

# **Advancements in Surge Protection**

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  - ➤ Industry Standards
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- ❖ Emerson/APT Products

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# Advancements in Surge Protection 2015

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### Edco - APT - Emerson

- Edco Purchased by Emerson in 1997
- APT Purchased by Emerson in 2013
- Surge HQ in Clearwater
- Most comprehensive line of surge protection in the world
- ISO 9001-2008 Quality Management System
- ISO 17025 evaluation by UL
- ITS Florida Outstanding Achievement 2013
- Members of IMSA, ITSA, ITS FL, GRITS, SDITE, etc.
- Members of UL, IEEE, NEMA standards committees







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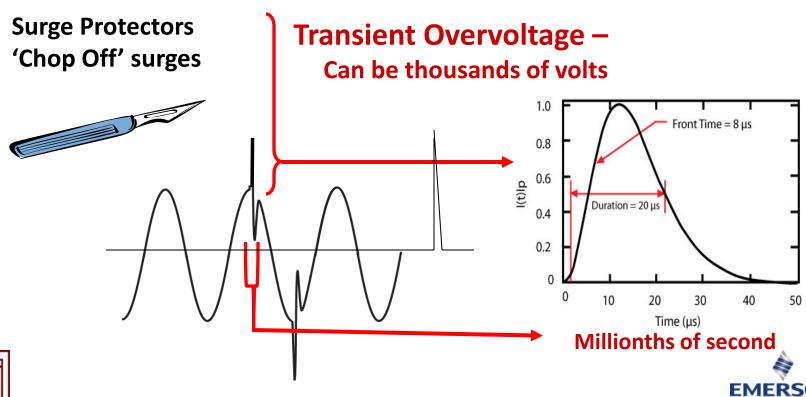






# What Is a Surge/Transient?

- High amplitude, short duration overvoltage
- Can be positive or negative polarity
- Can be from energized or grounded conductor



## What Causes Surges/Transients?

#### **Practical:**

- Lightning
- Switching:
  - Load Switching utility & customer
    - Motors, Large Loads, Faults,
       Fuse Operation
  - Source Switching
    - Smart Grid, Gensets, PV, Wind Turbine
- Internally generated surges: ≈70%
- Externally generated surges: ≈30%





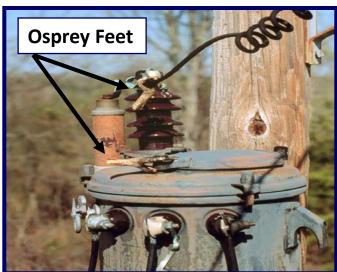




In outdoor environment, this
ratio probably reverses
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# Causes of Surges







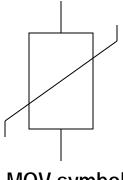


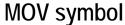


EMERSON Network Power

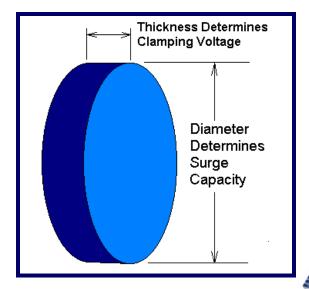
### MOV - Metal Oxide Varistor

- Varistor variable resistor
- Semiconductor; generally zinc oxide
- Connects parallel to load (not series)
- Thickness determines clamping voltage
- Diameter determines current capacity









