



## Features

- Formerly a **KEKOVARICON** product
- Three model sizes available - 0603, 0805, 1206
- Exceptionally low capacitance ratings
- Short response time
- Inherent bidirectional clamping; low clamping voltages
- Low sensitivity to mildly activated fluxes
- Non-plastic coating for better flammability rating
- +125 °C maximum continuous operating temperature
- RoHS compliant\*

## ZVX Series - Low Capacitance & Low Energy Varistors

### General Information

The ZVX series varistor chips are low energy (0.1 J), designed specifically for the protection of I/O line drivers and other sensitive semiconductor gates from the damaging effects of high voltage, low energy transients such as an ESD event. Unlike most other competitive low energy varistors, the ZVX series offers all the protecting features of standard varistor chips, and exceptionally low values of capacitance. In these applications, as the frequency of data transfer increases, lower capacitance is needed to eliminate possible skewing of the data signals due to capacitive loadings.

In most cases, the 1 kHz capacitance values of the ZVX series are less than one half of typical competitive varistors. Furthermore, this series is offered in 0603, 0805 and 1206 sizes, with an extended range of voltages from 3 V to 38 V<sub>dc</sub>.

### Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Value	Units
<b>Continuous:</b>		
Steady State Applied Voltage		
DC Voltage Range (V <sub>dc</sub> )	3 to 38**	V
AC Voltage Range (V <sub>rms</sub> )	2 to 30***	V
<b>Transient:</b>		
Peak Single Pulse Surge Current, 8/20 μs Waveform (I <sub>max</sub> )	30 to 40	A
Single Pulse Surge Energy, 10/1000 μs Waveform (W <sub>max</sub> )	0.1	J
Operating Ambient Temperature	-55 to +125	°C
Storage Temperature Range	-55 to +150	°C
Threshold Voltage Temperature Coefficient	< +0.05	%/°C
Response Time	< 1	ns
Climatic Category	55 / 125 / 56	

\*\* Varistors with rated voltages of 2 - 6 V<sub>ac</sub> (or 3 - 8 V<sub>dc</sub>) are non-standard parts available upon request only.

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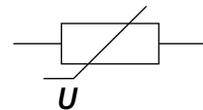
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## Applications

- Suppression of inductive switching or other transient events such as surge voltage at the circuit board level
- I/O line protection
- Electromagnetic compliance of end products
- On-board transient voltage protection of ICs and transistors
- ESD protection to IEC 1000-4-2, MIL-STD 883C Method 3015.7, AEC-Q200-002 and other industry specifications
- Can replace larger surface mount TVS Zener Diodes in many applications

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### Device Ratings

Model	V <sub>rms</sub>	V <sub>dc</sub>	V <sub>n</sub> @ 0.1 mA	V <sub>c</sub>	I <sub>c</sub> 8/20 μs	W <sub>max</sub> 10/1000 μs	P max.	I <sub>max</sub> 8/20 μs	C <sub>typ</sub> @ 1 kHz	I <sub>typ</sub> 100 mA/ns
	V	V	V	V	A	J	W	A	pF	nH
ZVX 2 S 0603 300	2	3.3	4.1 - 6.0	10	1	0.1	0.003	30	200	1.0
ZVX 2 S 0805 400	2	3.3	4.1 - 6.0	10	1	0.1	0.005	40	500	1.5
ZVX 2 S 1206 400	2	3.3	4.1 - 6.0	10	1	0.1	0.008	40	840	1.8
ZVX 4 S 0603 300	4	5.6	7.6 - 9.3	15.5	1	0.1	0.003	30	165	1.0
ZVX 4 S 0805 400	4	5.6	7.6 - 9.3	15.5	1	0.1	0.005	40	340	1.5
ZVX 4 S 1206 400	4	5.6	7.6 - 9.3	15.5	1	0.1	0.008	40	720	1.8
ZVX 6 S 0603 300	6	9	11.0 - 14.0	20	1	0.1	0.003	30	145	1.0
ZVX 6 S 0805 400	6	9	11.0 - 14.0	20	1	0.1	0.005	40	290	1.5
ZVX 6 S 1206 400	6	9	11.0 - 14.0	20	1	0.1	0.008	40	620	1.8
ZVX 8 S 0603 300	8	12	14.0 - 18.3	25	1	0.1	0.003	30	135	1.0
ZVX 8 S 0805 400	8	12	14.0 - 18.3	25	1	0.1	0.005	40	275	1.5
ZVX 8 S 1206 400	8	12	14.0 - 18.3	25	1	0.1	0.008	40	540	1.8
ZVX 11 S 0603 300	11	14	16.5 - 20.3	30	1	0.1	0.003	30	120	1.0
ZVX 11 S 0805 400	11	14	16.5 - 20.3	30	1	0.1	0.005	40	200	1.5
ZVX 11 S 1206 400	11	14	16.5 - 20.3	30	1	0.1	0.008	40	500	1.8
ZVX 14 S 0603 300	14	18	22.9 - 28.0	40	1	0.1	0.003	30	110	1.0
ZVX 14 S 0805 400	14	18	22.9 - 28.0	40	1	0.1	0.005	40	165	1.5
ZVX 14 S 1206 400	14	18	22.9 - 28.0	40	1	0.1	0.008	40	250	1.8
ZVX 17 S 0603 300	17	22	25.2 - 31.3	48	1	0.1	0.003	30	100	1.0
ZVX 17 S 0805 400	17	22	25.2 - 31.3	48	1	0.1	0.005	40	145	1.5
ZVX 17 S 1206 400	17	22	25.2 - 31.3	48	1	0.1	0.008	40	210	1.8
ZVX 20 S 0603 300	20	26	31.0 - 38.0	58	1	0.1	0.003	30	100	1.0
ZVX 20 S 0805 400	20	26	31.0 - 38.0	58	1	0.1	0.005	40	140	1.5
ZVX 20 S 1206 400	20	26	31.0 - 38.0	58	1	0.1	0.008	40	200	1.8
ZVX 25 S 0603 300	25	30	37.0 - 46.9	65	1	0.1	0.003	30	100	1.0
ZVX 25 S 0805 400	25	30	37.0 - 46.9	65	1	0.1	0.005	40	140	1.5
ZVX 25 S 1206 400	25	30	37.0 - 46.9	65	1	0.1	0.008	40	200	1.8
ZVX 30 S 0603 300	30	38	42.3 - 51.7	77	1	0.1	0.003	30	80	1.0
ZVX 30 S 0805 400	30	38	42.3 - 51.7	77	1	0.1	0.005	40	100	1.5
ZVX 30 S 1206 400	30	38	42.3 - 51.7	77	1	0.1	0.008	40	165	1.8

