



Surge protection technology

Concepts, applications and products

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SPD Basics

What is an electrical power surge?

- Surge is a sudden burst of energy that flows in a circuit and can be caused by various events:
 - Lightning strike
 - Power line switching
 - High power load switching manoeuvre
 - Arcing
 - Switching
- Power surge can manifest either as increased voltage, current or both
- High voltage causes dielectric breakdown of insulation
- High current causes overload of current paths



What is SPD and how does it work?



- SPD (Surge Protective Device) is installed in-line or in parallel path with the load
- When a voltage surge does come down the line, the SPD responds in nanoseconds by creating a low impedance path to neutral or ground
- Current flows through the path of least resistance
- There is always some voltage/current that will be pushed through the load (protection level)
- If the SPD is installed correctly and in the proper location, the remaining surge voltage seen by the equipment will be well below a level that could damage components

Applicable standards

- IEC 60664-1 Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems
- IEC 60364-4-44 Edition 2.2 Low-voltage electrical installations Part 4-44: Protection for safety -Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances
- IEC 60364-5-53, Electrical installations of buildings Part 5-53: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Isolation, switching and control
- IEC 61643-11 Low-voltage surge protective devices Part 11: Surge protective devices connected to low-voltage power systems Requirements and test methods
- IEC 61643-12 Low-voltage surge protective devices Part 12: Surge protective devices connected to low-voltage power systems Selection and application principles
- IEC 62305 series Protection against lightning:
 - Part 1: General principles
 - Part 2: Risk management
 - Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard
 - Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures
- UL 1449, 5th Edition UL Standard for Safety Surge Protective Devices

New IEC standard structure for SPD testing

Present situation:

- Independent standard covering AC SPDs testing methods (IEC/EN 61643-11:2011)
- Independent standard for PV SPDs testing methods (IEC/EN 61643-31:2019 and EN 50539-11:2013 which became obsolete in May 2022)

New upcoming standards:

- Main standard IEC 61643-01:202X
- Sub-standard IEC 61643-11:202X for AC SPDs
- Sub-standard IEC 61643-21:202X for Data SPDs
- Sub-standard IEC 61643-31:202X for PV SPDs (released in 2019 and will be adapted).
- Sub-standard IEC 61643-41:202X for DC SPDs.

Expected release is delayed due to many comments. Currently updated Committee Draft (CD) status versions of

Raycap standards are available. Next step is a committee draft for vote (CDV) version, and release of standards after voting 6

Type 1 and Type 2 impulse comparison



Due to longer duration Type 1 impulse (10/350) carries up to 20 times more energy at the same impulse amplitude as Type 2 impulse (8/20)

T1 applications

Buildings with External Lightning Protection



Buildings with Overhead Line Feed

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SPD Parameter selection guide



LPL	FLASH TO STRUCTURE		FLASH TO STRUCTURE		DIRECT AND INDIRECT FLASHES TO THE SERVICE		
	S1 (10/350)		S1 (8/20)	S2 (8/20)	S3 (10/350)		S4 (8/20)
	1phase	3phase	Inductive coupling	Induced current	1phase	3phase	Inductive coupling
I	50 kA	25 kA	10 kA	0,2 kA	20 kA	10 kA	5 kA
II	35 kA	17,5 kA	7,5 kA	0,15 kA	15 kA	7,5 kA	3,75 kA
III / IV	25 kA	12,5 kA	5 kA	0,1 kA	10 kA	5 kA	2,5 kA

• Values per conductor

T2 applications

Buildings with no External Lightning Protection

Buildings with External Lightning Protection but distance > 10m between T1 SPD and protected device





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Types of SPDs and surges - Type 3

- Type 3 SPDs are used for fine protection against switching overvoltages, they provide low voltage protection level for devices rated for Overvoltage category 4
- Type 3 SPD must always be used in conjunction with Type 2 SPD upstream
- U_{oc} is the key parameter for SPD selection
- I_n is modeled as 1,2/50 pulse:
- Devices are tested with combined wave, consisting of 1,2/50 and 8/20 impulse (voltage and current)