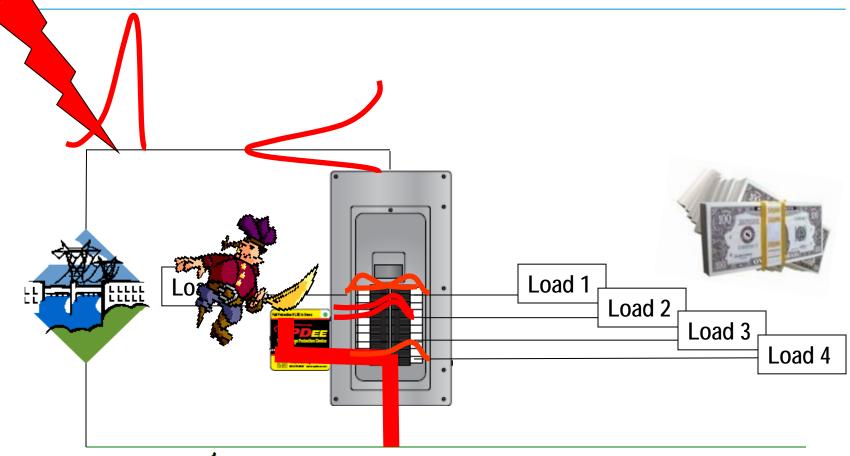


# SPD/TVSS Terminology

- Let-through voltage, suppressed voltage, measured limiting voltage (measured in Vpeak) clareling voltage?
- Surge current, peak-amp current, maximum current, (measured in Apeak)
- MCOV Maximum Continuous Operating coltage of the electrical system (measured in Vrms) Let-Through Voltage **MCOV Surge Current** (thru SPD)



# SPD Operation

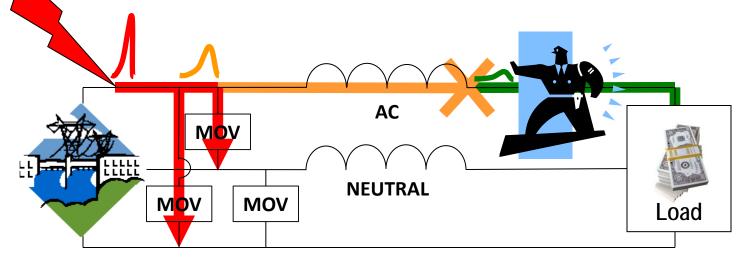




MOV/SPD Acts as a momentary 'short circuit' 'short circuit' ≈ no overvoltage ≈ protected load



### Basic Suppressor Layouts: Series



#### **GROUND**

#### **Advantages**

- Inductive Filter denies the instantaneous change in current, prohibiting the propagation of transients
- MOV + Filter = Improves SPD Let Through Voltage

#### Concerns

- Current limitations
- Not Bi-directional
- Potential loss of Power/Signal upon failure
- Servicing requires de-energizing system

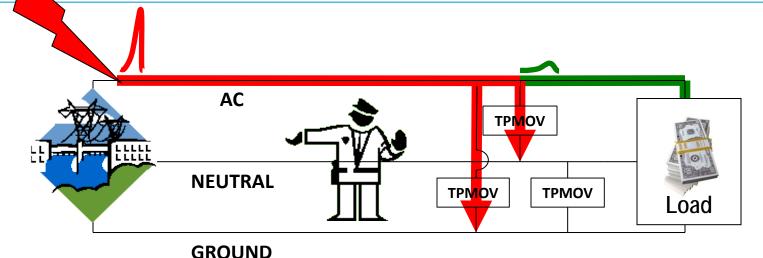








### asic Suppressor Layouts: Parallel



#### **Advantages**

- Advanced Suppression Componentry TPMOV
- Bi-directional Operation
- Can be serviced without de-energizing entire system

#### Concerns

- Lead Lengths effect performance
- Higher Let Through Voltages compared to Series Filters









## Can Anything Go Wrong?

(Good thing that will never happen to me... )











### SPD/MOV Failures

- Industry Issues Lot of UL & NEC action
- MOV is an expendable element will protect or die trying
- Failures caused by Sustained Overvoltage TOV
  - Can be as few as 2-3 cycles

Sequence: MOV protects, fails, fails short, follow-on fault current causes MOV to catastrophically overheat

#### **Typical causes:**

- Loss of neutral (X0 not bonded to ground)
- Incorrect installation
  - 120V SPD on 277V system
  - Cross Phase with N or G
- Improper application
  - Ungrounded or impedance ground
- Genset or transfer switch related





