



Technologies for Wind Turbine Protection

Raycap offers the wind industry a variety of Surge Protective Device (SPD) technologies for the protection of wind turbines. Our solutions are ideally suited for these often remote and mission critical installations. The technologies included in the products we recommend include:

Strikesorb

Raycap's premium protection technology carries a 10 year warranty. This patented technology is uniquely equipped to safeguard against lightning surges, and has been engineered and tested for use in wind power applications. Strikesorb is maintenance free, due to its unparalleled ability to take multiple electrical surge events and not sacrifice itself. This performance against power surges makes Strikesorb the most reliable surge protection technology for the protection of the entire installation. Strikesorb complies with IEC/EN and UL 1449 4th Edition standards.

SafeBloc

SafeBloc products provide a good solution for all temporary overvoltages, surges and transients within the wind turbine. The SafeBloc modules offer good protection levels in an industry standard (compact) DIN rail form factor.

SafeTec

SafeTec delivers reliable solutions for temporary overvoltages, surges and transients and is suitable for many power protection applications within the turbine. The patented SafeTec technology is an open circuit mode in combination with current limiting technology. It prevents permanent disconnection during adverse temporary overvoltage (TOV) conditions. SafeTec is available in a (pluggable) DIN rail form factor. The products have lifetime indicators, are vibration and shock resistant, have a patented module locking mechanism, comply with IEC/EN and UL 1449 4th Edition standards, and have a 5 year warranty.

ProTec and ProTec ADV

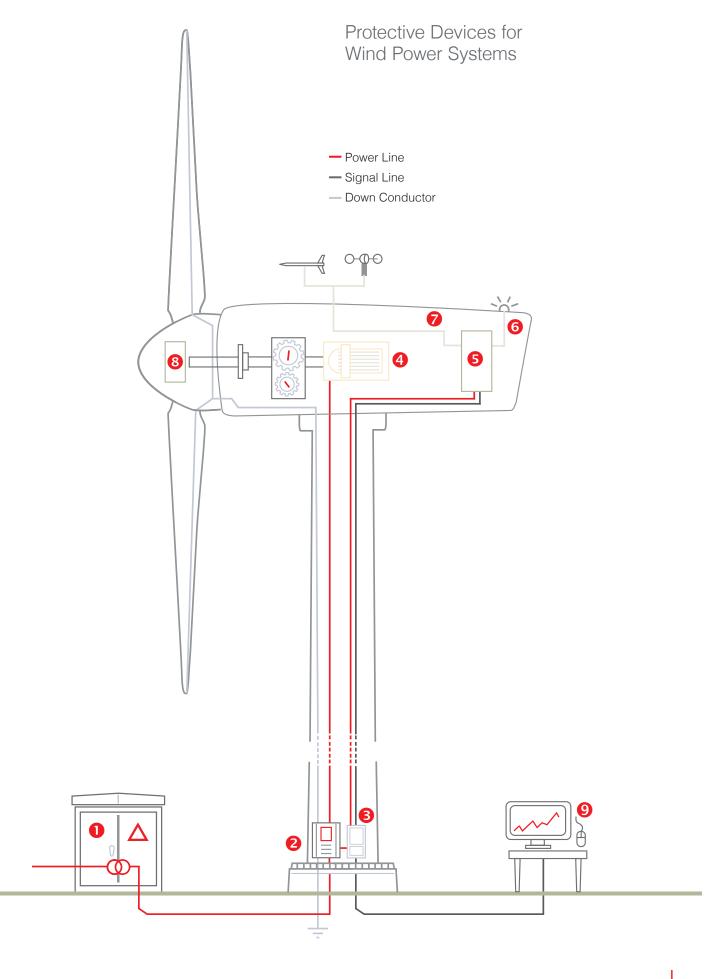
The ProTec products offer very good electrical protection using a variety of surge protection technologies. The pluggable DIN rail designs include staged lifetime indicators, vibration and shock capability, a patented module locking mechanism and comply with IEC/EN and UL 1449 4th Edition standards. ProTec modules are suitable for many power protection applications within the turbine. ProTec comes with a 2 year warranty.

RayDat

RayDat products are the recommended solution for surge protection on the signal or data lines that run throughout the wind turbine. Technologies in this product group include transient voltage suppression (TVS) diodes and gas discharge tubes (GDT). The products are compliant with IEC/EN and UL 497B 4th Edition. RayDat products carry a 2 year warranty.

