Order no. 184200 OUTLET WITH MIDDLE-SAFETY CONTACT BAKELITE®
With shutter (french version).
Order no. 100063 base plate bakehtem $62 \mathrm{~mm} \varnothing$

Dimensioning in mm


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## IP44 Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ wall-mounted humidity-proof switch

They're a little piece of electrical industry history. Between the late 19th century and the mid-20th century, these switches featured in industrial complexes and also turned up in cellars and basements of ordinary homes. They had famous names - Siemens-Schuckert and Dr. Deisting and their solid appearance made them electrical fittings which inspired absolute trust in their safety and stability. In Germany, people quipped that they were "thick-skinned", but there's no denying that the respect they earned was well-placed: even today, electrical specialists are regularly amazed by the reliability of even the oldest installations. This
is just one more reason why we've decided to produce our switches and outlets in the same designs as their hard-working predecessors. With Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ walls 2.5 mm thick, these switches' authenticity is also underscored by their deeply satisfying acoustic qualities - no modern switch makes a click like these ones.
DE Of course, all of our products have the VDE test mark if testing OE applies

 IP44 WALL-MOUNTED OUTLET BAKELTE®
16 A, AC 250 V, IP44. Length 8.5 cm, width 9.7 cm ,
height above surface 7 cm . Weight 160 g . Two-part cas height above surface 7 cm . Weight 160 g . Two-part case
and lid made of Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ with a single lateral input. Outlet with shutter. With spring clips. Cable mounted 0 wall surface. Safety rating IP44 with sealed mod ranteding
ITP20 when plug inserted.
Order no. 100828

HORIZONTAL BAKELITE $16 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{AC} 250 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{IP} 44$. Length 8.5 cm , width 9.7 cm , height
above surface 7 cm . Weight 190 g . For horizontal layouts
. with two outlets, e.g., for two or more outlets at different locations in a single room. Two-part case and lid made
 Shutter. With sping cips. Caber mounted on wall surface.
Safety rating P44 with sealed lid, rating IP20 when plug
inserted.


IP44 WALL-MOUNTED THROUGH ROTARY
ALTERNATING SWITCH, VERTICAL BAKELTE ${ }^{-1}$
 9.7 cm , height above surface 6.5 cm . Weight 220 g . For
vertical layouts with outlet and rotary swith. Two-part vertical layouts with outlet and rotary switch. Two-part
case and locking bolt made of Bakelite with a single lateral input. With spring clips. Cable mounted on wall
Order no. 100832


IP44 WALL-MOUNTED THROUGH OUTLET VERTICAL BAKELTIE
$16 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{AC} 250 \mathrm{~V}$, 1 P44. Length 11 cm , width 9.7 cm ,
height above surface 7 cm . Weight 190 g . For vertical lay heith tabove surfacet 7 c . Weight 190 g . For vertical lay
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Bekelite
 shutter. With spring clips. Cable mounted on wall surface
Safety rating IP44 with sealed lid, rating IP20 when plug Satety ring P44 with sealed lid, rating IP20 when plug
Order no. 100829
inserted.



Goodbye cable channel, hello cloth-covered cable. Standardscompliant, of course.

Running cables along a wall isn't just the most cost-effective way of wiring up a room - it can also have a distinct aesthetic appeal, for example when workspaces and cellars are converted into residential spaces. However, this solution has one obvious disadvantage: today's wall-mounted cables are just so ugly. Though these cables meet regulatory standards, there's no way to prettify them - attempting to hide them in plastic cable covers just makes them even more of an eyesore. However, we have come up with a solution to this dilemma

An innovation: black cloth-covered cables for wall-mounting.
We hired experts to sheath a standardcompliant NHXMH-cable ( $5 \times 1.5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ) in a tube of fabric, and the resulting product adds the perfect touch to interiors, even ones with high humidity levels, as well as being flameretardant.
TEXTLLE CABLE
NHXMH-cable
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NHXMH -cable $\left(5 \times 1.5 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~m}^{2}\right.$ ) in a tube of fabric. Suitable for interiors, even ones with high humidity levels. Flame-
retardant. 10 m .
reardant.
$5 \times 1,5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \mathrm{~m}$.$\quad$ Order no. 100834
$5 \times 2,5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2} \quad$ Order no. 100294
And the cable clamps.
Matching cable clamps made of black plastic are also available and come in pairs. They can be used to attach cables to walls and route wires; screws for securing the clamps are included
CABLE CLAMPS
Black plastic. For
Aack plastic. For cables from $10-17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter Smallest pack size: 5 items. $\quad$ Order no. 100825

Bakelite ${ }^{\oplus}$ junction box
Fortunately, we were able to find the tool for this model, which must surely be more than 60 years old. After undergoing restoration and appropriate VDE testing this junction box now fills a gap in our surfacemounted rew and also functional design. Bakelite ${ }^{\circledR}$ ousing in black or white with six knockout entries featuring rubber gaskets for various installation options.
JUNCTION BOX
AC 400 V. For cab
C 400 V . For cables up to $4 \times 2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$. Breadth 9.5 cm , length 9.5 cm , heigh 4.5 cm . Weight: 140 g . 1 P 44 . Duroplast Orderno. 100922 Duroplast Order no. 100923


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Surface-mounted garage outlet
Switchable outlet via rotary switch lock. Electricity supply is only possi-
ble when outlet is locked (rotary switch in position I); the plug can only be pulled out in position 0 . This outlet was originally designed for use be pulled our as oras and cellars and on building sites in or use in rooms such as garages and cellars, and on building sites, in order to avoid the danger of explosions related to possible flying sparks when a plug is pulled out. The casing is surface-mounted and is secured via four screw fittings on the sides. Cable inlet on surface.


URFACE-MOUNTED GARAGE OUTLET IP2O
SURFACE-M
 Bakelit housing. With spring clips. Order no. 100295


Surface-mounted garage outtet



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