## Typical Sequence of MOV Failure

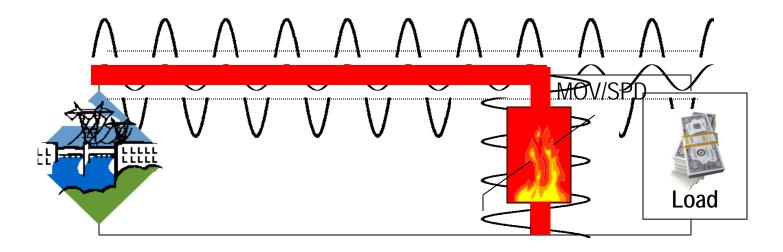
System level Sustained Overvoltage – TOV

**Voltage exceeds MCOV – as little as 2-3 cycles** 

MOV attempts to protect

**MOV** fails towards short circuit

Follow-on/fault current causes MOV to catastrophically overheat







### **MOV Failure**

- MOVs are Variable Resistors
- MOVs fail toward short, but not necessarily hard short
- Failed MOV impedance can vary from  $\approx 200\Omega 0\Omega$ 
  - Depends on how & how hard MOV failed

$$-$$
 120V / 100 $\Omega$  = 1.2A

$$-$$
 277V / 100 $\Omega$  = 2.8A

$$- 120V / 10\Omega = 12A$$

$$-$$
 277V / 10 $\Omega$  = 28A

$$-$$
 120V / 1 $\Omega$  = 120A

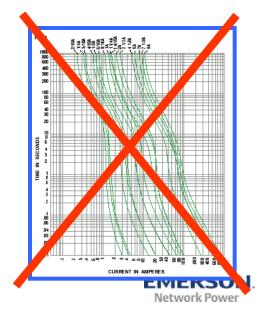
- 277V /  $1\Omega$  = 277A

When would 30A overcurrent protection open?

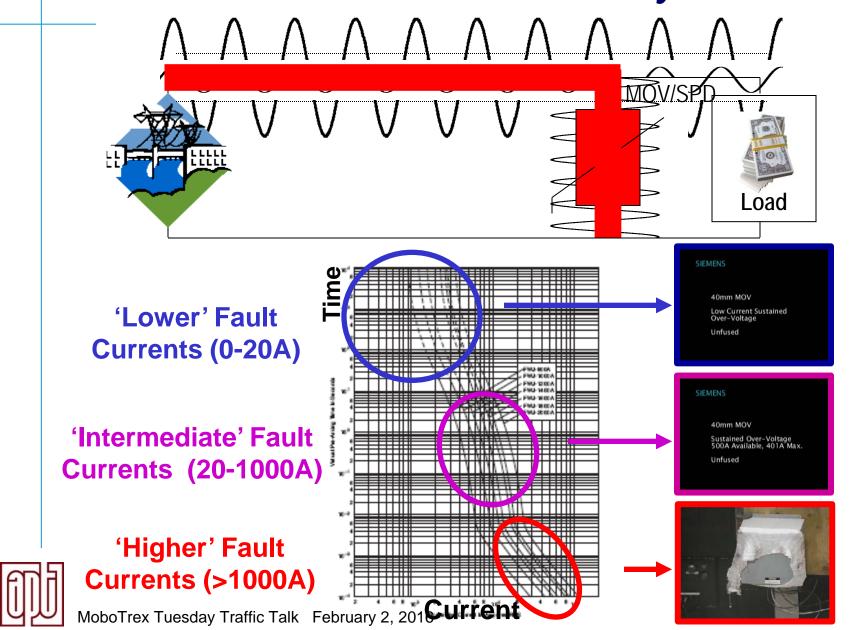
 $277V \times 28A = 7756W$ 

- No MOV clearing curves
- Safety determined by factory testing, not calculations – many variables
- Not realistic to field-determine SPD overcurrent or thermal protection