SPD Type & location of installation

IEC 60364-5-53:2019 © IEC 2019 - 25 -



Figure 1 – Example of installation of class I, class II and class III tested SPDs

Impulse withstand voltage of equipment

Nominal vo install \	ltage of the ation ^a /	Required impulse withstand voltage for kV °				
Three-phase systems ^b	Single-phase systems with middle point	Equipment at the origin of the installation (overvoltage category IV)	Equipment of distribution and final circuits (overvoltage category III)	Appliances and current- using equipment (overvoltage category II)	Specially protected equipment (overvoltage category I)	
-	120-240	4	2,5	1,5	0,8	
230/400 ^b 277/480 ^b	-	6	4	2,5	1,5	
400/690	-	8	6	4	2,5	
1 000	_	12	8	6	4	

Table 44.B – Required rated impulse withstand voltage of equipment

^a According to IEC 60038.

^b In Canada and USA, for voltages to earth higher than 300 V, the impulse withstand voltage corresponding to the next highest voltage in column one applies.

^c This impulse withstand voltage is applied between live conductors and PE.

What kind of SPDs exist? (1/2)

• Surge protection devices can be divided per two general criteria:

- What are they protecting?
 - Power SPDs
 - Protect power lines, supplies, etc
 - Capable of handling high power

Signal line SPDs

- Protect low voltage lines, used for signal and data transmission
- Provide very low protection levels, suitable for sensitive electronics





What kind of SPDs exist? (2/2)

- How they work?
 - Voltage limiting SPDs
 - SPD has a high impedance when no surge is present but will reduce it continuously with increased surge current and voltage **linear operation**
 - Based on MOVs and TVS diodes
 - Most used in power SPDs
 - Voltage switching SPDs
 - SPD has a high impedance when no surge is present, but will suddenly change impedance to a low value in response to a voltage surge – switch-like operation
 - Based on gap devices (GDTs, PGDTs, spark gaps) and switches (thyristors)
 - Gap based devices are often used in applications where galvanic separation is required







SPD component technologies







TVSs

[Transient Voltage Suppressor Diode]



Туре	Limiting	Switching	Switching	Switching	Limiting
Usage	Power SPDs (L-N, N-PE)	Power SPDs - (N-PE) Signal line SPDs	Power SPDs (L-N, N-PE)	Power SPDs (L-N, N-PE)	Signal line SPDs
Pros	Low clamping voltage high current capability	High current capability Isolation (no leakage)	High current capability Isolation (no leakage)	High current capability Isolation (no leakage) Follow current handling	Lowest clamping voltage
Cons	Overheating during conduction Leakage current	Low follow current handling	Medium clamping voltage and follow current issues		Very low energy absorbing capability

Din Rail SPDs for AC applications

- Light industry
- Commercial buildings
- Residential buildings

T1 SPDs for AC applications



- Raycap's innovative technology "PhaseGDT" is at the core of a wide range of T1 25kA high performance and highly compact products for various voltage and applications
- 100kA total lightning capacity (10/350µs) in 4TE size only (25kA / pole) for sensitive LPL I & LPL II zones
- Follow current limitation capability which results to:
 - No overcurrent protection tripping during conduction
 - Long lifetime due to no follow current conduction.
- Applicable in networks with high short-circuit currents (up to 50 kA)
- Universal energy coordination with any Type 2 and Type 3 SPD regardless of cable length
- Leakage current free technology
- VDE certified
- Pluggable product with anti-vibration lock

Principle and benefits of revolutionary "Phase GDT" technology



PGDT

SPARK GAP

Follow current comparative test results

Below comparison shows behavior of several different voltage switching technologies (solid lines are currents and dotted lines are voltages). It is clear that the follow-current of Phase GDT technology is significantly lower than that of conventional devices, and below the point where it can damage or age its internal components.