Protective Device Recommendations

	Protected Area	Superior	Power Lines Advantaged	Basic	DC & Data/Signals
1	Transformer	Strikesorb 80 Strikesorb 40 Strikesorb 30	SafeBloc B ProTec T1	SafeBloc B ProTec T1	20 a 24.11, 21g.111.0
2	Mains Entrance and Converter	Strikesorb 80 Strikesorb 40 Strikesorb 30	SafeBloc B ProTec T1 ProTec T2-ADV SafeTec T2	SafeBloc B ProTec T1 ProTec T2	
3	Control Cabinet in the Tower Base	Strikesorb 30	ProTec T2-ADV SafeTec T2	ProTec T2	ProTec DMDR RayDat SBH/SLH RayDat NET 6 POE
4	Generator	Strikesorb 40	ProTec T1	ProTec T1	
5	Control Cabinet in the Nacelle	Strikesorb 30	ProTec T2-ADV SafeTec T2	ProTec T2	ProTec DMDR RayDat SBH/SLH RayDat NET 6 POE
6	Aviation Lights	Strikesorb 30	ProTec T2-ADV SafeTec T2	ProTec T2	
7	Environmental Measurement Systems				ProTec DMDR RayDat SBH/SLH
8	Pitch Control & Anti-/De-icing	Strikesorb 30	ProTec T2-ADV SafeTec T2	ProTec T2	RayDat SBH/SLH
9	Condition Monitoring				RayDat NET 6 POE



Surge Protection Solutions for Wind Turbine Systems **Strikesorb**® **80** Class I



IEC/EN/UL Category: Class I / Type 1 / Type 2 CA Protective Elements: High Energy MOV

Surge Ratings I_{imp} = 25 kA (10/350 µs) I_{max} = 200 kA (8/20 µs) Compliance: UL 1449 4th Edition IEC 61643-11: 2011

EN 61643-11:2012 IEEE C62.11: 2012 IEEE C62.41.2: 2002 IEEE C62.45: 2002



Strikesorb 80		80-D	80-F
Electrical			
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U _c	480 V	750V*
Nominal Discharge Current per UL 1449 4th Edition (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA
Maximum Surge Current Capacity (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	200 kA	200 kA
Impulse Discharge Current (10/350 µs)	I _{imp}	25 kA	25 kA
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	1600 V	2400 V
Long Duration Surge Performance 1kA square waveform 2msec		250 hits	250 hits
TOV withstand 5s	U _T	716V	1143V
Order Information			
Strikesorb 80		Contact: info	@ raycap.com

^{*690}V per IEC 61643-11

Surge Protection Solutions for Wind Turbine Systems Strikesorb 40

Class I



IEC/EN/UL Category: Class I / Type 1 / Type 2 CA Protective Elements: High Energy MOV Surge Ratings $I_{imp} = 12.5 \text{ kA} (10/350 \,\mu\text{s})$

 $I_{\text{max}} = 140 \text{ kA} (8/20 \mu \text{s})$

Compliance: UL 1449 4th Edition

IEC 61643-11: 2011 EN 61643-11:2012 IEEE C62.11: 2012 IEEE C62.41.2: 2002 IEEE C62.45: 2002



Strikesorb 40		40-B	40-D	40-F	40-G
Electrical					
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U_c	300 V	480V	750V*	1200 V
Nominal Discharge Current per UL 1449 4th Edition (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA
Maximum Surge Current Capacity (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	140 kA	140 kA	140 kA	140 kA
Impulse Discharge Current (10/350 µs)	I _{imp}	12.5 kA	12.5 kA	12.5 kA	12.5 kA
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	1200V	1800 V	2800 V	4400 V
Long Duration Surge Performance 1kA square waveform 2msec		250 hits	250 hits	250 hits	250 hits
TOV withstand 5s	U _T	442V	762V	1143V	1905 V
Order Information					
Strikesorb 40			Contact: info	@raycap.com	

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Surge Protection Solutions for Wind Turbine Systems

Enhanced Strikesorb 30

Class I+II



IEC/EN/UL Category: Class I+II / Type 1+2 / Type 2 CA

Protective Elements: High Energy MOV Surge Ratings $I_{imp} = 7.5 \text{ kA} (10/350 \mu \text{s})$ $I_{max} = 60 \text{ kA} (8/20 \mu \text{s})$ Compliance: UL 1449 4th Edition IEC 61643-11: 2011