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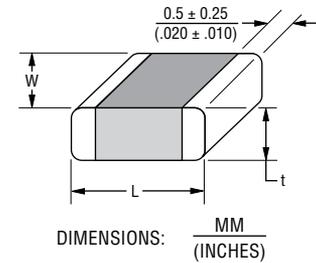
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## Product Dimensions

Model	Dimension		
	L	W	t (Max.)
ZVX 2 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 2 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 2 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 4 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 4 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 4 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 6 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 6 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 6 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 8 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 8 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 8 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 11 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 11 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 11 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 14 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 14 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 14 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 17 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 17 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 17 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 20 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 20 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 20 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 25 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 25 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 25 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 30 S 0603 300	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.031 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{0.9}{(.035)}$
ZVX 30 S 0805 400	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$
ZVX 30 S 1206 400	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$



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## How to Order

**ZVX20S1206400NIR1yy**

Series Designator \_\_\_\_\_  
ZVX = ZVX Series

Maximum Continuous Working Voltage ( $V_{rms}$ ) \_\_\_\_\_

$V_n$  Tolerance \_\_\_\_\_  
(See Device Ratings Table for min. and max. values)

Model Size \_\_\_\_\_  
• 0603  
• 0805  
• 1206

Maximum Surge Current \_\_\_\_\_  
• 300 = 30 A  
• 400 = 40 A

End Terminations \_\_\_\_\_  
• Ni = NiSn barrier type end terminations suitable for Pb and Pb-free reflow soldering

Packaging \_\_\_\_\_  
R1 = Model size 0603 & 0805 = 3500 pcs. per 180 mm (7-inch) reel  
Model size 1206 = 2500 pcs. per 180 mm (7-inch) reel

Special Requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
• yy

## Typical Part Marking

No marking.

### Instructions for Creating Orderable Part Number:

- 1) Start with base part number in characteristics table (example: ZVX20S1206400).
- 2) Add End Termination: NI standard (example part number becomes ZVX20S1206400NI).
- 3) Add Packaging: R1 (example part number becomes ZVX20S1206400NIR1).
- 4) Part number can have no spaces or lower case letters.

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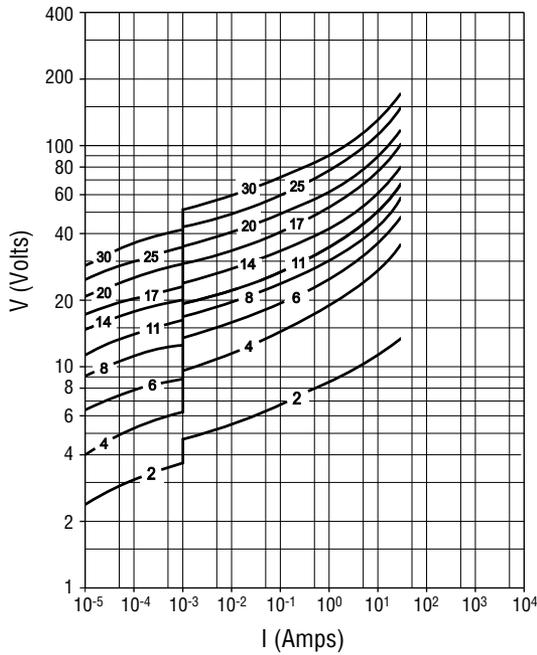
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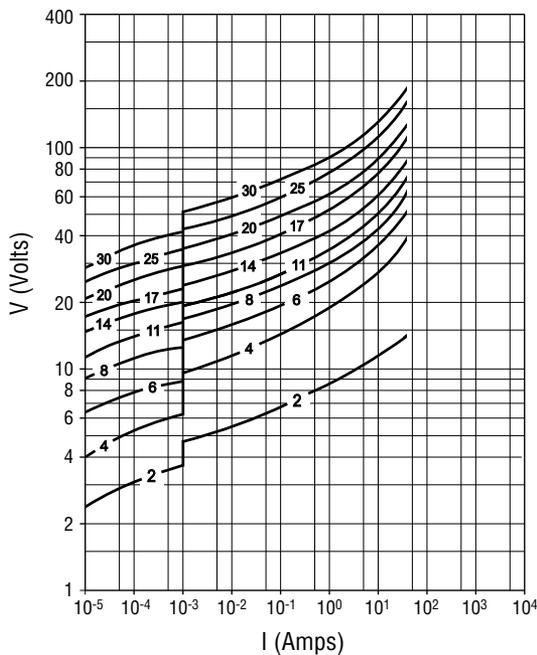