# MOV Failure Intensity Increases With The Amount of Fault Current Drawn by the MOV



# Safety, UL 1449-4 & NEC

# SPDs/TVSS arguably the most regulated electrical product category in the 2000's

- UL 1449-2 (Aug 1998)
- 2002 NEC Article 285
- 2005 NEC Article 285
- UL 1449-2.5 (Feb 2007)
- 2008 NEC Article 285
- UL 1449-3 (Sept 2009)
- 2011 NEC Article 285
- UL 1449-4 (March 2015)



#### Safety evolved quickly as the body of knowledge grew

- UL 1449 Plays Huge Role in Surge Industry
- Much More Than a Safety Standard
- Perform Multiple Performance Tests
- UL uses for internal UL 96A Lightning Protection Master Label Eval





### **UL 1449 Third Edition**

Combined TVSS & Surge Arrestors into Surge Protective Devices (SPDs) Sept, 2009



- New SPD Types: Types 1, 2, 3, 4 (& 5)
- New Voltage Protection Ratings (VPRs) replace old-style Suppressed Voltage Ratings (SVRs)
- New I nominal ratings
- Bid Specifications become Obsolete as product evaluation & ratings change (Expensive big deal to manufacturers)

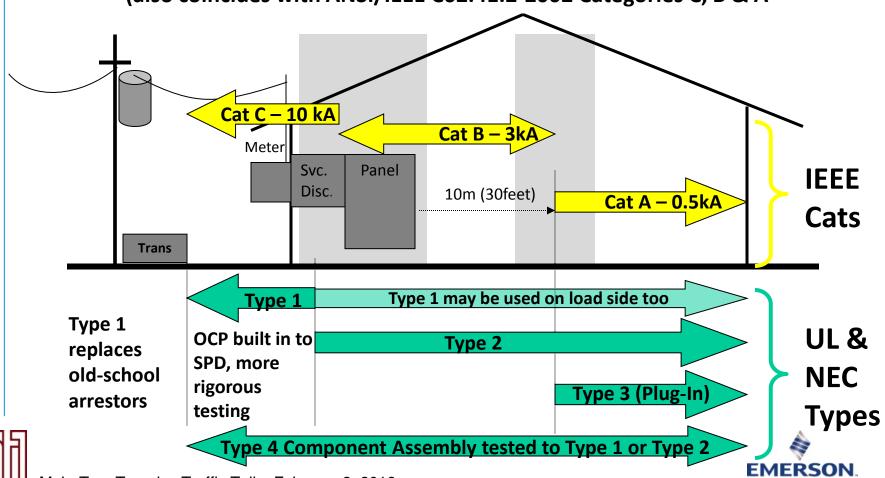




# SPD Types

### SPD Types: Types 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Based on SPD Location within electrical distribution system (also coincides with ANSI/IEEE C62.41.2-2002 Categories C, B & A





# Thermally Protected MOV's





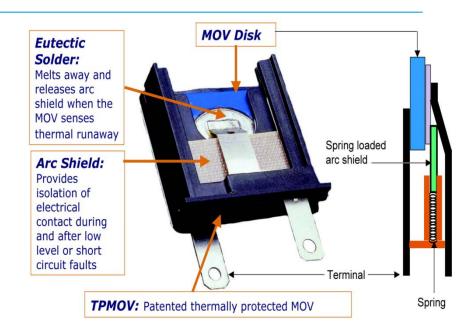


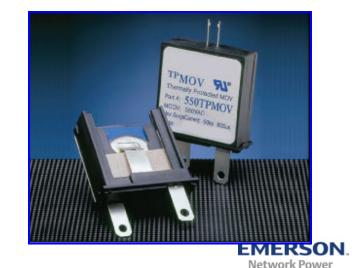




### **TPMOV**

- Popular in SPD industry
- Large 34mm sq. MOV
- TPMOV Optimizes Thermal Protection to double-function as Overcurrent Protection
- Each MOV is individually fused
- Robotized assembly minimizes tolerances between fuses, MOVs, and thermal disconnectors (more consistent)
- TAC switch allows for individual monitoring of each MOV







