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Solar energy Lightning and surge protective devices



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Surge protective devices

ABB surge protection solution for solar energy

ABB has always been very active in creating products and solutions with low environmental impact and searching and developing new technologies, anticipating customer needs.

Today, renewable energies play a fundamental role in future energy policy along with a more friendly impact on our environment. Solar energy, is with no doubt an energy source of huge potential, one that can be exploited without harming the environment.

With its will to always offer the more efficient solution along with a safe and reliable protection to equipment, ABB and its long experience in creating surge protective devices (SPDs), has developed specific SPDs, the OVR PV range. Thus with the OVR T1, the OVR T2 and the OVR TC range, the OVR PV ensure the safety of your solar equipment.







ABB specific OVR PV

MOVs (Metal Oxyde Varistors) are mainly used in SPDs Type 2, some Type 3 and in SPDs designed for solar applications.

Their quick response time gives a good protection to the equipment. However, they have a shorter life time than other technologies (like spark gap or gas tube used for the Type 1) and when they aging, they finish their life (EoL) in short circuit.

When this occurs, it is very important to be able to disconnect the SPD. Thus, every SPD using MOVs must have an internal thermal disconnection.

A specific back-up protection (fuses or MCBs) is also generally recommended. However, on PV-DC networks due to low current and high DC voltages, it is much more difficult to disconnect the MOV of the SPD in case of end of life in short circuit.

Thanks to the specific DC disconnection of the OVR PV, with very quick response time and the isolation of the disconnection device from the MOV, OVR PV offer a very safe and reliable protection.



Protection of connected systems Residential application



*: OVR T1 mandatory in a presence of a lightning rod.



For more detail on our complete range of OVR surge protective devices, please consult us.

Protection of connected systems Residential application

Configuration of the surge protective devices of the whole installation for residential application

SPDs location	Role	Options	Comments
A	Protection of cells	If the distance L1 < 10 m, only OVR PV in A or B is recommended.	Connection to the chassis should be as short and rectilinear as possible. The surge protective device depending on the environment should be installed in a leak-proof casing.
B	Protection of the inverter input on the DC side	If the distance L1 < 10 m, only OVR PV in A or B is recommended.	Connection to the earthing bar and to the ground of the inverter on the DC side should be as short and rectilinear as possible.
\sim^{\odot}	Protection of the inverter output on the AC side	Routine installation	Connection to the earthing bar and to the ground of the inverter on the AC side should be as short and rectilinear as possible.
	AC head protection at the entrance of the building	Routine installation	Connection to the earthing bar should be as short and rectilinear as possible.

Selection of surge protective devices, DC portion

SPDs locations	Ucpv	Imax	Up	Iscwpv	Order code	Туре
(A) (B)	670 V	40 kA	1.4 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R5300	OVR PV 40-600 P
(A) (B)	670 V	40 kA	1.4 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R5400	OVR PV 40-600 P TS*
(A) (B)	1000 V	40 kA	3.8 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R6400	OVR PV 40-1000 P
AB	1000 V	40 kA	3.8 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R6500	OVR PV 40-1000 P TS*

TS*: auxiliary contact

Selection of surge protective devices, AC portion (TN/TT earthing system, Ph+N. Other surge protective devices see OVR catalog)

SPDs location	Lightning rod presence	Order code	Туре
\bigcirc	Yes	2CTB 815 201 R0800	OVR HL 15 440 s P TS
Ô	Yes	2CTB 803 952 R1100 or 2CTB 803 701 R0100	OVR T2 1N 40 275 P or OVR PLUS N1 40
D	No	2CTB 803 952 R1100 or 2CTB 803 701 R0100	OVR T2 1N 40 275 P or OVR PLUS N1 40
Ô	No	2CTB 803 952 R1100 or 2CTB 803 701 R0100	OVR T2 1N 40 275 P or OVR PLUS N1 40

OVR PV surge protective devices

OVR PV surge protective devices for protecting photovoltaic systems are particularly suitable:

- Modular systems with pluggable cartridges for easy maintenance (without breaking the circuit),
- Fitted with remote auxiliary contacts for monitoring the operating status (TS),
- No follow current,
- No risk of + and inversion.



OVR PV surge protective device (A or B)



600 V OVR PV SPDs diagram (A or B)

1000 V OVR PV SPDs diagram (A or B)

Dimensions				
L 42.5 mm X A 85 mm X P 63 mm				
Cartridges for maintenance in 600 V				
2CTB 803 950 R0000 OVR PV 40-600 C				
Cartridges for maintenance in 600 V: neutral				
2CTB 803 950 R0300 OVR PV MC				
Cartridges for maintenance in 1000 V				
2CTB 803 950 R0100 OVR PV 40-1000 C				



Example of typical installation

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Protection of connected systems for power plant

Configuration of the surge protective devices of the whole installation for power plant

SPDs location	Role	Options	Comments
A	Protection of cells	If the distance L1 < 10 m, only OVR PV in A or B is recommended.	Connection to the chassis should be as short and rectilinear as possible. The surge protec- tive device depending on the environment should be installed in a leak-proof casing.
B	Protection of the inverter input on the DC side	If the distance L1 < 10 m, only OVR PV in A or B is recommended.	Connection to the earthing bar and to the ground of the inverter on the DC side should be as short and rectilinear as possible.
√ ©	Protection of the inverter output on the AC side	Routine installation	Connection to the earthing bar and to the ground of the inverter on the AC side should be as short and rectilinear as possible.
	AC head protection at the entrance of the building	Routine installation	Connection to the earthing bar should be as short and rectilinear as possible.

Selection of surge protective devices, DC portion

SPDs locations	Ucpv	Imax	Up	Iscwpv	Order code	Туре
AB	670 V	40 kA	1.4 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R5300	OVR PV 40-600 P
AB	670 V	40 kA	1.4 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R5400	OVR PV 40-600 P TS*
AB	1000 V	40 kA	3.8 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R6400	OVR PV 40-1000 P
AB	1000 V	40 kA	3.8 kV	100 A	2CTB 803 953 R6500	OVR PV 40-1000 P TS*

TS*: auxiliary contact



Data acquisition

Selection of surge protective devices, AC portion (TN/TT earthing system, Ph+N. Other surge protective devices see OVR catalog)

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Ċ	Yes	2CTB 803 952 R1100 or 2CTB 803 701 R0100	OVR T2 1N 40 275 P or OVR PLUS N1 40
\bigcirc	No	2CTB 803 952 R1100 or 2CTB 803 701 R0100	OVR T2 1N 40 275 P or OVR PLUS N1 40
C	No	2CTB 803 952 R1200	OVR T2 1N 15 275 P



Selection guide according to use

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