## Protection Level

Model Size 0603 - (ZVX2 ~ ZVX30S)

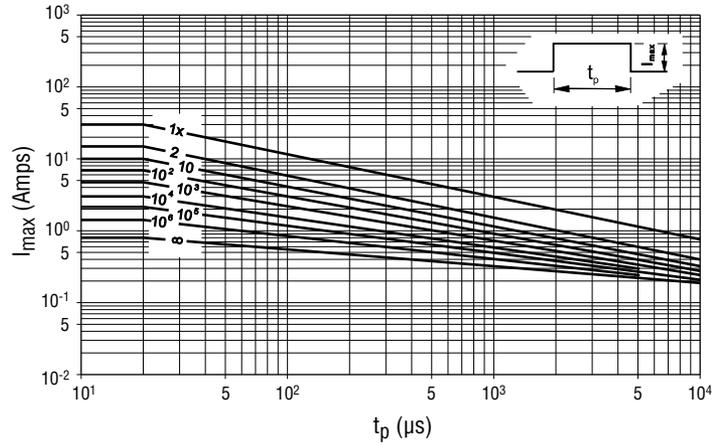


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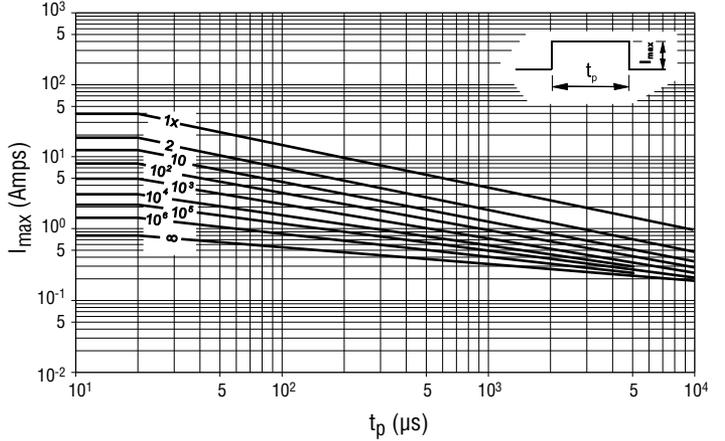


## Pulse Rating Curves

Model Size 0603 - (ZVX2 ~ ZVX30S)



Model Size 0805 - (ZVX2 ~ ZVX30S)



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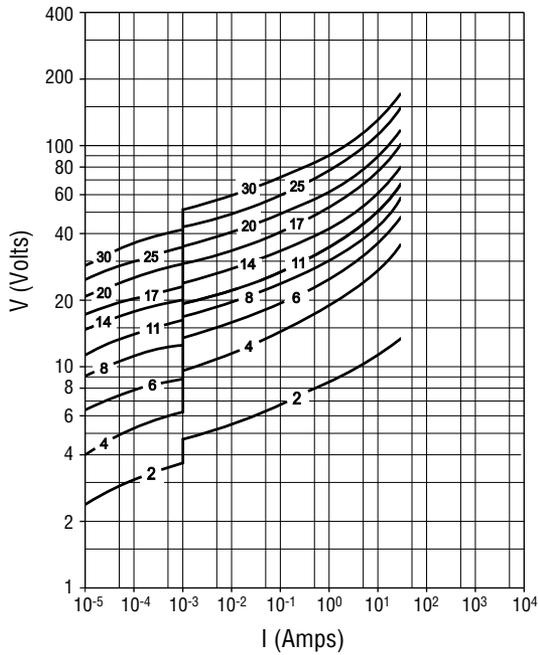
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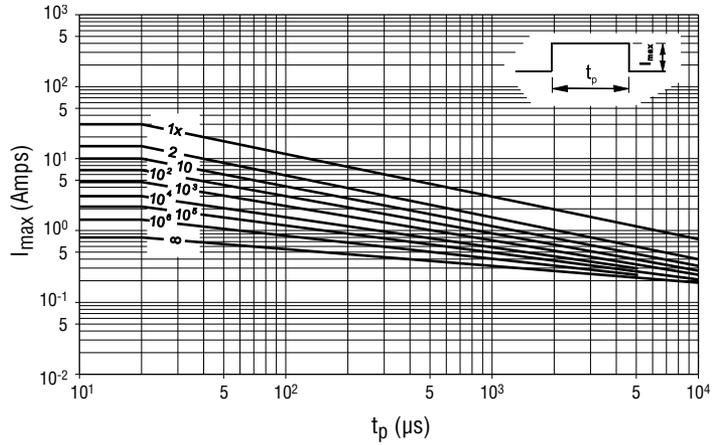
## Protection Level

Model Size 1206 - (ZVX2 ~ ZVX30S)



## Pulse Rating Curves

Model Size 1206 - (ZVX2 ~ ZVX30S)