Technology	Phase GDT	Horn air SG	Air SG with trigger	Multi-ce II air SG
Peak amplitude [A]	92	2600	1800	2700
Specific energy [A ² s]	39	3080	2297	19602

ProTec T1S

Unique product features:

High discharge capacity - I_{imp} 25kA
U_c 275V or 440V
Modular SPD in 1TE/pole
For use in TN and TT systems
Leakage current free

Applications:

- High risk buildings
- TN / TT 400V/690V systems
- IT 400V system LPL II installations





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ProTec T1SF – Fuse integrated T1 product

Unique product features:

- No back-up fuse required!
- High discharge capacity I_{imp} 25 kA
 Status indication for all scenarios
 Phase GDT based
- •U_c 275V
- Short circuit current rating 75 kA
- Low voltage protection level
- •16 mm² wiring can be always used*
- -Applications lass solution on the market!
- Industry installations
- Transformer stations



*Installation of live conductors must be proof to internal short-circuit between phases or between phase and earth

ProTec T2F - Fuse integrated T2 product

Unique product features:

- No back-up fuse required!
- High discharge capacity I_{max} up to 40 kA
- U_c 300V
- Short circuit current rating up to 50 kA_{rms}
- Low voltage protection level
- 6 mm² can be always used*

Applications:

- Transformer stations
- Industrial sites with big fuses / breakers



SafeTec T2 Technology for AC

Unique product features:

- TOV immunity due to current limiting function
- Available in a wide variety of operating voltages (75V to 880V)
- VDE-IEC (Type 2) and UL (Type 1CA) certificate
- Pluggability
- Vibration and shock withstand capability
- Sensitive and reliable state of the art disconnector
- High Surge Current capability, Imax = 50kA
- Backup fuse up to 315 A gG
- Short circuit current rating up to 50kA





AC SPDs - Basic line T1, T2, T3

ProTec, ProBloc, SafeBloc, DMDR, MPE-Mini

- Modular or pluggable
- T1 line up to Imax=25kA (10/350µs) per pole
- wide variety of operating voltages (75V to 880V)
- Leakage current free product line available
- TN and TT (3+1) support











Special applications

60mm busbar systems ProTec 60 SPD

Application examples & competition







ProTec 60 – 60mm busbar system SPD

Overview:

- SPD adapter for 60mm busbar system for standard DIN rail plugs
- Base with integrated GDT for TN-S & TT models
- Modular solution that allows usage of T1 and T2 SPDs
- Expected high runner is T2F as it does not require additional backup fuse
- 3 phases are connected via busbars, neutral and ground via cables for highest application flexibility
- Pluggable concept allows for fast & simplified installation





Din-Rail SPDs for EV

Scenario: EV charger connected to public network

IEC 60364-7-722 (DIN VDE 0100-722:2019-06)

Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 7-722: Requirements for special installations or locations – Supplies for electrical vehicles.

A connecting point accessible to the public is considered as part of a public service and therefore shall be protected against transient overvoltages.



Application example – AC charging stations on the street



ProBloc EV T2

Overview:

- Enables V connectivity for in-line installation
- Ensures most space optimized SPD installation
- Updated mounting geometry for better application fit
- Optional version without mounting ears
- Single and 3 phase version available

Product features & benefits:

- Compact design for installation in small AC wall box chargers
- Connection via faston connectors
- Dual mounting DIN rail and backplate
- Type 2 SPD with increased ratings I_n 10kA
- 3-phase (TN-S or TT) SPD in only 2TE





EV charger SPD – ProBloc EV T2





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EV charging SPDs for AC chargers - ProTec T2-CM-L

Unique product features:

- Compact design with 9mm / pole
- Type 2 + 3 SPD
- U_c 275V and 440V
- Discharge capacity I_{max} up to 40 kA
- Short circuit current rating up to 25 kA_{rms}

Application:

- Residential AC charger wall boxes
- Public AC charger pillars and boxes
- Sub-distribution boards
- Additional protection as high performance T3 SPD



	Dimension	1TE	2TE
`	Configuration	2+0, 1+1	3+0, 4+0, 3+1
Scenario – EV DC chargers

- In DC charging stations transformers provide galvanic isolation of battery and supply network
- As cars are grounded but supply is isolated, the SPD on the AC side will not limit the overvoltage to low enough levels, potentially resulting in dielectric breakdown (flashover) on the DC side
- As a solution, special SPDs are installed on the DC side of chargers
- In addition, IEC/EN 61851-23 states that the DC charging station must reduce the overvoltage to the electrical vehicle to a pulse rated voltage of 2500V or less. This is a safety measure to protect the car and the person using the charger. This shall be considered regarding SPD selection.