## II) Applying/Installing AC SPDs

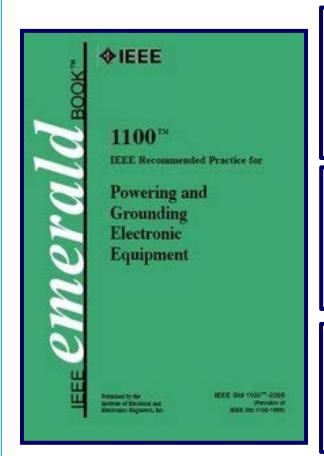
- ITS/DOT Surge Environment
- Modes of Protection
- Inductance and Surges
- Installing AC SPDs







# IEEE Emerald Book – Standard 1100 Cascade Protection



#### **Section 7.2.4**

"...Effective surge protection requires the coordinated use of large-capacity current diverting devices at the service entrance followed by progressively lower voltage-clamping devices applied strategically throughout the power system"

#### Section 8.6.3

"Facilities housing electronic load equipment of ANY type should have service entrances equipped with effective lightning protection in the form of listed Category C SPD's..."

#### **Section 8.6.4**

"...it is recommended that additional surge protective devices....be applied to downstream electrical switchboards and panelboards..."

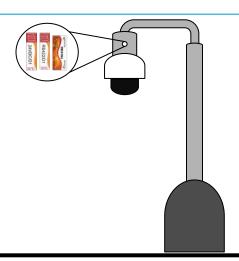




# IEEE Emerald Book – Standard 1100 Data, Exterior Loads & Cascade Protection



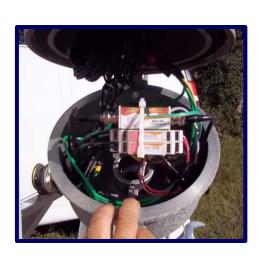










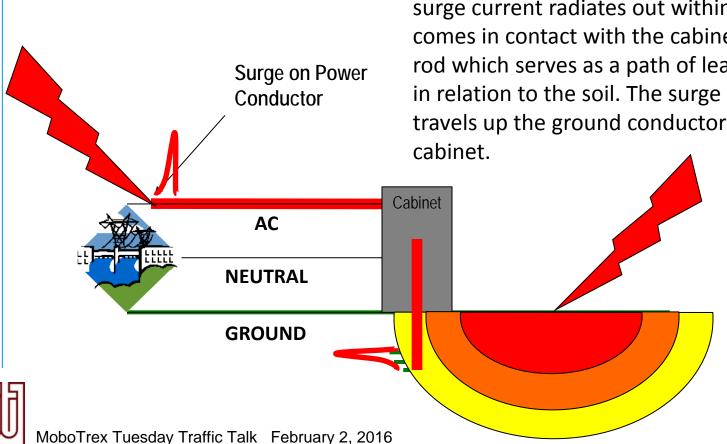






# Surges in DOT Environments

#### Transient overvoltages are not limited to power conductors



#### **Surge on Ground Conductor**

With a nearby lightning strike to earth, the surge current radiates out within the soil and comes in contact with the cabinet ground rod which serves as a path of least resistance in relation to the soil. The surge current travels up the ground conductor and into the