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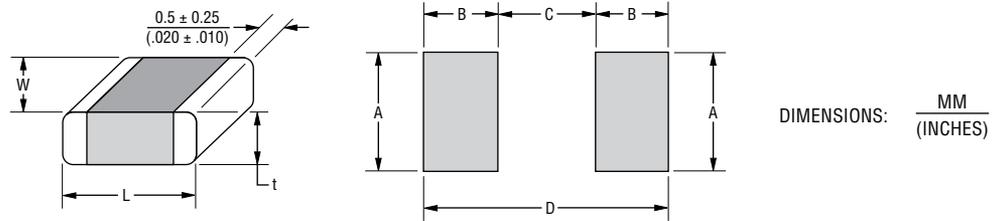
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## Soldering Pad Configuration



Size	Dimension						
	L	W	t (Max.)	A	B	C	D
0603	$\frac{1.6 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{0.80 \pm 0.10}{(.315 \pm .004)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$	$\frac{0.6}{(.024)}$	$\frac{2.6}{(.102)}$
0805	$\frac{2.0 \pm 0.25}{(.079 \pm .010)}$	$\frac{1.25 \pm 0.20}{(.049 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.1}{(.043)}$	$\frac{1.4}{(.055)}$	$\frac{1.2}{(.047)}$	$\frac{1.0}{(.039)}$	$\frac{3.4}{(.134)}$
1206	$\frac{3.2 \pm 0.30}{(.126 \pm .012)}$	$\frac{1.60 \pm 0.20}{(.063 \pm .008)}$	$\frac{1.6}{(.063)}$	$\frac{1.8}{(.071)}$	$\frac{1.2}{(.047)}$	$\frac{2.1}{(.083)}$	$\frac{4.5}{(.177)}$

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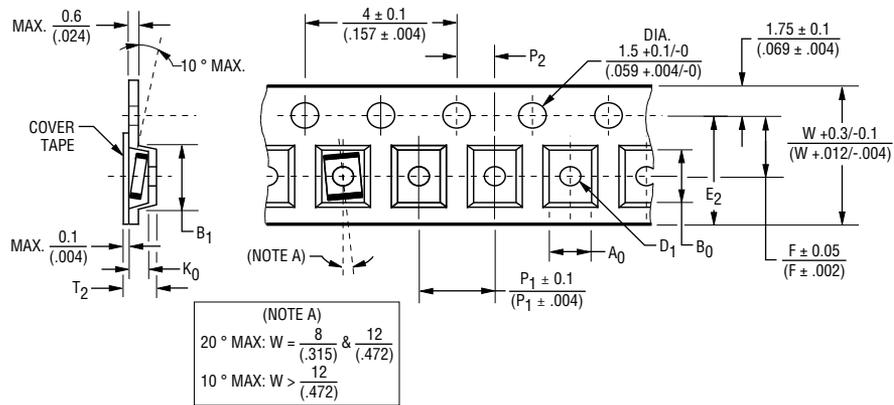
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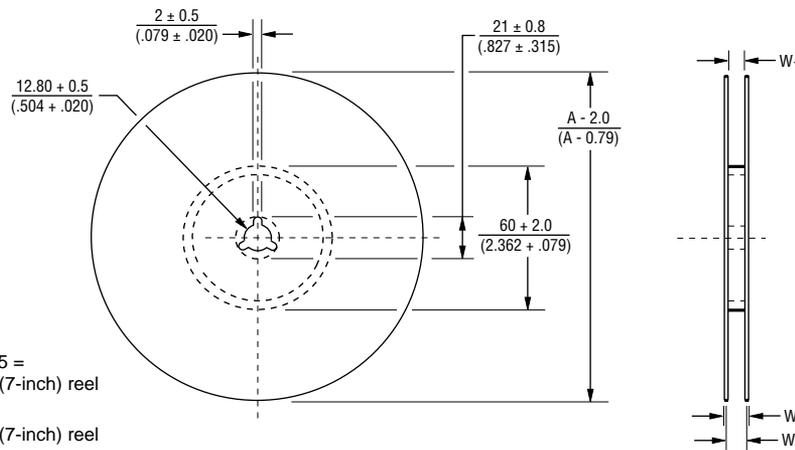
## Packaging Specifications

Conforms to IEC Publication 286-3 Ed. 4: 2007-06

### Tape



### Reel



Model size 0603 & 0805 =  
3500 pcs. per 180 mm (7-inch) reel

Model size 1206 =  
2500 pcs. per 180 mm (7-inch) reel

Dimension	Model Size		
	0603	0805	1206
A <sub>0</sub>	$\frac{1.2}{(.047)}$	$\frac{1.6}{(.063)}$	$\frac{1.9}{(.075)}$
B <sub>0</sub>	$\frac{1.9}{(.075)}$	$\frac{2.4}{(.094)}$	$\frac{3.75}{(.148)}$
K <sub>0</sub> MAX.	$\frac{1.1}{(.043)}$		$\frac{1.8}{(.071)}$
B <sub>1</sub> MAX.	$\frac{4.35}{(.171)}$		
D <sub>1</sub> DIA. MIN.	$\frac{0.3}{(.012)}$		
E <sub>2</sub> MIN.	$\frac{6.25}{(.246)}$		
P <sub>1</sub>	$\frac{4}{(.157)}$		

Dimension	Model Size		
	0603	0805	1206
F	$\frac{3.5}{(.138)}$		
W	$\frac{8.0}{(.315)}$		
T <sub>2</sub> MAX.	$\frac{3.5}{(.138)}$		
W <sub>1</sub>	$\frac{8.4 + 1.5}{(.331 + .059)}$		
W <sub>2</sub> MAX.	$\frac{14.4}{(.567)}$		
W <sub>3</sub>	$\frac{7.9}{(.311)}$ to $\frac{10.9}{(.429)}$		
A DIA.	$\frac{180}{(7.087)}$		

DIMENSIONS:  $\frac{\text{MM}}{\text{(INCHES)}}$

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## Soldering Recommendations for SMD Components

Popular soldering techniques used for surface mounted components are Wave and Infrared Reflow processes. Both processes can be performed with Pb-containing or Pb-free solders.