EV charging SPDs for DC chargers

Key facts:

- IEC/EN 61851-23 conform
- MOV and GDT based
- Type 1 and Type 2
- I_{total (10/350)} up to 12.5kA
- UL certified



SafeTec T2-1000DC-3+0

Application:

- DC fast chargers
- Charging stations with DC bus

DC fast charging with separate Converter-User unit



DC SPDs required because of

- IEC/EN 61851-23
- IEC 62305-2 Risk assessment, considering induced currents.

Din-Rail SPDs for PV applications

- PV String Inverter protection
- Commercial buildings
- Residential buildings

PV SPDs

Key Facts:

- MOV based, MOV + GDT available
- Type 1 and Type 2
- Voltages from 600V to 1500V in Type 1
- Voltages from 150V to 1500V in Type 2
- I_{total} (10/350) up to 12.5kA
- VDE and UL certified
- Compliant to new IEC/EN 61641-31 PV standard (replaced old EN 50539-11)







Application – Type 1 or Type 2 SPD?

Key criteria – Lightening Protection System:

- No LPS ProTec T2 PV
- External LPS with separation distance ProTec T2 PV
- External LPS with no separation distance ProTec T1 PV

Application – No LPS



*SPD 4 not needed if cable length between 1 and 4 < 10m

Application – External LPS with separation distance



Application – External LPS with no separation distance



Application – Which Type 1 SPD?

- Key parameter for selection is I_{total} total discharge current which flows through the earth conductor of a multipole SPD
- Scenarios to select Type 1 SPDs:
 - 1. According to IEC/EN 61643-32/50539-12:
 - a. If no risk assessment is calculated, the minimum partial lightning current for Type 1 SPD is 12,5kA (10/350)

b. Green field PV installations

LPL		Voltage limiting SPD	
Lightning p 1(rotection level 0/350	l _{imp}	I _{total}
III or IV	100 kA	5 kA	10 kA

c. Roof PV installations

LPL Lightning protection level		Number of external down-conductors			
		< 4		≥ 4	
10/	350	l _{imp}	I _{total}	l _{imp}	I _{total}
I	200 kA	10 kA	20 kA	5 kA	10 kA
II	150 kA	7,5 kA	15 kA	3,75 kA	7,5 kA
III	100 kA	5 kA	10 kA	2,5 kA	5 kA

Down-conductor – LPS conductor carrying direct lightning discharge current

PV ProTec T1 portfolio

Unique product features:

- Type 1 and Type 2 PV SPD
- MOV based
- I_{total (10/350)} 12.5 kA
- + $\mathrm{U_{cpv}}$ 600V*, 1100V and 1500V
- VDE Certified to EN 61643-31
- UL 1449 5th edition
- Leakage current free version available (PVG)



ProTec T1-1100PV-3+0-R



ProTec T1-1500PV-3+0-S-R

*compliant to IEC/EN 61643-31 PV standard and UL 1449 only

PV ProTec T2 extended portfolio – below 1000V

Unique product features:

- MOV based
- + $\rm I_n$ 20 kA and $\rm I_{max}$ up to 40kA
- I, V and Y configurations
- + $\mathrm{U_{cpv}}$ 125V, 250V and 600V
- Compliant to EN 50539-11 and new IEC/EN 61643-31 PV standard
- Leakage current free version available (PVG)



ProTec T2-600PV-2+0-R

ProTec T2-250PV-3+0-R

PV ProTec 5Y

Unique product features:

- Type 1 and Type 2 PV SPD
- For 2 or 3 PV strings
- Low height modules (78mm)
- $I_{total (10/350)}$ up to 10 kA
- U_{cpv} 1100V
- Compliant to IEC 61643-31 PV surge protection device standard and UL 1449 5th edition as Type 1CA PV SPD