EN 61643-11:2012 IEEE C62.11: 2012 IEEE C62.41.2: 2002 IEEE C62.45: 2002



Enhanced Strikesorb 30		30-B	30-D	
Electrical				
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U _c	275V	480V	
Nominal Discharge Current per UL 1449 4th Edition (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA	
Maximum Surge Current Capacity (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	60kA	60 kA	
Impulse Discharge Current (10/350 µs)	I _{imp}	7.5 kA	7.5 kA	
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	1200V	2200 V	
TOV withstand 5s	U _T	442V	762V	
Order Information				
Strikesorb 30 Contact: info@raycap.com				

Compact Single Pole SPD for Wind Turbine Systems SafeBloc B(R) 25 (1+0) WT TCG

Class I+II



Location of Use: Main Distribution Boards Network Systems: TN-S, TN-C, TT (only L-N) Mode of Protection: L-PE, N-PE, L-PEN, L-N Surge Ratings: $I_{imp} = 25 \text{ kA} (10/350 \,\mu\text{s})$ $I_{max} = 80 \text{ kA} (8/20 \,\mu\text{s})$

IEC/EN Category: Class I+II / Type 1, 2 Protective Elements: High Energy MOV and GDT

Safety: High TOV Immunity Leakage Current: No Leakage Current Housing: Compact Design

Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011 EN 61643-11:2012



	750	
U_c	750V	
I _n	25 kA	
I _{max}	80 kA	
l _{imp}	25 kA	
U_p	< 3.0 kV	
I _{SCCR}	50 kA	
U_T	1000 V	
	54.0594	
	54.0595	
	I _n I _{max} I _{imp} U _p I _{SCCR}	U _c 750V I _n 25 kA I _{max} 80 kA I _{imp} 25 kA U _p < 3.0 kV I _{SCCR} 50 kA U _T 1000 V

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **ProTec T1 2+0**

Class I+II



Location of Use: Main Distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-S Mode of Protection: L-PE, N-PE

Surge Ratings: $I_{imp} = up \text{ to } 12.5 \text{ kA } (10/350 \, \mu\text{s})$

 $I_{max} = 50 \text{ kA } (8/20 \mu \text{s})$ IEC/EN/UL Category: Class I+II / Type 1+2 / Type 1CA

Protective Elements: High Energy MOV Housing: Pluggable Design Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011

EN 61643-11:2012 UL 1449 4th Edition



	300	480	
U_{c}	300V	480V	
I _n	20 kA	20 kA	
I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	
I _{imp}	12.5 kA	10 kA	
U _p	1500V	2100V	
	315 A / 250 A gG		
I _{SCCR}	25 kA	/ 50 kA	
U _T	337V	581 V	
	300	480	
	59.0021	59.0025	
	59.0022	59.0026	
	I _n I _{max} I _{imp} U _p	U _c 300V I _n 20kA I _{max} 50kA I _{imp} 12.5kA U _p 1500V 315A/2 I _{SCCR} 25kA U _T 337V 300 59.0021	

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD ProTec T1 3+0 Class I+II



Location of Use: Main Distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-C Mode of Protection: L-PEN

Surge Ratings: $I_{imp} = \text{up to } 12.5 \text{kA } (10/350 \, \mu\text{s})$ $I_{max} = \text{up to } 50 \, \text{kA } (8/20 \, \mu\text{s})$ IEC/EN/UL Category: Class I+II / Type 1+2 / Type 1CA

Protective Elements: High Energy MOV Housing: Pluggable Design Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011 EN 61643-11:2012

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ProTec T1-xxx-3+0(-R)		300	480	750
IEC Electrical				
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U_{c}	300V	480V	750 V
Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	35 kA
Impulse Discharge Current (10/350 µs)	I _{imp}	12.5 kA	10kA	5kA
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	1500V	2100 V	3200 V
Back-Up Fuse (max)		315 A / 2	250 A gG	250 A gG
Short-Circuit Current Rating (AC)	I _{SCCR}	25 kA	/ 50 kA	50 kA
TOV Withstand 5s	U _T	337V	581 V	871 V
Order Information				
Order Code		300	480	750
ProTec T1-xxx-3+0		59.0031	59.0035	59.0037
ProTec T1-xxx-3+0-R (with remote contacts)		59.0032	59.0036	59.0038

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **SafeTec T2 3+0**

Class II



Location of Use: Sub-distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-C Mode of Protection: L-PEN

Surge Ratings: I_{max} = up to 50 kA (8/20 µs) IEC/EN/UL Category: Class II / Type 2 / Type 1CA Protective Elements: High Energy MOV and GDT