End Termination	Designation	Recommended and Suitable for	RoHS Compliant
NiSn End Termination	ZVX Series ...Ni	Pb-containing and Pb-free soldering	Yes

### Wave Soldering

This process is generally associated with discrete components mounted on the underside of printed circuit boards, or for large top-side components with bottom-side mounting tabs to be attached, such as the frames of transformers, relays, connectors, etc. SMD varistors to be wave soldered are first glued to the circuit board, usually with an epoxy adhesive. When all components on the PCB have been positioned and an appropriate amount of time is allowed for adhesive curing, the completed assembly is then placed on a conveyor and run through a single, double wave process.

### Infrared Reflow Soldering

These reflow processes are typically associated with top-side component placement. This technique utilizes a mixture of adhesive and solder compounds (and sometimes fluxes) that are blended into a paste. The paste is then screened onto PCB soldering pads specifically designed to accept a particular sized SMD component. The recommended solder paste wet layer thickness is 100 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ . Once the circuit board is fully populated with SMD components, it is placed in a reflow environment, where the paste is heated to slightly above its eutectic temperature. When the solder paste reflows, the SMD components are attached to the solder pads.

### Solder Fluxes

Solder fluxes are generally applied to populated circuit boards to keep oxides from forming during the heating process and to facilitate the flowing of the solder. Solder fluxes can be either a part of the solder paste compound or separate materials, usually fluids. Recommended fluxes are:

- non-activated (R) fluxes, whenever possible
- mildly activated (RMA) fluxes of class L3CN
- class ORLO

Activated (RA), water soluble or strong acidic fluxes with a chlorine content  $> 0.2$  wt. % are NOT RECOMMENDED. The use of such fluxes could create high leakage current paths along the body of the varistor components.

When a flux is applied prior to wave soldering, it is important to completely dry any residual flux solvents prior to the soldering process.

### Thermal Shock

To avoid the possibility of generating stresses in the varistor chip due to thermal shock, a preheat stage to within 100 °C of the peak soldering process temperature is recommended. Additionally, SMD varistors should not be subjected to a temperature gradient greater than 4 °C/sec., with an ideal gradient being 2 °C/sec. Peak temperatures should be controlled. Wave and Reflow soldering conditions for SMD varistors with Pb-containing solders are shown on the next page in Fig. 1 and 2 respectively, while Wave and Reflow soldering conditions for SMD varistors with Pb-free solders are shown in Fig. 1 and 3.

Whenever several different types of SMD components are being soldered, each having a specific soldering profile, the soldering profile with the least heat and the minimum amount of heating time is recommended. Once soldering has been completed, it is necessary to minimize the possibility of thermal shock by allowing the hot PCB to cool to less than 50 °C before cleaning.

## Soldering Recommendations for SMD Components (Continued)

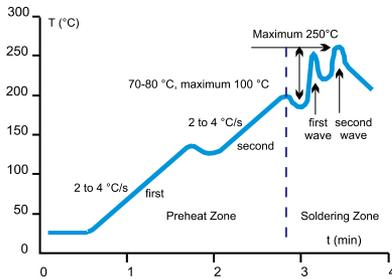


Fig. 1. Wave Soldering Temperature Profile for Pb-free and Pb-containing Soldering

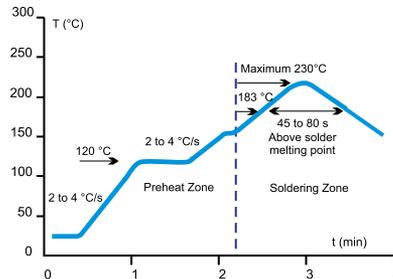


Fig. 2. Infrared Reflow Temperature Profile for Pb-containing Soldering

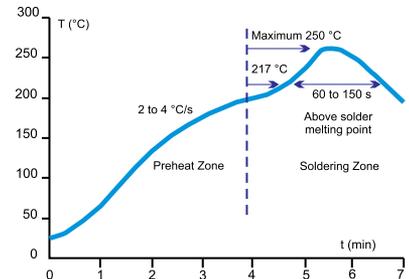


Fig. 3. Reflow Temperature Profile for Pb-free Soldering

### Inspection Criteria

When Wave or Infrared Reflow processes are used, the inspection criteria to determine acceptable solder joints will depend on several key variables, principally termination material process profiles.

### Pb-containing Wave and IR Reflow Soldering

Typical “before” and “after” soldering results for NiSn Barrier Type End Terminations can be seen in Fig. 4. NiSn Barrier Type varistors form a reliable electrical contact and metallurgical bond between the end terminations and the solder pads. The bond between these two metallic surfaces is exceptionally strong and has been tested by both vertical pull and lateral (horizontal) push tests. The results meet or exceed established industry standards for adhesion.

