S&C’s economical, reliable metal-enclosed switchgear is also available in arc-resistant models that provide a heightened level of protection from the effects of an internal arc. Arc-resistant models have all of the rugged features of S&C Custom Metal-Enclosed Switchgear, plus additional measures needed to withstand the effects of internal arcing faults. Two styles are available—a top-flap style suitable for both indoor and outdoor installations in climates that are warm year round, and a side-flap style suitable for outdoor installation in climates where ice and snow may be present.

Front view of top-flap style arc-resistant S&C Metal-Enclosed Switchgear rated 25 kV.
S&C Custom Metal-Enclosed Switchgear
Indoor and Outdoor Distribution (4.16 kV through 34.5 kV)

Both styles have successfully passed the rigorous certification testing required by the Canadian standard, EEMAC G14-1 for accessibility type B, access to the front, back, and sides. This standard addresses the effects of internal arcing fault conditions, including overpressure acting on covers, doors, and inspection windows. It also covers the thermal effects of the arc and verification that the arc does not burn through external walls of the enclosure. The standard does not address all potential hazards of an internal arcing fault.

Side-flap style has also passed certification testing required by IEEE standard C37.20.7-2001, for accessibility type 2, access to the front, back, and sides. This standard addresses the same points as the EEMAC G14-1. The only difference is that the IEEE standard has an arc duration of 0.5 seconds, while the EEMAC standard has an arc duration of 1 second.
In accordance with the EEMAC standard and the IEEE standard, the switchgear tested was a fully functional unit not previously subjected to arcing and was fully equipped. The mounting arrangements closely approximated those in normal service.

An arc was initiated at the point producing the highest stress under conditions simulating a realistic service situation. Black cotton cloth indicators were used to verify the ability of the enclosure to constrain release of hot gases around its perimeter.

Front view of arc-resistant S&C Metal-Enclosed Switchgear, illustrating the pressure-relief flaps. The lightweight aluminum pressure-relief flaps open quickly to relieve overpressure, but have the tensile strength of 14-gauge steel.
The enclosure was able to resist the resultant overpressure. The arc did not burn any holes in the exterior walls, and none of the cotton indicators ignited. Doors, covers, and inspection windows remained on the enclosure.

The duration of arcing was one second. The highest peak current was 99 kA, and the average symmetrical current was 41 kA over the duration of the test. The test, therefore, verified that the switchgear is resistant to burn-through and overpressure through 40 kA symmetrical.

The table below lists ratings and dimensions of arc-resistant switchgear. The bays retain the same footprints as the standard models of 15-kV, 25-kV, and 34.5-kV S&C Custom Metal-Enclosed Switchgear. But the chimney for the lower vent increases the overall depth of all models by five inches, including the door. This is not taken into account in the chart below. See the chart below for heights on the top-flap style and the side-flap style.

Please note that the arc-resistant models of S&C Custom Metal-Enclosed Switchgear are designed to meet the enclosure security requirements for Category B per ANSI C37.20.3, with access restricted to qualified personnel. Also note that if the switchgear is to be installed indoors, the user must provide a means of exhausting hot gases outside of the building.

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**Indoor and Outdoor Distribution (4.16 kV through 34.5 kV)**

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**Arc-Resistant Models**

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① Dimensions are the same for indoor and outdoor switchgear.
② For top-flap style, a minimum of 4 feet of unobstructed clearance is required above the gear.
③ For side-flap style, a minimum of 4 feet of unobstructed clearance is required for both the front and the rear sides.