Safety: Patented Current Limiting Technology

Housing: Pluggable Design Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011 EN 61643-11:2012 UL 1449 4th Edition



SafeTec T2-xxx-3+0(-R)		300	480	750	
IEC Electrical					
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U_c	300 V	480 V	750V	
Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA	
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	35 kA	
Voltage Protection Level	U_p	1650V	2300 V	3500 V	
Back-Up Fuse (max)			315 A/250 A gG		
Short-Circuit Current Rating (AC)	I _{SCCR}		25 kA/50 kA		
TOV Withstand 120min	U_T	442 V	762 V	1200 V	
Order Information					
Order Code		300	480	750	
SafeTec T2-xxx-3+0		59.0164	59.0168	59.0172	
SafeTec T2-xxx-3+0-R (with remote contacts)		59.0165	59.0169	59.0173	

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **ProTec T2 3+0** Class II



Location of Use: Sub-Distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-C Mode of Protection: L-PEN

Surge Ratings: I_{max} = up to 50 kA (8/20 µs) IEC/EN/UL Category: Class II / Type 2 / Type 1CA Protective Elements: High Energy MOV

Housing: Pluggable Design
Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011
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ProTec T2-xxx-3+0(-R)		300	480	750	
IEC Electrical					
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U_c	300V	480V	750V	
Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA	
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	35 kA	
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	1500V	2300 V	3400 V	
Back-Up Fuse (max)			315 A / 250 A gG		
Short-Circuit Current Rating (AC)	I _{SCCR}		25 kA / 50 kA		
TOV Withstand 5s	U _T	337V	581 V	871 V	
Order Information					
Order Code		300	480	750	
ProTec T2-xxx-3+0		59.0093	59.0097	59.0099	
ProTec T2-xxx-3+0-R (with remote contacts)		59.0094	59.0098	59.0100	

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **ProTec T2-ADV 3+0**

Class II



Location of Use: Sub-Distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-C Mode of Protection: L-PEN

Surge Ratings: I_{max}= 50 kA (8/20 µs)
IEC/EN/UL Category: Class II / Type 2 / Type 1CA
Protective Elements: High Energy MOV

Housing: Pluggable Design Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011 EN 61643-11:2012

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	300	480
U_{c}	300V	480V
In	20 kA	20 kA
I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA
U _p	1300V	2000 V
	160/	A gG
I _{SCCR}	50	kA
U _T	337V	581 V
	300	480
	59.0230	59.0234
	59.0231	59.0235
	I _n I _{max} U _p	U _c 300V I _n 20 kA I _{max} 50 kA U _p 1300V 1600 I _{SCCR} 50 U _T 337V 300 59.0230

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **SafeTec T2 2+0**

Class II



Location of Use: Sub-distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-S Mode of Protection: L-N, N-PE

Surge Ratings: I_{max} = 50 kA (8/20 µs)
IEC/EN/UL Category: Class II / Type 2 / Type 1CA
Protective Elements: High Energy MOV and GDT

Safety: Patented Current Limiting Technology

Housing: Pluggable Design Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011 EN 61643-11:2012 UL 1449 4th Edition



SafeTec T2-xxx-2+0(-R)		75	300	480	
IEC Electrical					
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U _c	75V	300 V	480 V	
Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _n	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA	
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	50kA	
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	800V	1650V 2300V		
Back-Up Fuse (max)			315 A/250 A gG		
Short-Circuit Current Rating (AC)	I _{SCCR}		25 kA/50 kA		
TOV Withstand 120min	U_T	150 V	442 V	762 V	
Order Information					
Order Code		75	300	480	
SafeTec T2-xxx-2+0		59.0345	59.0150	59.0154	
SafeTec T2-xxx-2+0-R (with remote contacts)		59.0346	59.0151	59.0155	

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **ProTec T2 2+0**

Class II



Location of Use: Sub-Distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-S Mode of Protection: L-PE, N-PE

Surge Ratings: I_{max} = 50 kA (8/20 µs)
IEC/EN/UL Category: Class II / Type 2 / Type 1CA
Protective Elements: High Energy MOV

Housing: Pluggable Design
Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011
EN 61643-11:2012

