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Rail Surge Protection Guide

Railway Electrical Protection



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Lightning strikes can cause catastrophic damage to critical rail infrastructure and equipment. Unexpected transient events or momentary bursts of extremely high voltages can occur even during normal operations, which is why railway electrical protection is an important part of safe, reliable operations. nVent ERICO offers solutions that provide critical electrical protection for railway properties and assets including: classification yards, buildings and structures, bungalows, movable bridges and other areas throughout the network that contain sensitive equipment. This product range includes solutions for direct strike lightning protection, grounding and bonding, as well as surge protective devices (SPDs) for railway communication/signaling equipment and systems.

nVent ERICO is a leading global supplier of SPDs, serving a diverse range of industries throughout the world with surge protection solutions for equipment power, equipment inputs and outputs as well as data and telecom transmitting equipment. With our specialization in railway electrical protection, nVent ERICO offers many SPDs that are specifically designed for rail applications. We offer SPDs with conventional surge technologies such as: metal oxide varistors (MOVs), silicon avalanche diodes (SADs), gas discharge tube (GDT) and spark gap technologies. With a long-term commitment to R&D, and a world class electrical engineering lab, we have developed novel nVent ERICO surge suppression technologies that overcome the limitations of conventional methods to provide an enhanced level of protection.



Power Protection
 B Protection for Inputs and Outputs
 C Protection for Rail Data and Telecom

NVENT ERICO TD TECHNOLOGY

nVent ERICO Transient Discriminating (TD) Technology is a hyhrid surge protection design that provides greater operational safety under practical application and a longer service life for the SPD itself. At the core of the patented nVent ERICO TD Technology is its ability to differentiate





between the two types of damaging surge events, including a temporary over-voltage (TOV) condition vs. a very fast transient event that can be caused by lightning/ switching induced surges. With its two protection modes, **TD Technology** quickly switches its clamping (or voltage limiting) levels to protect against the specific type of event while maintaining the ability to protect against the alternative condition should it happen in quick succession.



Power supply protection is an important part of safe, reliable railways. Lightning can induce surges on main power lines, resulting in a power line fault that lasts much longer than a typical transient event, which can cause significant damage to network equipment. nVent ERICO offers a comprehensive range of surge protection devices for rail power supply, including devices that protect primary and secondary power distribution equipment. **Noted in each product is the application(s) it serves.** Visit the nVent ERICO website for more information on each product, including additional technical specifications, drawings, etc. You can follow the hyperlinks (in the PDF version) or the QR code in print to easily find the product selection featured on each page.

Application	Voltage
Wayside Electrical Panels WAY	120/240V
Onboard Electrical Panels ONBD	120/240V



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
EPD Series	Primary PowerSurge Protector	Features a modular design for simple	Technology
	Part Number	SPD module replacement, terminals	• MOV with thermal disconnect
EPD Series			Carl.