Application:

- String combiner boxes
- PV inverters





ProTec T2-1100P-5Y-L-R

ProTec T1-1100P-5Y-00-R

PV ProTec 5Y - 2 or 3 string protection



2 string protection ProTec PV-5Y-00



3 string protection ProTec PV-5Y-01

PCB socket + DIN rail plug

Solderable PCB socket + DIN rail plug

- Sockets are always soldered onto PCB, plugs are populated per request
- Standard DIN rail plugs are used
- Plugs can be replaced by in the field





Direct PCB mount plugs with RC

Unique product features:

- Direct mounting on PCB
- Type 1 and Type 2 SPD
- Compliant to IEC 61643-31 PV surge protection device standard
- Remote signalization in NC
- Available for 600, 1000V and 1500V systems
- I_{total} (10/350) up to 12.5kA in all voltages

Application:

- Custom string combiner boxes
- PV inverters



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Box with Multi-Pole SPD for Photovoltaic Systems

Main features:

- Pre-assembled connection box with Class I & II / EN Type 1 & 2 arrester
- Available for 1100V and 1500V PV systems
- 3Y and 5Y configuration for 1 and 2 string systems
- Push-in connectors on PCB for cable gland and rubber grommet version
- MC4 connector version available
- Compact UV-stable housing with protection class up to IP 67
- Transparent cover with failure status indicator on plugs
- Compliant to IEC 61643-31 PV surge protection device standard

Key advantages:

- Easily installed inside the string box using the cable gland or a rubber grommet
- Fast connection of the strings using push-in connectors or MC4 connectors
- Wide range of uses for indoor and outdoor installations



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PV box – new products

Overview:

- High market demands for protection of more strings
- Additional features for even easier installation requested by installers:
 - Double connection terminals for rubber grommet installation (no double ferrule needed anymore)
 - Usage of Staubli MC4 connectors for best compatibility with products on the market
- New solutions:
 - 5Y 2 MPPT (2 strings, 2 MPPT outputs)
 - 7Y 3 MPPT (3 strings, 3 MPPT outputs)
- Various connectivity options:
 - 2xMC4 (in & out)
 - Rubber grommet (in & out)



Din-Rail SPDs for high voltage/currents DC applications

- DC Industry
- Energy storage (BESS)

DC Industry

- Consortium projects DC-INDUSTRIE and DC-INDUSTRIE2 Germany
- funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)





- Battery Energy storage (BESS) in size of 100kWh 10MWh+ contain AC/DC converters and battery banks, implemented in concrete constructions or in metallic containers.
- DC or AC coupling solutions, additional PV integration possible
- Especially large-scale systems with large footprint are at potential risk of lightning impacts
- AC/DC converters have sensitive electronics; and high-capacity batteries with low dielectric strength pose a risk of explosion in case of arcing.
- Need for optimized and reliable electrical protection against the influence of lightning and surge events becomes mandatory





- BESS with separate concrete or metal structures for AC/DC converter and the battery located nearby.
- The separation distance between the LPS and the BESS equipment is maintained. Common or separated grounding.
- DC cable is routed above ground or underground in a cable trench in the LPZ 0 area.
- T1 DC SPDs are required, T1/2 is recommended.
- If the DC cable length is <10m, only one DC SPD, either at the inverter or the battery.

Unique technical challenges of DC protection

- DC current
- High voltage (1000 or 1500 Vdc)
- Potential high available SCC (Short Circuit Current)
- High linear or capacitive behaving SCC sources
- Pending IEC/EN standardization, currently only prIEC 61643-41 is available
- UL standard UL 1449 5th edition, Supplement SB Direct Current (DC) SPDs shall be fulfilled, challenge at high voltage and high available SCC.