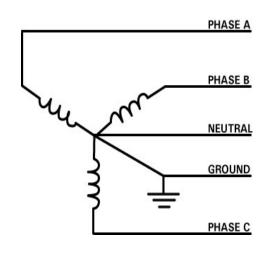
### **Modes of Protection**

Different ways to configure protection within SPDs

MOVs equalize voltage across MOV



- L-N
- L-G
- N-G
- L-L





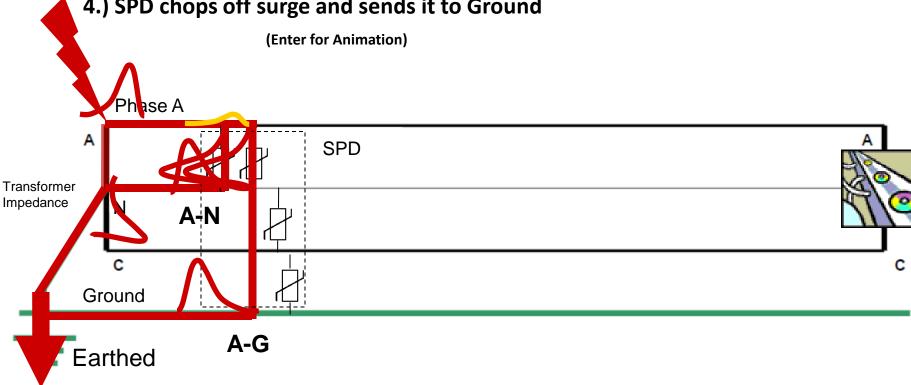




### Modes of Protection: Service

#### **Scenario Assumes:**

- 1.) Surge is From Outside
- 2. SPD near Service Entrance or Separately Derived System
- Propagation, Return Paths and Ground are Ideal
  - 4.) SPD chops off surge and sends it to Ground





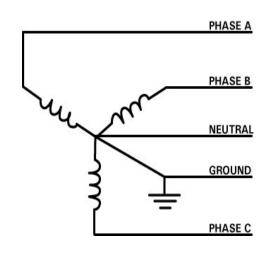
#### Modes of Protection: Different Modes Matter

# At Service or Separately Derived System, SPDs equipped with only L-N protection are appropriate

 Why: N-G are bonded, making N-G meaningless and L-G redundant to L-N

# Downstream, adding L-G, N-G & L-L make sense

 Why: They are farther away from N-G bond making each mode more separate, and/or equipment is more prone to 'backdoor' surge, GPR, etc. (more shortly)



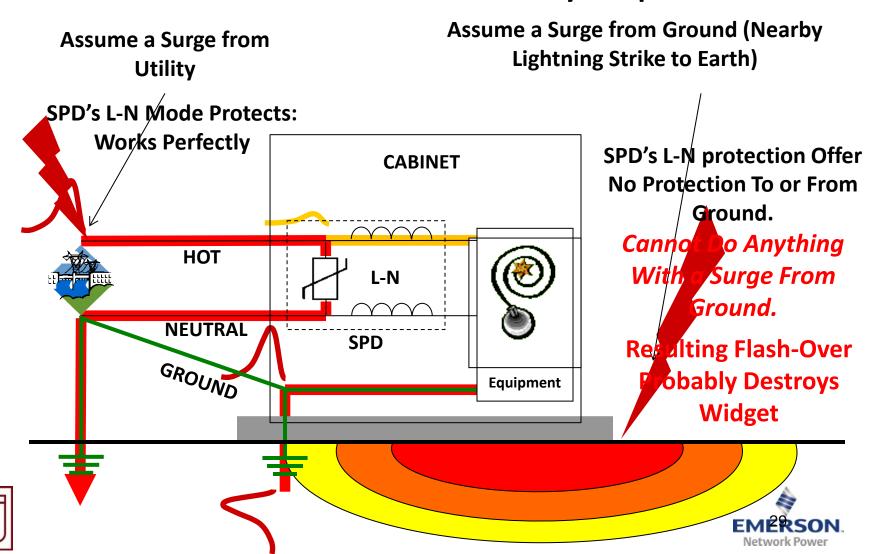






### Visualization of How Different Modes of Protection Matter

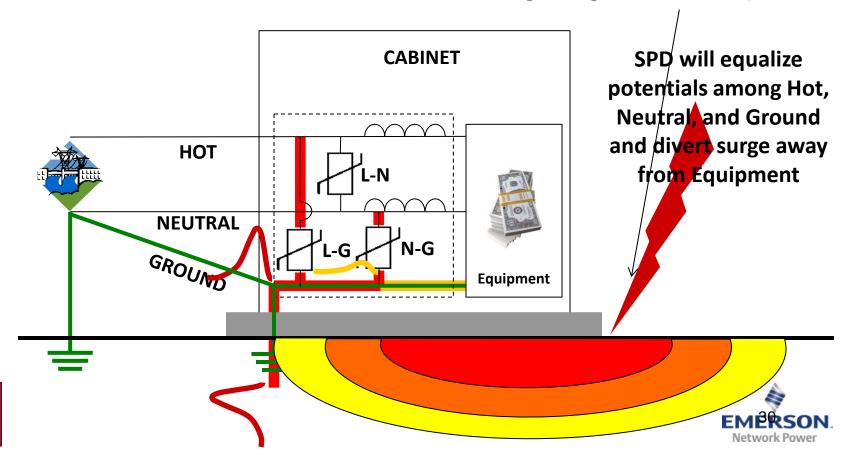
#### SPD installed within Cabinet with only L-N protection