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
EPD Series	 Rail Secondary Power Surge Protection, AC Circuits Part Number EPD120TDAARB EPD240TDAARB 	Surge-Filter design featuring the hybrid of Transient Discriminating (TD) that ensures safe operation during abnormal over-voltage events, as well as a sine wave filter for RFI/EMI attenuation. APPLICATIONS : WAY / AC SURGE RATING : 20 kA 8/20 µs per mode CONNECTION TYPE : AAR Terminals	 Technology TD with thermal disconnect EMI/RFI filter Complies With ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B, Cat C
EPD Series	Secondary Power Surge Protection, AC Circuits Part Number • <u>EPD1224ATAAR1</u>	Features surge protection technology that includes Hybrid TVSS, MOV, SAD and in-line filter that provides an overall high level of protection and operational life. APPLICATIONS : WAY / DC SURGE RATING : 20 kA 8/20 µs per mode CONNECTION TYPE : AAR Terminals	 Technology Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV) Silicon Avalanche Diode (SAD) in-line series filter Complies With ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B, Cat CAREMA® requirements
TDP	Rail Trolley Protector Part Number • <u>TDP100750VOCS</u>	Featuring a rugged outdoor NEMA 4X rated enclosure and built in safety features, the TDP provides long lasting surge protection for 750 VDC systems, especially suitable for exposed locations an extended operational life. APPLICATIONS : 750Vdc Systems SURGE RATING : 100 kA 8/20 µs per mode CONNECTION TYPE : Stranded, see online	 Technology MOV with thermal disconnect Complies With ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Scenario II, Exposure 3, 100 kA 8/20 μs, 10 kA 10/350 μs
DT1 Series	DIN Rail Power Surge Protector DTI Product Class Protection Modes • Class I+II 12.5 kA, 1+0 • Class I+II 12.5 kA, 1+1 • Class I+II 12.5 kA, 2+0 • Class I+II 12.5 kA, 3+0 • Class I+II 12.5 kA, 4+0 Replacement Modules • DT1 DIN Rail Surge Protection Replacement Module • SGT DIN Rail Surge Protection Replacement Module	Tested and independently certified to the IEC and UL standards, the DT1 Series provides a range of compact, safe and high surge rated performance features for the harsh IEC Class I environment and suitable for protection within a wide range of applications. APPLICATIONS : High risk, power protection primary & secondary SURGE RATING : 100 kA 8/20 µs per mode MOUNTING : 35 mm top hat DIN rail	 Technology Thermal disconnect Certifications IEC 61643-11 Class I+II EN 61643-11 Type 1+2 UL 1449, 4th Edition Type 1CA Complies With EN 61643-11 Type 1, Type 2 IEC® 61643-11 Class I, Class II UL 1449, 4th Edition CSA C22.2 No. 269-4



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
Product EDT2 Series	Description DIN Rail Power Surge Protector ETD2 Product Class Protection Modes • Class II, 1+0 • Class II, 1+1 • Class II, 2+0 • Class II, 3+0 • Class II, 3+1 • Class II, 4+0 • Replacement Modules	Features Featuring nVent ERICO TD Technology, the EDT2 Series ensures reliable surge protection throughout adverse voltage conditions. Additional features, including a shock resistant retaining clip, red/ green status indication and a standard setup for remote monitoring make the EDT2 series well suited for the rail environment. APPLICATIONS : Power protection installed in the control cabinets SURGE RATING : 50kA to 100kA μs per mode MOUNTING : 35 mm top hat DIN rail	Technical Specifications Technology • Thermal disconnect • nVent ERICO TD Technology Certifications • IEC 61643-11 Class I+II • EN 61643-11 Type 1+2 • UL 1449, 4th Edition Type 1CA Complies With • IEC 61643-11:2011EN 61643- 11:2012 • UL 1449, 4th Edition • CSA C22.2 No. 269-4 Enclosure Rating • IP 20
TSF Series	Transient Surge Filter Part Number(s) • <u>TSF6A120V</u> • <u>TSF20A120V</u> • <u>TSF6A24V</u> • <u>TSF6A240V</u>	TSF series featuring nVent ERICO TD Technology, brings superior performance with a low let-trhough voltage on the critical line during neutral mode. Its replaceable surge module reduces downtime during maintenance. APPLICATIONS : Microprocessor based systems SURGE RATING : 20kA µs per mode, 40kA/Ph MOUNTING : 35 mm top hat DIN rail	 Technology nVent ERICO TD Technology Complies With CE cURus, UL® 1283, UL 1449, 4th Edition 5 EMI Filter, IEC® 61643-11 Class II, UL 1449 Edition 4 and IEC 61643-11, UL 1283 Enclosure Rating IP 20
SGT Series Type 1 Type 2	Spark Gap Diverter Part Numbers Type 1 • SGT15010 • SGT110010 Type 2 • SGT24010R	The nVent ERICO SGT Series Spark Gap Diverters are an effective means of equipotential bonding that provides and N-PE equalization protection bond on TT power distribution systems. APPLICATIONS : Equipment, panel and motors SURGE RATING : up to 150 kA 8/20 µs per mode MOUNTING : 35 mm DIN Rail, EN 60715	Technology • Spark Gap Certifications • VDE, UL® 1449 Edition 4 Type 1CA Complies With • IEC® 61643-11 Class I, Class IIEN 61643-11 Type 1, Type 2, VDESee product details for individual compliances



