

Isolating Spark Gaps (ISG) for Equipotential Bonding



Location of use:	Exposed environments or direct burial
Protective element:	GDT
High surge discharge rating:	$I_{\max} = 100\text{kA}$
Housing:	Corrosion resistant enclosure with hermetic environmental seal and flying leads for ease of connection
Complies with:	IEC 61643-11, EN 50164-3:2004

EPZ 100/xxx EPZ 100/xxx Ex

The EPZ series of isolating spark gaps have been developed to prevent unsafe potential gradients from establishing between adjacent metallic structures or surfaces during lightning discharges. This is achieved by an internal voltage switching component which operates to establish equi-potential equalisation when its predetermined spark-over voltage is reached, thereby preventing damage to equipment or eliminating unsafe conditions to personnel.

The EPZ has been developed for use in applications such as: lightning protection grounding, where for instance circumstances may dictate that a “clean” signal ground can not be directly connected to a “dirty” power system ground. It has also found wide application in the petrochemical industry in the protection of oil and gas pipeline insulating flanges from flash-overs during direct or nearby lightning discharges or when ground faults of nearby power transmission lines can cause large potential gradients across these flanges. The EPZ is available in a hermetically sealed version for direct burial applications. It is also available with Baseefa **Ex approval certificate** for use in hazardous locations.

Surge protection devices for Data/signal lines with Ex certificate are also available. Data sheets are available in catalogue “Surge Protection Devices for Signalling Networks”.

These devices have been developed to meet the requirements EN 50164-3 Lightning Protection Components (LPC) - Requirements for Isolating Spark Gaps, and IEC 62561-3 Ed. 1.0 - Requirements for Lightning Protection Components (LPC) - Part 3: Requirements for isolating spark gaps.

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Technical data

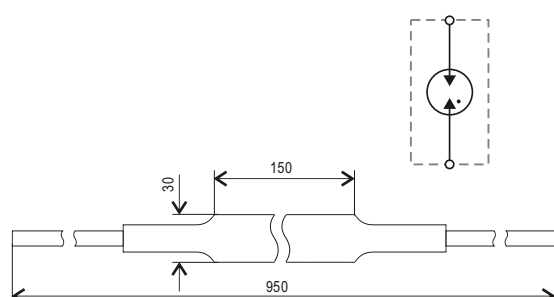
Type		350	EPZ 100/xxx	500
Electrical Characteristics				
DC sparkover voltage (100V/s)	U_{dc}	> 280V		> 400V
Impulse sparkover voltage (1.2/50μs, 6kV)	U_p	< 1000V		< 1500V
Max. discharge current (8/20μs)	I_{max}		100kA	
Impulse discharge current (10/350μs)	I_{imp}		25kA	
Capacitance at 1MHz	C		< 10pf	
Insulation resistance at 100V _{DC}	R		> 1GΩ	
Dimensions				
Nom. outer diameter			28mm	
Nom. length			140mm	
Length with cables			1m approx.	
Cable				
Cross sectional area			16mm ²	
Length			450mm approx.	
Number of conductors			≥ 462/0.21	
Insulation			Double insulated	
Environmental protection			UV stabilised, flame retardant	
Resistant			Acids, solvents and oils	
Connection			Suitable for screw or lug termination	
Physicals				
Housing			IP 67	
Application			Below / above grade	
Weight			0.5kg approx.	
Operating temperature			- 40°C ... + 80°C	
LIMITATIONS				
Connections		Electrical connections must be terminated in a suitably certified enclosure or safe area		
Service temperature range		- 30°C ... + 70°C		

Ordering information

	350	500
Ordering code EPZ 100/xxx	509 509	509 511

Dimensions

Internal configuration



Dimensions, weight and packaging

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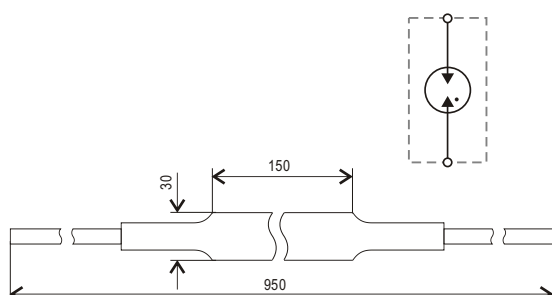
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