### Visualization of How Different Modes of Protection Matter

SPD installed within Cabinet with L-N, L-G, & N-G protection

Assume a Surge from Ground (Nearby Lightning Strike to Earth)



# Inductance & Surges

- Inductance: Electrical Property Whereby Instantaneous Current Changes Are Opposed
- Wire's inductance at surge frequencies is good and bad
- Inductance of wire is about 0.75μH/m (very low)
- Good because large surges cannot propagate far
  - Lightning generally effects very localized area, not large areas
- Bad because of effects on SPD installation
  - Long leads hurt SPD performance Need Short SPD Leads

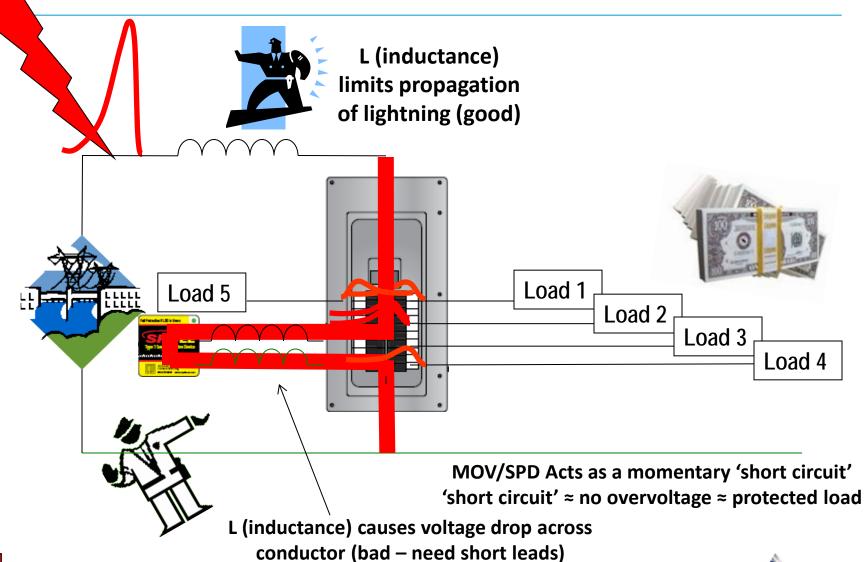








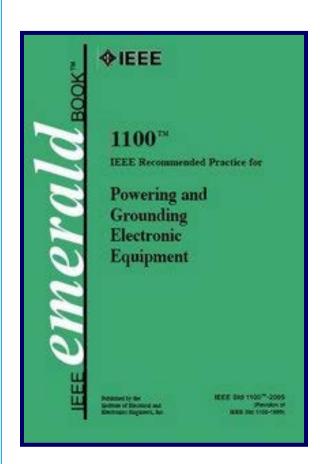
### SPD & Inductive Effects







### IEEE Emerald Book – Standard 1100 Data & Exterior Loads



#### **Section 8.6.6**

"Electronic equipment containing both ac power and data cabling should be properly protected via surge protective devices on both the ac power and data cables."

#### **Section 8.6.8**

"All exterior mechanical systems (e.g., cooling towers, fans, blowers, compressors, pumps, and motors) should be considered as targets for a lightning strike. It is recommended practice to individually provide surge protection on both the power input and data circuits connected to all such equipment."