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
TDX Modular	Modular Transient Discriminating Panel Protector Product Line Part Numbers Compact TDX • 100 kA • 100 kA with Surge Counter • 200 kA • 200 kA with Surge Counter • 300 kA • 400 kA	nVent ERICO's line of Transient Discriminating Panel Protectors are designed for critical protection applications. This line is specifically designed for equipment, panel and motor protection applications and to provide long life, even under the most adverse over-voltage conditions. Features include replaceable modules, TD Technology for Temporary Overvoltage protection, thermal protection, short circuit current cartridge fusing, compact enclosures, voltage presence LEDs, status indication flag per mode, audible alarm, surge counter, filter, and voltage free contacts. APPLICATIONS : Equipment, panel and motors SURGE RATING : 100 kA 8/20 µs per mode MOUNTING : ¾" straight nipple	Technical Specifications Technology nVent ERICO TD Technology Certifications • UL® 1449 Edition 4 Type 1 & 2 • (I,,), Per 20 kA Mode Complies With • ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B, Cat CANSI®/ IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Scenario II, Exposure 3, 100 kA 8/20 µs, 10 kA 10/350 µsIEC® 61643-1 Class I, Class II
TDX Compact	Compact Transient Discriminating Panel Protector Product Line Part Numbers Modular TDX • 50 kA • 100 kA • 200 kA	nVent ERICO's line of Transient Discriminating Panel Protectors are designed for critical protection applications. This line is specifically designed for equipment, panel and motor protection applications and to provide long life, even under the most adverse over-voltage conditions. Product features include TD Technology for Temporary Overvoltage protection, thermal protection, short circuit current cartridge fusing, compact enclosures, voltage presence LEDs, and voltage free contacts. APPLICATIONS : Equipment, panel and motors SURGE RATING : 50 kA 8/20 µs per mode MOUNTING : ¾" straight nipple	 Technology nVent ERICO TD Technology Over-current Fusing Certifications UL® 1449 Edition 4 Type 1 (In), 10kA – 20kA Per Mode Complies With ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B, Cat C ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Scenario II, Exposure 2, 50 kA 8/20 μs IEC® 61643-1 Class I, Class II

Surge Protection for Data and Telecom Equipment



Rail communication equipment and systems are the foundation of railway signaling. Increasingly advanced technology is being introduced into rail networks, driving next-generation railway technology with new signaling systems such communication based train control (CBTC), as well as safety overlays such as PTC (U.S.) and ERTMS (European /global). nVent ERICO is a surge protection leader in both the rail and telecom industries, offering a complete range of surge protection devices (SPDs) for sensitive equipment and systems used to transmit radio frequency and data across the network.



Surge Protection for Data and Telecom Equipment



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
UTB Series UWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW	Universal Transient Barrier Surge Protector for Data & Signal Applications Part Number • UTB15DP • UTBTA UTB Series Solutions for the following Protocols/ Standards • RS-422 (V.11) • RS-232 (V.24) • RS-485	The nVent ERICO UTB series for data and signal protection applications provides protection of low-voltage circuits and transducers. Its separate plug and base design allows for hot swappable module replacement. Another important feature is its multi-stage protection and fine over- voltage protection helps ensure lowest residual surge voltages reach sensitive equipment. APPLICATIONS: Data and signaling SURGE RATING: 10kA per Line , 20kA per Pair MOUNTING: 35 mm top hat DIN rail	 Technology Gas Discharge Tube (GDT) Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV) Silicon Avalanche Diode (SAD) Complies With: ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B, Cat C UL497B Enclosure Rating: IP 20 NEMA®-1
CSP Series	Coaxial Surge Protector Connection Types BNC, Male/Female $\cdot 450 \vee / 1,100 \vee$ F-Type, Male/ Male/Female $\cdot 450 \vee / 1,100 \vee$ N-Bulkhead, Male/Female $\cdot 450 \vee / 1,100 \vee$ N-Type, Female/Female $\cdot 450 \vee / 1,100 \vee$ N-Type, Male/Female $\cdot 450 \vee / 1,100 \vee$ SMA, Male/Female $\cdot 450 \vee / 1,100 \vee$	The CSP Series Coaxial Surge Protector is an essential part of protecting telecom equipment, cameras and systems. Featuring a simple plug-in installation, low insertion / return loss, and wide operating frequency spectrum, this product line is well suited for the rail telecom ecosystem. APPLICATIONS : COM-RF antenna, radio, cellular, VPN, camera SURGE RATING : 20 kA 8/20 µs per mode/ see individual product details MOUNTING : Supplied with mounting bracket, flying lead ground or ground lug	 Technology Gas Discharge Tube (GDT) Certifications UL 497E Complies With CE, UL Enclosure Rating IP 20NEMA®-1