Solder forms a metallurgical junction with the thin tin-alloy (over the barrier layer), and due to its small volume “climbs” the outer surface of the terminations, so the meniscus will be slightly lower. This optical appearance difference should be taken into consideration when programming visual inspection of the PCB after soldering.

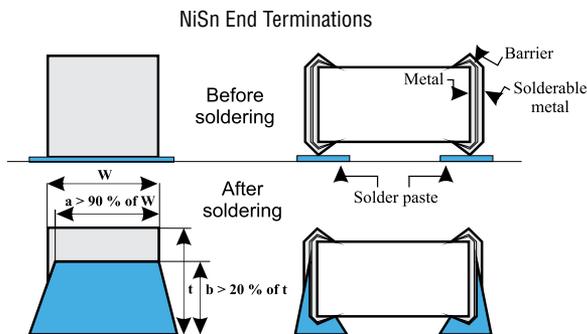


Fig. 4 Soldering Criteria for Wave and IR Reflow Pb-containing Soldering

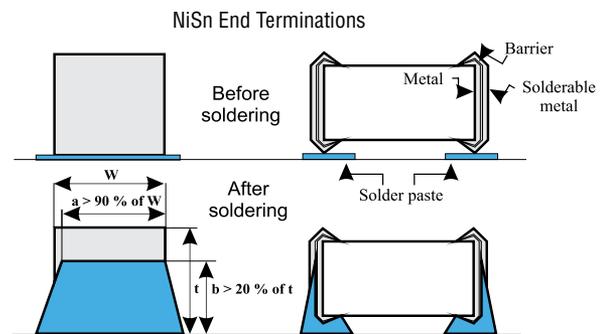


Fig. 5 Soldering Criteria for Wave and IR Reflow Pb-free Soldering

### Pb-free Wave and IR Reflow Soldering

Solder forms a metallurgical junction with the entire volume of the end termination, i.e., it diffuses from pad to end termination across the inner side, forming a “mirror” or “negative meniscus. The height of the solder penetration can be clearly seen on the end termination and is always 30 % higher than the chip height.

Since barrier type terminations on Bourns® chips do not require the use of sometimes problematic nickel and tin-alloy electroplating processes, these varistors are truly considered environmentally friendly.

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## Soldering Recommendations for SMD Components (Continued)

### Solder Test and Retained Samples

Reflow soldering test based on J-STD-020D.1 and soldering test by dipping based on IEC 60068- 2 for Pb-free solders are performed on each production lot as shown in the following chart. Test results and accompanying samples are retained for a minimum of two (2) years. The solderability of a specific lot can be checked at any time within this period, should a customer require this information.

Test	Resistance to Flux	Solderability	Static Leaching (Simulation of Reflow Soldering)	Dynamic Leaching (Simulation of Wave Soldering)
Soldering method	Dipping	Dipping	Dipping	Dipping with Agitation
Flux	L3CN, ORL0	L3CN, ORL0, R	L3CN, ORL0, R	L3CN, ORL0, R
Pb Solder	62Sn / 36Pb / 2Ag			
Pb Soldering Temperature (°C)	235 ± 5	235 ± 5	260 ± 5	235 ± 5
Pb-Free Solder	Sn96 / Cu0,4-0,8 / 3-4Ag			
Pb-Free Soldering Temperature (°C)	250 ± 5	250 ± 5	280 ± 5	250 ± 5
Soldering Time (sec.)	2	210	10	> 15
Burn-in Conditions	V <sub>dcmax</sub> , 48 hours	-	-	-
Acceptance Criterion	dVn < 5 %, i <sub>dc</sub> must stay unchanged	> 95 % of end termination must be covered by solder	> 95 % of end termination must be intact and covered by solder	> 95 % of end termination must be intact and covered by solder

### Rework Criteria - Soldering Iron

Unless absolutely necessary, the use of soldering irons is NOT recommended for reworking varistor chips. If no other means of rework is available, the following criteria must be strictly followed:

- Do not allow the tip of the iron to directly contact the top of the chip
- Do not exceed the following soldering iron specifications:
  - Output Power.....30 Watts Maximum
  - Temperature of Soldering Iron Tip.....280 °C Maximum
  - Soldering Time.....10 Seconds Maximum

### Storage Conditions

SMD varistors should be used within 1 year of purchase to avoid possible soldering problems caused by oxidized terminals. The storage environment should be controlled, with humidity less than 40 % and temperature between -25 and +45 °C. Varistor chips should always be stored in their original packaged unit.

When varistor chips have been in storage for more than 1 year, and when there is evidence of solderability difficulties, Bourns can often “refresh” the terminations to eliminate these problems.

## Reliability - Lifetime

### Pb-free Wave and IR Reflow Soldering

In general, **reliability** is the ability of a component to perform and maintain its functions in routine circumstances, as well as in hostile or unexpected circumstances.

The Mean life of the ZVX series is a function of:

- Factor of Applied Voltage
- Ambient Temperature

Mean life is closely related to Failure rate (formula).

Mean life (ML) is the arithmetic mean (average) time to failure of a component.

**Failure rate** is the frequency with which an engineered system or component fails, expressed, for example, in failures per hour. Failure rate is usually time dependent, and an intuitive corollary is that the rate changes over time versus the expected life cycle of a system.