UL 1449 4th Edition



	75	300	480	
U _c	75 V	300V	480 V	
In	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA	
I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	50 kA	
U _p	800 V	1500 V	2300 V	
		315 A / 250 A gG		
I _{SCCR}		25 kA / 50 kA		
U _T	114V	337V	581 V	
	75	300	480	
	59.0343	59.0083	59.0087	
	59.0344	59.0084	59.0088	
	I _n I _{max} U _p	U _c 75V I _n 20kA I _{max} 50kA U _p 800V I _{SCCR} U _T 114V 75 59.0343	U _c 75V 300V I _n 20kA 20kA I _{max} 50kA 50kA U _p 800V 1500V 315A / 250 A gG I _{SCCR} 25kA / 50 kA U _T 114V 337V 75 300 59.0343 59.0083	

Pluggable Multi-Pole SPD **ProTec T2-ADV 2+0**

Class II



Location of Use: Sub-Distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-S Mode of Protection: L-PE, N-PE

Surge Ratings: I_{max} = 50 kA (8/20 µs) IEC/EN/UL Category: Class II / Type 2 / Type 1CA

Protective Elements: High Energy MOV

Housing: Pluggable Design

Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011

EN 61643-11:2012 UL 1449 4th Edition



ProTec T2-ADV-xxx-2+0(-R)		75	300	480
IEC Electrical				
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC)	U _c	75 V	300V	480V
Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	In	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	50 kA	50 kA	50 kA
Voltage Protection Level	U _p	600 V	1300 V	2000V
Back-Up Fuse (max)			160A gG	
Short-Circuit Current Rating (AC)	I _{SCCR}		50 kA	
TOV Withstand 5s	U _T	114V	337V	581 V
Order Information				
Order Code		75	300	480
ProTec T2-ADV-xxx-2+0		59.0347	59.0222	59.0226
ProTec T2-ADV-xxx-2+0-R (with remote contacts)		59.0348	59.0223	59.0227

DC Modular Multi-pole SPD

ProTec DMDR 20 Series

Class III



Location of Use: Sub-distribution Boards

Network Systems: TN-S

Mode of Protection: L-PE, N-PE, L-N Surge Ratings: $U_{oc}/I_{cw} = up to 6 kV/3 kA$ $I_{max} = up \text{ to } 4 \text{ kA } (8/20 \, \mu \text{s})$ IEC/EN Category: Class III / Type 3

Protective Elements: High Energy MOV and GDT

Housing: Modular Design Compliance: IEC 61643-11:2011 EN 61643-11:2012



ProTec DMDR 20/xxx		24	48	60	120
Electrical					
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (AC/DC)	U _c	24V/34V	48V/60V	60V/75V	120V/150V
Open Circuit Voltage of the Combination Wave Generator (1.2/50 µs)	U _{oc}	2.4 kV	2.4 kV	6kV	6 kV
Short Circuit Current of the Combination Wave Generator (8/20 µs)	I _{cw}	1.2 kA	1.2 kA	3kA	3 kA
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	2kA	2kA	4kA	4 kA
Voltage Protection Level	(L-N) U _p	< 250 V	< 500 V	< 600 V	< 1100 V
	(L-PE)/(N-PE)	< 700 V	< 800 V	< 850 V	< 1200 V
Short-Circuit Current Rating (AC)	I _{sco}	R 2kA	2kA	2kA	2 kA
Order Information					
ProTec DMDR 20/xxx		510 783	510 833	510 834	510 835

SPD for Category 6 LAN Networks

RayDat NET 6 POE

D1 • C1 • C2 • C3



IEC/EN Category: D1, C1, C2, C3

Protection: All 4 Pairs Voltages: 48 V DC Maximum Operating

Voltage: 50 V

Frequency Range: 250 MHz, up to Cat 6, POE Compatible Surge Discharge Ratings: I_n : 10 kA, I_{imp} : 1 kA

Enclosure: UTB In-line Patch, DIN Rail Mount

Terminals: RJ45, Shielded Housing: Compact Design Compliance: IEC/EN 61643-21 UL 497B 4th Edition



RayDat NET 6		48
Electrical		
Nominal Operating Voltage (DC)	U _n	48 V
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (DC)	(Line-Line) U _c	50 V
Rated Load Current at 25°C	IL	1 A
Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	(Line-Line) I _n	150 A
C2 Total Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	(Lines-Ground) I _{max}	10 kA
D1 Impulse Current (10/350 µs)	l _{imp}	1 kA
Voltage Protection Level at I _n	(Line-Line) U _p	150V
	(Line-Ground)	550V
Order Information		
RayDat NET 6		706 312