Surge Protection for Data and Telecom Equipment



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
DEP Series	Data Equipment Protector Part Number • <u>DEPRS2322525D</u> • <u>DEPRS23299D</u> • <u>DEPRS42299D</u>	The DEP Series model covers RS-232, RS-423, RS-422 and RS-485 protocols. It is designed to provide both line to signal-ground and signal-ground to protective-earth protection. This effective plug-in protection device is simple to install, making it well suited for rail applications. APPLICATIONS : 9-Pin & 25 Pin D-Sub, equipment communications SURGE RATING : 200A – 400A/line CONNECTION : Inline connection with ground wire	 Fechnology Silicon Avalanche Diode (SAD)
SLP 1 (a) (b) 2 (c)	Subscriber and High Speed Data Line Surge Protection Products 1. Line Protector a. <u>High Speed Data Line Protector</u> b. <u>Subscriber Line, Single Stage</u> 2. <u>Telephone Line Protector</u> 3. <u>Data LineTerminator</u>	The nVent ERICO SLP Series provides data and signal surge protection multiple levels, protecting critical equipment from induced surges. Compact in size while delivering high surge carrying capacity, the SLP series is well suited for applications across many different industries, including rail. nVent ERICO data and signal surge protection offers a complete solution to eliminate damage, downtime, and power disruption. APPLICATIONS : Modems, alarm systems SURGE RATING : 500A to 20kA/Line CONNECTION : Terminal, RJ 11	 Technology 1. Line Protector a. Multi-stage b. Single-stage 2. Automatic over-current protection Complies With CE, A-Tick, C-Tick UL497A, UL497B Enclosure Material SLP UL® 94V-0 Thermoplastic
DLT		SLP V V DLT	

SPDs for Railway Equipment I/Os (Inputs and Outputs)



The railway signaling ecosystem includes a large and diverse array of interconnected electrometrical and electronic equipment located along the wayside (adjacent to the tracks) as well as in nearby signal houses (bungalows). nVent ERICO offers a comprehensive range of SPDs to protect inputs and outputs (I/Os) of these critical railway signaling mechanisms.

Application	Current
Track Circuits TRCTS	AC / DC
Switch Machines SWM	AC / DC
Crossing Equipment XING	AC / DC
Hot Box Detectors HBD	AC / DC
Signal Lights SIGLTS	AC / DC
Axel Counters AXLCTS	AC / DC
Line Circuits LNCTS	AC / DC