### Failure rate formula - calculation

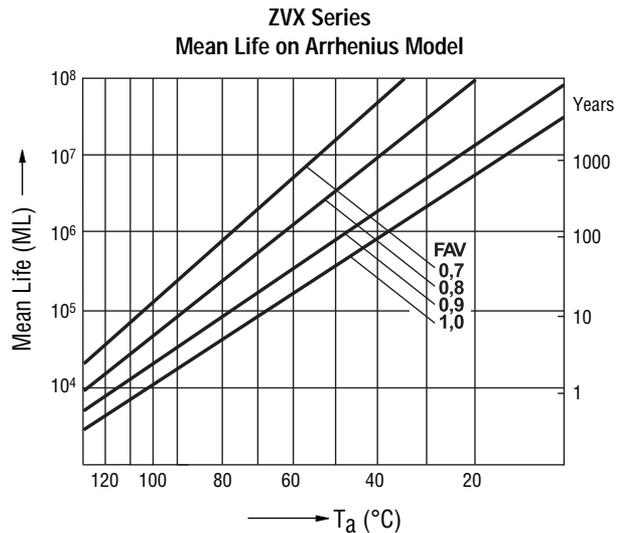
$$\Lambda = \frac{10^9}{ML [h]} \text{ [fit]}$$

### FAV - Factor of Applied Voltage

$$FAV = \frac{V_{apl}}{V_{max}}$$

$V_{apl}$  .....applied voltage

$V_{max}$  .....maximum operating voltage



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## Reliability Testing Procedures

Varistor test procedures comply with CECC 42200, IEC 1051-1/2 (and AEC-Q200, when applicable). Test results are available upon customer request. Special tests can be performed upon customer request.

Reliability Parameter	Test	Tested According to	Condition to be Satisfied after Testing
<b>AC/DC Bias Reliability</b>	AC/DC Life Test	CECC 42200, Test 4.20 or IEC 1051-1, Test 4.20, AEC-Q200 Test 8 - 1000 h at UCT	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$
<b>Pulse Current Capability</b>	$I_{\text{max}} 8/20 \mu\text{s}$	CECC 42200, Test C 2.1 or IEC 1051-1, Test 4.5 10 pulses in the same direction at 2 pulses per minute at maximum peak current for 10 pulses	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$ no visible damage
<b>Pulse Energy Capability</b>	$W_{\text{max}} 10/1000 \mu\text{s}$	CECC 42200, Test C 2.1 or IEC 1051-1, Test 4.5 10 pulses in the same direction at 1 pulse every 2 minutes at maximum peak current for 10 pulses	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$ no visible damage
<b>WLD Capability</b>	WLD x 10	ISO 7637, Test pulse 5, 10 pulses at rate of 1 per minute	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 15 \%$ no visible damage
<b>V<sub>jump</sub> Capability</b>	V <sub>jump</sub> 5 min.	Increase of supply voltage to $V \geq V_{\text{jump}}$ for 1 minute	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 15 \%$ no visible damage
<b>Environmental and Storage Reliability</b>	Climatic Sequence	CECC 42200, Test 4.16 or IEC 1051-1, Test 4.17 a) Dry heat, 16h, UCT, Test Ba, IEC 68-2-2 b) Damp heat, cyclic, the first cycle: 55 °C, 93 % RH, 24 h, Test Db 68-2-4 c) Cold, LCT, 2 h, Test Aa, IEC 68-2-1 d) Damp heat cyclic, remaining 5 cycles: 55 °C, 93 % RH, 24 h/cycle, Test Bd, IEC 68-2-30	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$
	Thermal Shock	CECC 42200, Test 4.12, Test Na, IEC 68-2-14, AEC-Q200 Test 16, 5	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$ no visible damage
	Steady State Damp Heat	CECC 42200, Test 4.17, Test Ca, IEC 68-2-3, AEC-Q200 Test 6, 56 days, 40 °C, 93 % RH, AEC-Q200 Test 7: Bias, Rh, T all at 85.	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$
	Storage Test	IEC 68-2-2, Test Ba, AEC-Q200 Test 3, 1000 h at maximum storage temperature	$ \delta V_N (1 \text{ mA})  < 5 \%$

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## Reliability Testing Procedures (Continued)

Reliability Parameter	Test	Tested According to	Condition to be Satisfied after Testing
<b>Mechanical Reliability</b>	Solderability	CECC 42200, Test 4.10.1, Test Ta, IEC 68-2-20 solder bath and reflow method	Solderable at shipment and after 2 years of storage, criteria: >95% must be covered by solder for reflow meniscus
	Resistance to Soldering Heat	CECC 42200, Test 4.10.2, Test Tb, IEC 68-2-20 solder bath nad reflow method	$ \delta V_{\eta} (1 \text{ mA})  < 5 \%$
	Terminal Strength	JIS-C-6429, App. 1, 18N for 60 sec. - same for AEC-Q200 Test 22	No visual damage
	Board Flex	JIS-C-6429, App. 2, 2 mm min. AEC-Q200 test 21 - Board flex: 2 mm flex min.	$ \delta V_{\eta} (1 \text{ mA})  < 2 \%$ No visible damage
	Vibration	CECC 42200, Test 4.15, Test Fc, IEC 68-2-6, AEC-Q200 Test 14 Frequency range 10 to 55 Hz (AEC: 10-2000 Hz) Amplitude 0.75 m/s <sup>2</sup> or 98 m/s <sup>2</sup> (AEC: 5 g for 20 minutes) Total duration 6 h (3x2 h) (AEC: 12 cycles each of 3 directions) Waveshape - half sine	$ \delta V_{\eta} (1 \text{ mA})  < 2 \%$ No visible damage
	Mechanical Shock	CECC 42200, Test 4.14, Test Ea, IEC 68-2-27, AEC-Q200 Test 13. Acceleration = 490 m/s <sup>2</sup> (AEC: MIL-STD-202-Method 213), Pulse duration = 11 ms, Waveshape - half sine; Number of shocks = 3x6	$ \delta V_{\eta} (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$ No visible damage
<b>Electrical Transient Conduction</b>	ISO-7637-1 Pulses	AEC-Q200 Test 30: Test pulses 1 to 3. Also other pulses - freestyle.	$ \delta V_{\eta} (1 \text{ mA})  < 10 \%$ No visible damage