Modular SPD for Industrial Fieldbus Systems **RayDat SBH-3 Series**

D1 • C1 • C2 • C3



IEC/EN Category: D1, C1, C2, C3 Mode of Protection: Longitudinal, Transverse

Coarse Protection: 3 Terminal GDT Frequency Range: 30 MHz

Surge Discharge Ratings: I_n : 10kA, I_{max} : 20kA, I_{imp} : 2.5kA Series Load Current: 1A

Enclosure: DIN 43880 2/3TE, DIN Rail Mount

Terminals: Stranded to 4 mm² Housing: Modular Design Compliance: IEC/EN 61643-21 UL 497B 4th Edition



SBH-3 Series		5	12	30
Electrical				
Nominal Operating Voltage (DC)	U_n	5V	12V	30 V
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (DC)	U _c	6V	15V	33 V
Rated Load Current at 25°C	Ι _L	1 A	1 A	1 A
C2 Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _n	10kA	10kA	10kA
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 μs)	I _{max}	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA
D1 Impulse Current (10/350 µs)	I _{imp}	2.5 kA	2.5 kA	2.5 kA
Residual Voltage at 5 kA (8/20 µs)	(Line-Line) U _{res}	<22V	<42V	<80V
Order Information				
SBH-3-xx		7082.86	7082.88	7082.90
SBH-3-xx Q (Quick Connect Terminals)	_	7085.21	7085.22	7085.23

Modular SPD for Two Pair **RayDat SLH-4 Series** D1 • C1 • C2 • C3



IEC/EN Category: D1, C1, C2, C3 Mode of Protection: Longitudinal, Transverse Coarse Protection: 3 Terminal GDT

Frequency Range: 30 MHz

Surge Discharge Ratings: I_n : 10 kA, I_{max} : 20 kA, I_{imp} : 5 kA

Series Load Current: 1A

Enclosure: DIN 43880 2/3TE, DIN Rail Mount

Terminals: Stranded to 4 mm² Housing: Modular Design Compliance: IEC/EN 61643-21 UL 497B 4th Edition



SLH-4-30V		30	
Electrical			
Nominal Operating Voltage (DC)	U _n	30V	
Maximum Continuous Operating Voltage (DC)	U_c	33V	
Rated Load Current at 25°C	I _L	1 A	
C2 Nominal Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _n	10 kA	
Maximum Discharge Current (8/20 µs)	I _{max}	20 kA	
D1 Impulse Current (10/350 µs)	I _{imp}	5kA	
Residual Voltage at 5kA (8/20 µs)	U _{res}	<80V	
Order Information			
SLH-4-30		7082.78	
SLH-4 30VQ (Quick Connect Terminals)		7085.17	



Lightning Protection Zones

Definition of Lightning Protection Zones (LPZ)

The following lightning protection zones are defined in an IEC 62305-4 standard, based on the expected damage which can be caused by atmospheric discharges.

Protection Zone	LPZ 0a	This zone is endangered by direct lightning strikes and includes the rotor, the tower, the nacelle, and the internal and external power cables.
Protection Zone	LPZ 0B	Within this zone there is a possibility of partial direct lightning strikes. The exposed parts are exterior sensors, warning lights, and radio antennas, etc. The shafts, bearings, generator, as well as the cooling and the hydraulic systems may also be affected by partial lightning surges.
Protection Zone	LPZ 1	This zone is in the interior of the wind power plant (in the nacelle and the tower) and is exposed to partial direct lightning strikes. At the transition between LPZs 0 and LPZs 1 the use of Class I surge arresters is recommended.
Protection Zone	LPZ 2	This zone is also in the interior of the wind power plant (in the nacelle and the tower) and is exposed to indirect lightning strikes. At the transition from LPZ 1 into LPZs 2 the use of Class 2 surge arresters is recommended.

Lightning Protection Level (LPL)

International standards specify four lightning protection levels (I to IV), i.e. the danger levels from lightning. Every LPL reflects the parameters for the maximum and minimum peak value of the lightning current.

Protection Level	PI	1	II	III	IV
Probability of Lightning Current > Minimum	P (%)	99	97	91	84
Minimum Peak Current	I (kA)	3	5	10	16
Maximum Peak Current	I (kA)	200	150	100	100
Rolling Sphere Radius	r (m)	20	30	45	60

Lightning current parameters and lightning ball radius (IEC 62305, "Lightning Protection", 2006).

The LPL can be determined using these standards. The following minimum LPL are the prerequisites for lightning protection:

- Offshore wind power plants: LPL I
- Wind power plants with a hub height > 60 m: LPL II
- Wind power plants with a hub height < 60 m: LPL III/IV



Raycap Worldwide Locations



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