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
EPDF Series	Transient Surge Protection, AREMA® Stud-Type Terminals Part Number • <u>EPD2050F</u> • <u>EPD2170F</u>	The EPDF Series protects inputs and outputs for sensitive electronic equipment. A rail application specific SPD product, nVent ERICO F-Series design includes hybrid surge suppression technology (MOV/GDT) with two operating voltages, visual status indicator with open circuit end- of-life mode and a max surge rating of 50kA 8/20µs. APPLICATION S: TRCTS - AC/DC SURGE RATING : 50 kA 8/20 CONNECTION : AREMA® Stud-Type Terminals – 2 Post Terminal Block	 Technology Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV) Gas Discharge Tube (GDT) Complies With ANSI®/IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B, Cat C AREMA® requirements Enclosure Rating NEMA® 12 (IP55)
LCP	Load Cell Protector Part Number • <u>LCP01A</u>	The LCP device provides shield protection that works with both four wire and six wire systems. Featuring low series impedance, load cells do not need recalibration with the nVent ERICO LCP device. Protecting against excitation over-voltage and prevent loadcell damage, this SPD is perfect for the railway communication ecosystem. APPLICATIONS : Suitable for compression or tension cells SURGE RATING : See protection class mode	 Technology Gas Discharge Tube (GDT) Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV) Silicon Avalanche Diode (SAD) Enclosure Rating NEMA® 12 (IP55)

SPDs for Railway Equipment I/Os (Inputs and Outputs)



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
UTB Series	Universal Transient Barriers	The nVent ERICO UTB series for data	Technology:
	Products	and signal protection applications	• Gas Discharge Tube (GDT)
Contraction	• <u>Single Pair</u>	circuits and transducers. Its separate	• Metal Oxide Varistor (MOV)
A DECEMBER OF	Single Pair Isolated Ground	plug and base design allows for hot swappable module replacement.	Silicon Avalanche Diode (SAD)
a 15	• <u>Dual Pair</u>	Another important feature is its multi-stage protection and fine over-	Complies With
	• <u>Dual Pair Single Power</u>	voltage protection helps ensure lowest	• ANSI®/IEEE® C62 /1 2-2002
SII	<u>Replacement Modules for</u> <u>Universal Transient Barriers</u>	residual surge voltages reach sensitive equipment.	Cat A, Cat B, Cat C
		APPLICATIONS: Data and signaling	• UL497B
View the pVent EDICO signal		SURGE RATING: 10kA per Line ,	Enclosure Rating:
line protection guide for more		20kA per Pair	• IP 20
Information		MOUNTING: 35 mm top hat DIN rail	• NEMA®-1
RTBN Series	Rail Transient Barrier	The newest in nVent ERICO's line	Technology:
	Part Number RTB12N RTB130N DTD20N	of dedicated rail SPDS, RTBN IS designed to bring the most in terms of performance and safety. With its integration of GDT (gas discharge tube) technology and MOV (metal oxide varistors), RTBN is consistent, with the	 Integration of GDT (gas discharge tube) technology and MOV (metal oxide varistors) Complies With:
	• <u>RTB50N</u>	capability to protect against fast spikes. End-of-life safety features include a thermal disconnect, mechanical flat status indication and compatibility with remote monitoring functionality.	• AREMA® C&S Manual Parts 11.5.1, 11.3.2, 14.1.2ANSI®/ IEEE® C62.41.2-2002 Cat A, Cat B. Cat C.
	• <u>RTB12N</u>	APPI ICATIONS: Signal power and data	our b, our o
	• <u>RTB130N</u> • RTB50N	SURGE RATING: 30 kA 8/20 µs per	
		mode	
		MOUNTING : 35 mm top hat DIN rail G type DIN rail	

SPDs for Railway Equipment I/Os (Inputs and Outputs)



Product	Description	Features	Technical Specifications
Accessories	1. Rail Surge Plane Strip Busbar <mark>Part Numbers</mark>	1. The nVent ERICO Rail Surge Plane Strip Busbar meets AREMA® recommended design criteria. It is an improved low impedance busbar available in bare or tinned versions.	 Complies With: 1. AREMA® 3. American Association of Railroads
	 2. Surge Plane Strip Busbar Hardware Kit Part Number B2700HK 	2. Hardware kit is used to attach nVent Surge Plane Strip Busbar to terminal board ground ring in order to form a surge plane. Hardware is steel with electrogalvanized finish.	
	 3. Rail Four Post Terminal Block Part Number B2700A2C1WH SBB2700A2B10 	3. The nVent ERICO Rail Four Post Terminal Block separates "clean" wiring from "dirty" wiring. Block meets AAR recommendations, features a modular design for field assembly and future expansion, and includes integrated test terminal as well as a slot for low-impedance busbar.	