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## Terminology

Term	Symbol	Definition
Rated AC Voltage .....	$V_{rms}$ .....	Maximum continuous sinusoidal AC voltage (<5 % total harmonic distortion) which may be applied to the component under continuous operation conditions at +25 °C
Rated DC Voltage.....	$V_{dc}$ .....	Maximum continuous DC voltage (<5 % ripple) which may be applied to the component under continuous operating conditions at +25 °C
Supply Voltage.....	$V$ .....	The voltage by which the system is designated and to which certain operating characteristics of the system are referred; $V_{rms} = 1.1 \times V$
Leakage Current.....	$I_{dc}$ .....	The current passing through the varistor at $V_{dc}$ and at +25 °C or at any other specified temperature
Varistor Voltage .....	$V_n$ .....	Voltage across the varistor measured at a given reference current ( $I_n$ )
Reference Current.....	$I_n$ .....	Reference current = 1 mA DC
Clamping Voltage .....	$V_c$ .....	The peak voltage developed across the varistor under standard atmospheric conditions, when passing an 8/20 $\mu s$ class current pulse
Protection Level		
Class Current.....	$I_c$ .....	A peak value of current which is 1/10 of the maximum peak current for 100 pulses at two per minute for the 8/20 $\mu s$ pulse
Voltage Clamping Ratio.....	$V_c/V_{app}$ .....	A figure of merit measure of the varistor clamping effectiveness as defined by the symbols $V_c/V_{app}$ , where ( $V_{app} = V_{rms}$ or $V_{dc}$ )
Jump Start Transient .....	$V_{jump}$ .....	The jump start transient results from the temporary application of an overvoltage in excess of the rated battery voltage. The circuit power supply may be subjected to a temporary overvoltage condition due to the voltage regulation failing or it may be deliberately generated when it becomes necessary to boost start the car.
Rated Single Pulse .....	$W_{max}$ .....	Energy which may be dissipated for a single 10/1000 $\mu s$ pulse of a maximum rated current, with rated AC voltage or rated DC voltage also applied, without causing device failure
Transient Energy		
Load Dump Transient .....	WLD .....	Load Dump is a transient which occurs in automotive environments. It is an exponentially decaying positive voltage which occurs in the event of a battery disconnect while the alternator is still generating charging current with other loads remaining on the alternator circuit at the time of battery disconnect.
Rated Peak Single Pulse.....	$I_{max}$ .....	Maximum peak current which may be applied for a single 8/20 $\mu s$ pulse, with rated line voltage also applied, without causing device failure
Transient Current		
Rated Transient Average .....	$P$ .....	Maximum average power which may be dissipated due to a group of pulses occurring within a specified isolated time period, without causing device failure at 25 °C
Power Dissipation		
Capacitance.....	$C$ .....	Capacitance between two terminals of the varistor measured @ 1 kHz
Non-linearity Exponent .....	$\alpha$ .....	A measure of varistor nonlinearity between two given operating currents, $I_n$ and $I_1$ as described by $I = k V \exp(a)$ , where: - $k$ is a device constant, - $I_1 < I < I_n$ and - $a \log(I_1/I_n)/\log(V_1/V_n) = 1/\log(V_1/V_n)$ , where: - $I_r$ is reference current (1 mA) and $V_n$ is varistor voltage - $I_1 = 10 I_n$ , $V_1$ is the voltage measured at $I_1$
Response Time.....	$t_r$ .....	The time lag between application of a surge and varistor's "turn-on" conduction action
Varistor Voltage Temperature .....	TC .....	$(V_n @ 85 \text{ °C} - V_n @ 25 \text{ °C}) / (V_n @ 25 \text{ °C}) \times 60 \text{ °C} \times 100$
Coefficient		
Insulation Resistance .....	IR.....	Minimum resistance between shorted terminals and varistor surface
Isolation Voltage .....		The maximum peak voltage which may be applied under continuous operating conditions between the varistor terminations and any conducting mounting surface
Operating Temperature .....		The range of ambient temperature for which the varistor is designed to operate continuously as defined by the temperature limits of its climatic category
Climatic Category .....	LCT/UCT/DHD .....	LCT & UCT = Lower and Upper Category Temperature - the minimum and maximum ambient temperatures for which a varistor has been designed to operate continuously. DHD = Dump Heat Test Duration
Storage Temperature.....		Storage temperature range without voltage applied
Current/Energy Derating.....		Derating of maximum values when operated above UCT

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