# VII.) Emerson/APT Products

- Why Emerson APT SPDs
- AC Power Entry SPDs
- Data/Communications SPDs
- BNC Coax SPDs









### AC Power - APT

- UL 1449 Listed and Labeled
- Type 1 Device
- 20kA I-nominal
- 100kA 200kA Short Circuit Current Ratings (SCCR)
- Low UL 1449 Voltage Protection Ratings (VPRs)
- Large 34mm square TPMOVs
- Surge Current Ratings from 50kA up to 1000kA
- Standard 7 modes of protection
- Full selection of options: Dry Contacts, etc.
- 10 year warranty











### AC Power – Emerson (Edco) SHA-1235FS

- UL 1449 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Recognized
  - First UL Listed/Recognized series wired SPD/Filter specifically designed for traffic controller cabinets
  - Complies with NEC Article 285.5 (SPDs shall be a listed device)
- Type 4 Device
- Maximum Continuous Current Rating: 30A
- I-nominal Rating: 20kA
- Short Circuit Current Rating (SCCR): 65kA
- Voltage Protection Rating (VPRs): 500V
- Thermally Protected MOVs PTMOVs
- Surge Current Rating: 50kA/mode
- Modes of protection: L-N, L-G, & N-G
- LED & Dry Contacts







## AC Power – Emerson (Edco)

- **Series SPD (common in traffic cabinets)**
- **DRS (DIN Rail Series)** 
  - Nominal operating parameters
    - 120 vac, 60 Hz, 2W+G
  - 40kA



- RM (Rack Mount Series)
  - **Nominal operating parameters** 
    - 120 Vac, 60 Hz, 2W+G, 15 & 20 A
  - 40kA









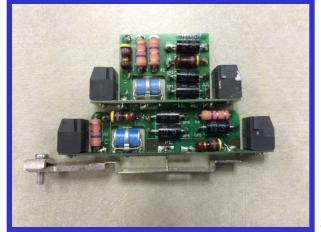




### Data/Communication Din Rail Products

- Double density packaging providing protection for up to 4 conductors per module
- Available voltages: 5VDC, 12VDC, 24VDC, 48VDC, 60VDC
- UL Listed, IEC & CE Compliant
- Maximum discharge current (Imax) of 15kA
- Bandwidth Frequency up to 35MHz
- Applications
  - RS-232
  - RS-423
  - RS-422
  - RS-485
  - Modbus
- 5 year warranty







### **BNC Coax SPDs**

- BNCA10kA intended for Severe Service BNC coaxial connections for video equipment
  - 3 Stage Series Hybrid Design
  - Includes separate protection modes for Pin to Shield and Shield to Ground preventing SPD ground loops
  - Mounts via DIN Rail
  - 5 year warranty
- BNCB5kA Primary Protector Kit for Coaxial Comms lines
  - Includes SAVFFF UL 497C Listed Coaxial SPD and 2 F to BNC connectors
  - Protects from lightning and power induced overvoltage surges
  - Good for camera lowering devices
  - 5 year warranty









### TS2 & POE

- TS2 Port 1 SDLC
  - **RS 485**
  - **SRS-BIU-15 (15-pin)**
  - % VDC
  - <0.1 dB at 20 MHz</p>
  - SAD Technology



- 60 Volts, 300 mA applications
- <.1 db Insertion loss
- **10baseT, 100baseT, 1000baseT**
- 300 watts peak surge current

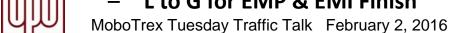


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- 16-48 Channel
- 10baseT, 100baseT, 1000baseT
- 10kA peak surge current
- L to G for EMP & EMI Finish









## **Broadband & Lighting**

- 120 VAC Broadband Over Power
  - 120VAC
  - 18kA /Mode
  - All Modes
  - < 0.1 dB
  - LED Monitoring
- Highway Lighting
  - 120, 240, 480 VAC
  - 36kA Peak Surge Protection
  - LED Monitoring









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- On-Line webinar services
- Forensic Testing & Analysis of failed SPDs
- Etc.







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