<u>Attention:</u> PV products are tested according to Supplement SA- Photovoltaic(PV SPDs) with simplified

test procedure

Unique technical challenges of DC protection

Key application differences:

- Main difference between AC and DC SPDs is arcing during disconnection
 - There is no zero crossing in DC, so SPD disconnection in case of failure is done under load
- Main difference between PV and DC SPDs is different power source behaviour
 - Due to specific U-I characteristic of solar panel short-circuit current is low and most SPDs can disconnect it without need for external disconnectors
 - General DC applications have higher short-circuit currents either because of AC supply behind (network) or due to high short-circuit capability (batteries)
- For safe operation most upcoming SPDs (and solutions with existing PV SPDs) will rely on operation of external disconnector in case of failure

DC protection T2

ProTec T2 DC 3Y (Unipolar)

Available from 500V to 1500V

Installation method:



Location of Use: DC Systems, EV Chargers Network Systems: Unipolar grounded / ungrounded Mode of Protection: (L+)-PE/M/G, (L-)-PE/M/G, (L+)-(L-) IEC/UL Category: Type 1, Type 2 DC SPD Type 1, DC SPD Type 2 Housing: Pluggable Design Compliance: IEC CD 61643-41 Edition 1 UL 1449 5th Edition



F2: ETI gBat fuse 160A/100kA

Advantage:

- Coverage of BESS and industrial applications
- IEC CD 61641-41 compliant
- UL 1449 DC (supplement SB) certification

DC protection T1/2

Strikesorb 35 Specialized DC

Maximum DC Voltage	Strikesorb 35
650 V	Strikesorb 35-D-HV
800 V	Strikesorb 35-E-HV
1100 V	Strikesorb 35-F-HV
1500 V	Strikesorb 35-G-HV
1500 V	Strikesorb 35-G-HG (leakage current free)

Installation method:





2x Strikesorb 35

F2: Siba Surge fuse SF35/100kA

Advantage:

- Coverage of BESS and industrial applications
- IEC CD 61641-41 compliant
- UL 1449 DC (supplement SB) certification
- Direct (V) connection possible in most of applications no need for a bulky and expensive branch

Raycap fuse

Data and signal line protection

New generation



New generation – features



New generation

Features		Benefits	
•	Increased surge current rating	Increased reliability/lifetime	
•	Maximum transmitting frequency 120MHz for HF versions	 More applications covered Less signal loss enables longer lines 	
•	Increased load current rating up to 12A	 Higher maximum transmitted power 	
•	Risk free solution - fault detection per individual line (TVS diodes and resistors)	 Status of SPD is always known Low Ohmic re-connection of the line after disconnection of resistors Basic protection is provided by GDTs even if diodes are damaged and disconnected 	



UL certified

New generation

Features		Benefits	
•	Disconnection of lines is provided with lever	 Fast and easy disconnection of the line when needed 	
•	Specially designed contacts on the plug	 Interruption-free while pushing or pulling the plug Antivibration locks are not needed 	
•	User friendly terminals	Easier installation	
•	Slim and compact design	 Less space needed comparable to previous RayDat series 	
•	One product can protect various applications	 Less portfolio needed, simplified logistics 	



LF and PF series



HF Series – 120MHz

RayDat NSL-2-xxx

RayDat NSP-2-xx

RayDat NSB-3-xx







Typical application: Modbus



KNX/Ethernet

SPD with Terminal Connection for Bus Systems **RayDat KNX** D1-C1-C2-C3

> IEC/EN Category: D1/C1/C2/C3 Voltages: 110V DC Max. Operating Voltage: 180V DC Surge Discharge Ratings: I_n: 5kA, I_{max}: 10kA Series Load Current: 7A Housing: Compact Design Compliance: IEC/EN 61643-21

> > SPD for LAN Category 6 Networks **RayDat NET 6 POE** D1-C1-C2-C3

UL Listed



IEC/EN Category: D1/C1/C2/C3 Surge Discharge Ratings: I_n: 10kA, I_{imp}: 1kA Voltages: 48 V DC Max. Operating Voltage: 50 V Frequency Range: 250 MHz, up to Cat 6, up to PoE++ Compatible Housing: Compact Design Compliance: IEC/EN 61643-21 UL 497B 4th Edition

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