nVent ERICO Six Point Plan of Protection

The nVent ERICO Six Point Plan of Protection is a system that provides comprehensive electrical protection for railway infrastructure and assets by integrating solutions for lightning protection, grounding and bonding, and surge protection. Each solution is comprised of a custom combination of nVent ERICO products arranged to meet the unique electrical protection requirements of each site. Together, these solutions bring a coordinated approach preventing many types of electrical damage, including lightning strikes and transient over-voltages, and provide general best practice electrical protection during normal operations.

The nVent ERICO Six Point Plan of Protection provides an approach to (1) Capture the lightning strike, (2) Convey this energy to ground, (3) Dissipate the energy into the grounding system, (4) Bond all ground points together, (5) Protect incoming AC/DC power feeders, (6) Low Voltage Surge Protection for (a) Wayside signaling equipment I/O, and (b) Surge protection for data and telecom equipment.



World Class Electrical Engineering Lab

nVent ERICO is committed to not just being a provider, but also a partner. With our own in-house electrical engineering lab and state-of-the art equipment (including the largest 100kA 10/350µs Impulse Generator in the United States), nVent ERICO is uniquely suited in the market to test and validate solutions for development and commercial opportunities. The electrical lab has significantly expanded its scope of test authorizations to include tests from:

- UL 1059 (terminal blocks)
- UL 486A-B-E (wire connectors)
- UL 1449 (surge protective devices)
- UL 467 (grounding/bonding devices)
- UL 96 (lightning protection components)
- UL 486A-B-E (secureness machine and impact energy fixture)
- UL 1059/UL 486A-B-E (automated thermal feedback program and current cycling rack)
- UL 1059/UL 1449 (oven for accelerated aging and mold stress relief)
- nVent ERICO surge protection products also meet all applicable
 AREMA requirements



We encourage our customers and rail industry professionals to schedule time with us in our electrical engineering lab (located in Solon, OH) to compare nVent ERICO products with the competition

MORE RAILWAY ELECTRICAL SOLUTION FROM THE NVENT PORTFOLIO



ENCLOSURES nVent provides enclosures for railway signaling, communications and systems with its industry leading brands nVent HOFFMAN and nVent SCHROFF. Our expansive product portfolio includes; wall-mount / pole-mount enclosures, indoor/ outdoor cabinets for on-board and trackside applications, subracks and 19" chassis, embedded COM systems and small form factor case solutions, as well as enclosure cooling solutions.

nVent SCHROFF Varistar Cabinet



nVent SCHROFF Outdoor Modular Cabinet





LOW VOLTAGE POWER DISTRIBUTION nVent ERIFLEX provides solutions for electrical conduction and low voltage power distribution. With a product line that includes flexible busbars, insulated braided conductors, earthing braids, distribution blocks and power terminals, nVent ERIFLEX products are uniquely suited for railway electrical equipment. nVent ERIFLEX products are characterized by innovative material composition that contribute to safety and reliability in railway electrical systems.



nVent ERIFLEX Flexibar Advanced Flexible Busbar



nVent ERIFLEX IBSB Advanced Insulated Conductor



Additional nVent Resources

nVent offers a comprehensive range of niche electrical solutions that are critical to railway networks. With our powerful portfolio of brands that includes nVent ERICO, ERIFLEX, HOFFMAN, RAYCHEM and SCHROFF, railways throughout the world have come to rely on our expertise, and high quality products that meet strict global rail standards such as AREMA and CENELEC. Our wide ranging portfolio includes electrical protection for rail infrastructure and equipment, connection solutions for wayside and onboard electrical infrastructure, enclosures for all types of railway signaling applications, and heating solutions that help railways operate in harsh winter conditions. Together, nVent makes an important contribution to safer, morereliable railway networks.

Download the following brochures to learn or more information of railway solutions as well as the broader nVent ERICO surge protection product range.











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Our powerful portfolio of brands:

