

# Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Suppression

## Design Guide

A Guide to Selecting the Right  
ESD Solution for Your Application

# Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Suppressors

## Ideal for Protecting High-Speed Data Line Applications

### About This Guide

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) is an electrical transient that poses a serious threat to electronic circuits. Choosing the most appropriate suppressor technology requires balancing between equipment protection needs and operating requirements, while taking into account the anticipated threat level. The form factor/package style of suppression devices must also be considered in addition to their electrical characteristics. This guide is designed to summarize some of the comprehensive ESD solutions that Littelfuse offers, and help designers narrow to technologies appropriate to their end application.

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# ESD Suppression Technologies

Protection Technology	PULSE-GUARD® ESD Suppressors	XTREME-GUARD™ ESD Suppressors	Multilayer Varistors (MLVs)	TVS Diode Arrays (SPA® Diodes)
				
Data Rate Span	0–10 GHz	0–10 GHz	< 125 mbps	0–40 Gbps
Peak/Clamp (8 kV)	Good	Good	Good	Excellent
ESD Level	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Discrete Options	0201; 0402; 0603	0402; 0603	0402; 0603; 0805; 1206	0805 (SOD323), 0603 (SOD523); 0402 (SOD882, SOD-883, SOD723); 0201 (Flipchip; $\mu$ DFN-2); 01005 (Flipchip); DFN1610
Array Options	SOT23	—	1206	SOIC-8; SOT143; SOT23, SC70, SOT523; SOT553; SOT563; SOT723; SOT953; MSOP 8; MSOP 10; $\mu$ DFN; TDFN; DFN-3810
Applications and Circuits	USB2.0; FireWire 1394; HDMI/USB3.0; USB3.1; Type-C; GPIO; keypad/switch; RF antenna	USB2.0; FireWire 1394; HDMI/ USB3.0; USB3.1; Type-C; GPIO; keypad/switch- RF antenna; Automotive	Keypad/switch, audio; analog video; USB1.1; RS232	Keypad/switch; USB1.1; USB2.0; USB3.0; USB4.0; LVDS; thunderbolt; audio; analog video; FireWire 1394; HDMI; Ethernet; MMC interface; LCD module; RS232; RS485; CAN; LIN; Automotive (CAN; LIN; Ethernet; GMSL; FPD-link; Open Alliance; Daisy Chain)
Key Advantages	Lowest capacitance	Lowest capacitance; excellent ESD performance	Lowest cost; broad discrete offering	No wear-out mechanism and clamp voltages; excellent surge and ESD performance

## When to Choose?

### PULSE-GUARD® ESD Suppressors

- The application tolerates very little added capacitance (high-speed data lines or RF circuits)
- ESD is the only transient threat
- Protection is required on data, signal, and control lines (not power supply lines)

### XTREME-GUARD™ ESD Suppressors

- The XGD series protects sensitive electronics against electrostatic discharges as high as 30 kV and is suitable for high-voltage applications up to 32 V dc
- When correctly integrated into a circuit design, the XGD Series can safely absorb repeated ESD strikes nearly four times the maximum level specified in the IEC61000-4-2 international standard without any hit to performance
- Even after multiple ESD strikes, the XGD series exhibits ultra-low current leakage (<1 nA), ensuring minimal power losses; thus, it is suited for protecting battery-powered electronics such as wearables

### Multilayer Varistors (MLVs)

- Surge currents or energy beyond ESD are expected in the application (EFT, lightning)
- High-wattage TVS Zener diodes (300 W–1500 W)
- Added capacitance is desirable for EMI filtering (3 pF–6000 pF)
- Power supply lines or low- or medium-speed data and signal lines need to be protected
- Operating voltage is above silicon or PULSE-GUARD® ESD suppressor ratings

### TVS Diode Arrays (SPA® Diodes)

- The device being protected requires the lowest possible clamp voltage, low capacitance (0.09 pF–400 pF), and low leakage (0.01  $\mu$ A–1.5  $\mu$ A)
- Board space is at a premium and space-savings multi-line protection is necessary
- Transients other than ESD surge, such as EFT or lightning, must also be considered

# ESD Damage, Suppression Requirements, and Considerations

## ESD Damage

ESD is characterized by fast rise times, high peak voltages, and currents up to 30 amps (per IEC 61000-4-2, level 4), which can melt silicon and conductor traces. However, ESD effects can be subtle as well. The three types of ESD damage are detailed below.

### 1. Soft Failures

Electrical currents due to ESD can change the state of internal logic, causing a system to latch up or behave unpredictably, thereby potentially corrupting data streams. While this failure is temporary, it may slow down communications, or require a system reboot in the case of lockup.

### 2. Latent Defects

A component or circuit may be damaged by ESD and have its function degraded, although the system will continue to work. This type of defect often progresses to premature failure.

### 3. Catastrophic Failures

Of course, ESD can damage a component to the point where it does not function as intended or does not work at all.

## ESD Suppression Requirements

The likelihood of electronic circuit damage increases as integrated circuit (IC) dimensions shrink to nanometer sizes. Most ICs operate at low voltages and have structures and conductive paths that cannot survive the high currents and voltages associated with ESD transients.

The migration to higher-frequency communication devices to transmit more information in less time is another significant trend in the field. This means that ESD solutions must not compromise stringent signal integrity requirements at higher data rates. Therefore, ESD suppressors must have low internal capacitance to ensure that data communication signals are not distorted.

IC designers add a limited amount of ESD suppression to their chips to help prevent damage during manufacturing and assembly processes. However, the level of protection added may not be sufficient to protect ICs and other semiconductor devices from ESD during actual usage. Many electronic products, especially portable ones, are used in uncontrolled environments. Portable devices can build up charge as they are carried by users on their person or in a purse. This energy can then be discharged to another device as the two are connected—this usually occurs when a user touches I/O pins on a cable connector. Therefore, designers of end products should consider adding ESD suppressors to their circuits.

## ESD Suppression and Circuit Design Considerations

The proper use of ESD circuit protection helps prevent these failures. Suppression devices must be selected in consideration of the fact that has very short rise and fall times—less than one nanosecond (1 ns) in most cases. The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) has developed a specification (IEC 61000-4-2) for ESD testing that helps determine whether products are susceptible to ESD events.

Littelfuse device engineers use specifications such as these to design ESD suppressors with the speed, clamping voltage, and residual current levels needed to protect today's sensitive semiconductors and electronic circuitry. Many of these designs have the low internal capacitance required for high bandwidth communications.

When selecting ESD suppressors, circuit designers must consider potential coupling paths that would allow ESD to enter their equipment and circuits. These weak points identify areas that should be considered for ESD suppressor installation. Ultimately, designers must select ESD suppressors with characteristics appropriate to their type of equipment, the component sensitivity, and the environment in which it will be used.

We have developed a robust web-based tool to help circuit designers identify the optimal electronic fuses for their products.



Please visit <https://www.littelfuse.com/design-center/design-tools> to access the Littelfuse iDesign tool.

# Characteristics of Transient Voltage Spikes

## Transient Threats—What are Transients?

Voltage transients are defined as short-duration surges of electrical energy that are the result of a sudden release of energy previously stored or induced by other means, such as heavy inductive loads or lightning. In electrical or electronic circuits, this energy can be released in a predictable manner via controlled switching actions, or randomly induced into a circuit from external sources.

Repeatable transients are frequently caused by the operation of motors or generators and the switching of reactive circuit components. Random transients, on the other hand, are often caused by lightning and ESD, which generally occur unpredictably and may require elaborate monitoring to be accurately measured, especially if induced at the circuit board level. Numerous electronics standards groups have analyzed transient voltage occurrences using accepted monitoring or testing methods. The key characteristics of several transients are shown in the table below.

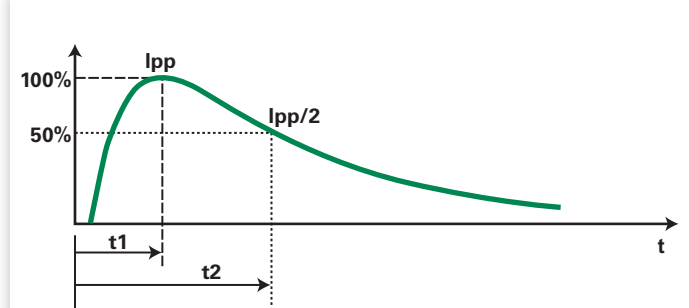
**Table 1: Examples of Transient Sources and Magnitude**

	VOLTAGE	CURRENT	RISE-TIME	DURATION
Lightning	25 kV	20 kA	10 $\mu$ s	1 ms
ESD	15 kV	30 A	<1 ns	100 ns

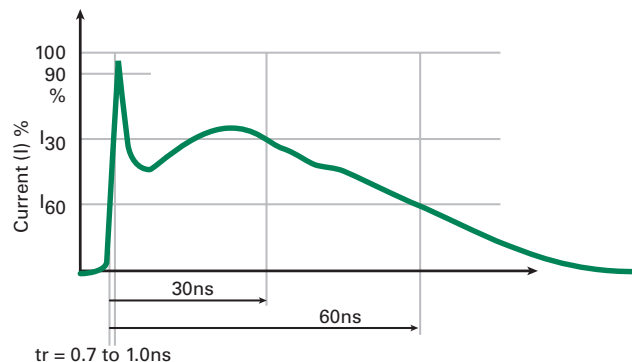
## Characteristics of Transient Voltage Spikes

Transient voltage spikes generally exhibit a double exponential wave, as shown below for lightning and ESD.

**Figure 1. Lightning Transient Waveform**



**Figure 2. ESD Test Waveform**



The exponential rise time of lightning is in the 1.2  $\mu$ sec to 10  $\mu$ sec range (essentially 10% to 90%), and the duration ranges from 50  $\mu$ sec to 1000  $\mu$ sec. (50% of peak values). ESD on the other hand, is an event with a much shorter duration. The rise time has been characterized at less than 1.0ns. The overall duration is approximately 100 ns.

## TVS Diode Transient Voltage Scenarios

### Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

Electrostatic discharge is characterized by fast rise times and high peak voltages and currents. This energy is the result of an imbalance of positive and negative charges between objects.

ESD that is generated by everyday activities can greatly surpass the vulnerability threshold of standard semiconductor technologies.

Following are a few examples:

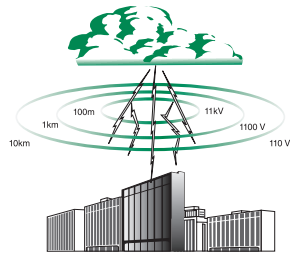
<b>Walking across a carpet:</b>	35 kV @ RH = 20%; 1.5 kV @ RH = 65%
<b>Walking across a vinyl floor:</b>	12 kV @ RH = 20%; 250 V @ RH = 65%
<b>Worker at a bench:</b>	6 kV @ RH = 20%; 100 V @ RH = 65%
<b>Vinyl envelopes:</b>	7 kV @ RH = 20%; 600 V @ RH = 65%
<b>Poly bag picked up from desk:</b>	20 kV @ RH = 20%; 1.2 kV @ RH = 65%

# Port Protection from Electrical Hazards

## Lightning Induced Transients

Although direct strikes are clearly destructive, transients induced by lightning are not the result of direct strikes.

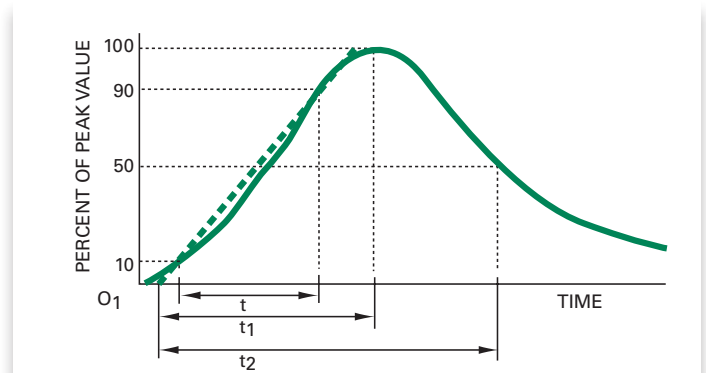
Lightning strikes create magnetic fields that can induce transients of large magnitude in nearby electrical cables.



Cloud-to-cloud strikes affect not only overhead cables but also buried cables. Strikes just 1.6 km away can generate 70 volts in electrical cables.

The transient-generating effect is far greater in cloud-to-ground strikes relative to cloud-to-cloud strikes, as shown in the diagram to the right.

This diagram depicts a typical current waveform for induced lightning disturbances.



## Ports Need Protection from Electrical Hazards

### Lightning Surges



Induced lightning surges can be coupled to industrial data line, causing damage to sensitive ICs.

### Power Cross



Miswiring during assembly or insulation damage can cause cables to be exposed to AC line voltage.

### Induced Power Surge



Lightning and power grid switching can induce power surges and cause damage.

### Electrical Fast Transient



Electrical fast transients (EFTs) can result from the switching of inductive loads or the bouncing of relay contacts.

### Electrostatic Discharge



ESD passing through connector can damage ICs.

### Wire Aging and Installation Faults



RS-485 and ethernet often share the same conduits with DC or AC, gradually resulting in cracks in the insulation due to sharp bends and tight wiring ties.

# Data Protocol, Application, and Product Selection

The chart below details the relationships among data rates (protocol), applications, and Littelfuse ESD suppression products.

The top of the chart shows the standard data protocols, associated data rates, and example end applications that may use the protocols, while the body of the chart indicates the applicable Littelfuse ESD suppressors for the various data rates, protocols and applications.

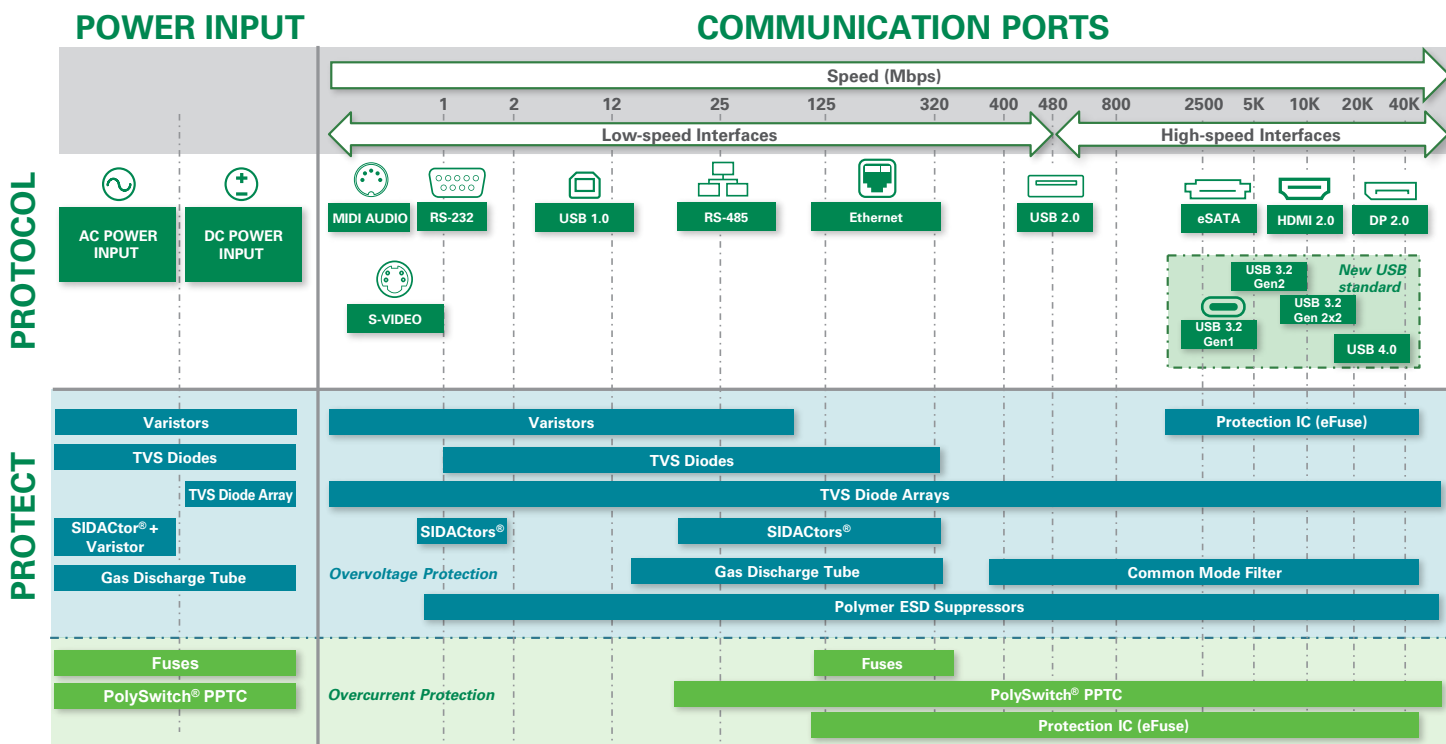
Capacitance is the characteristic of concern. High-capacitance suppression devices tend to add signal distortion as signal frequencies increase, whereas low-capacitance devices maintain signal integrity at high data rates.

Note that an application may use several different data protocols and many different ESD suppressor products. For example, a laptop computer could have RS232, USB 2.0, video, and PS2 mouse ports, among others.

The RS232 and mouse ports use relatively slow data rates and could utilize any Littelfuse suppressor (although higher capacitance multi-layer or silicon parts are preferred for EMI filtering capabilities). The appropriate protector for the video port is determined by data rate, and since the USB 2.0 port requires an extremely low-capacitance suppression device, PULSE-GUARD® ESD Suppressor or TVS Diode Array (SPA® Diodes) devices should be considered.

If you require further assistance in selecting the appropriate Littelfuse ESD suppressor for your specific circuit, please contact your local Littelfuse product representative.

## Product Series and Applicable Data Rates and Protocols



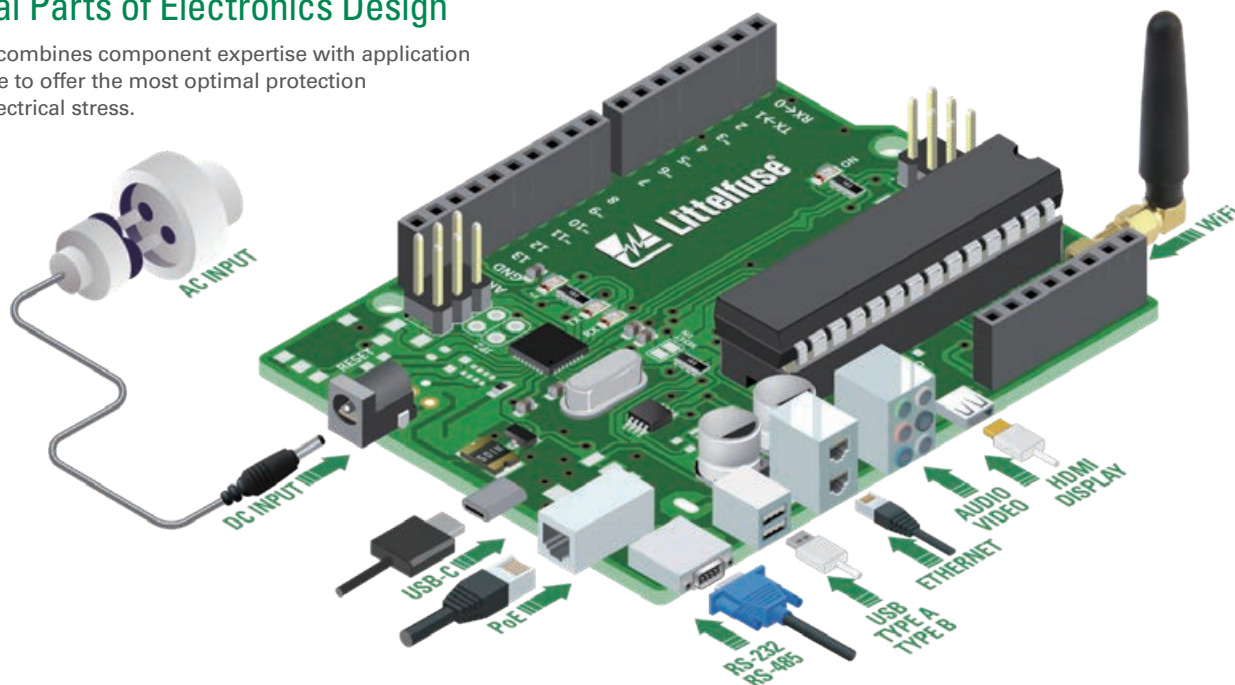
The information above is intended to help circuit designers determine which Littelfuse ESD suppressors are applicable for given data protocols and data rates. Other key characteristics, such as clamping voltage, leakage current, number of lines of protection and ESD capabilities, must be considered as well, especially where there are overlaps in the recommended Littelfuse ESD suppressor line.

The capacitances of the suppression device and the circuit board at the upper data rate bounds of the products included above need to be taken into account in order to maintain the signal integrity of the overall system.

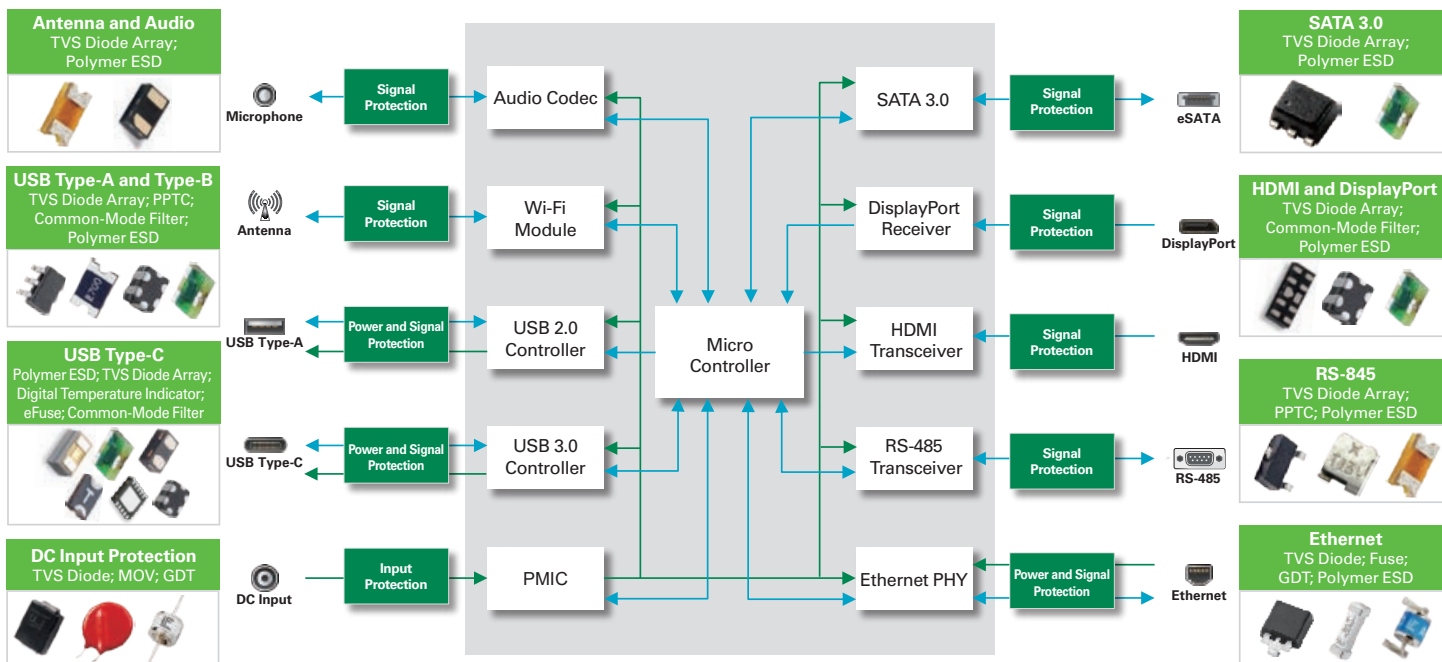
# Solutions for Power and Communication Ports

## Power Input and High-speed Communication Ports are Integral Parts of Electronics Design

Littelfuse combines component expertise with application knowledge to offer the most optimal protection against electrical stress.



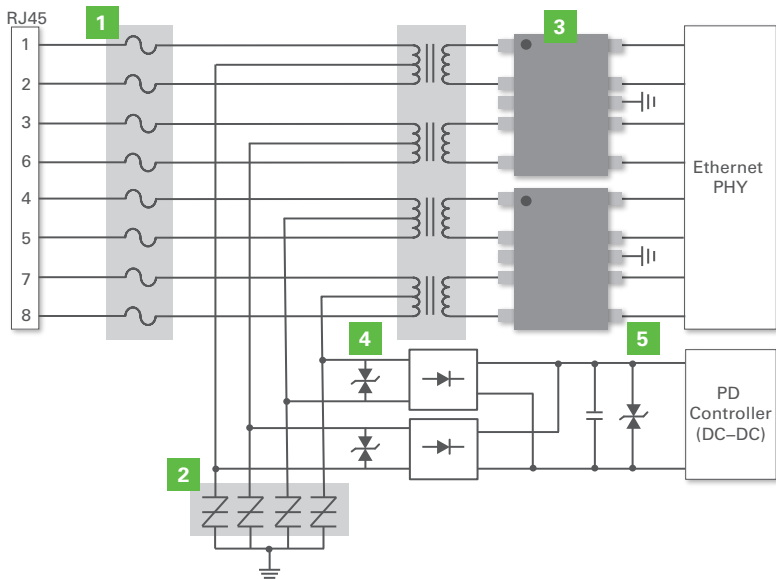
## Recommended Solutions for General Port Protection



# Broadband Network Port Protection

## Lightning, ESD, and Power Fault Protection: PoE++

TeleLink® fuses can help protect electrical devices from power fault overcurrents. They are designed specifically for high-speed telecom applications. A single bi-directional TVS diode is used across the center tap data pair with a second TVS diode across the center tap spare pair. Fuses are offered for surge requirements ranging from 400 W to 8000 W.



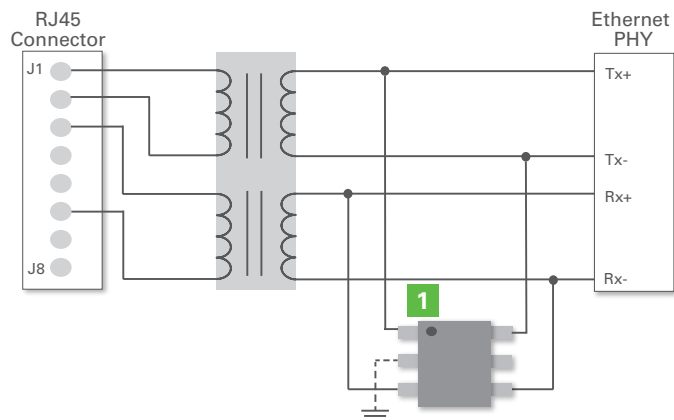
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	Fuse (x8)	Overcurrent protection from power crosses and lightning surges	<a href="#">461xxx</a>	Surface mount; surge-tolerant fuse designed specifically for high-speed telecom applications
2	SIDACTor® (x4) OR GDT (x4)	Protects baseband equipment against damage from overvoltage surges	<a href="#">P4500SCLRP</a>	Low-voltage overshoot; low on-state voltage; low capacitance
		Protects baseband equipment against damage from overvoltage surges	<a href="#">SG75 / SG90</a>	Excellent stability on multiple pulse duty cycles; SMD with ultra-small size
3	TVS Diode Array (x2)	Protects protection against ESD, CDE, EFT, and lightning-induced surges or high-speed data lines	<a href="#">SP2555NUTG</a>	µDFN-10 package; low leakage current (0.1 µA) and low clamping voltage; protects up to four channels up to 45 A
			<a href="#">SP2525NUTG</a>	µDFN-10 package; low capacitance and low clamping voltage; protects up to four channels up to 30 A
			<a href="#">SP3025-04HTG</a>	SOT23-6L package; low capacitance and low clamping voltage; protects up to four channels up to 30 A
4	TVS Diode (x2)	Protects sensitive electronic equipment from voltage surges induced by lightning and other surge events	<a href="#">SMCJ58CA</a> ; <a href="#">SMT0AK2</a>	1500 W peak pulse capability; compatible with the lead-free solder reflow temperature profile; 2 kA (8/20 µs) surge current capability for protecting power ports in harsh and/or outdoor environments
5	TVS Diode (x1)			

## Ethernet Port Protection Solutions

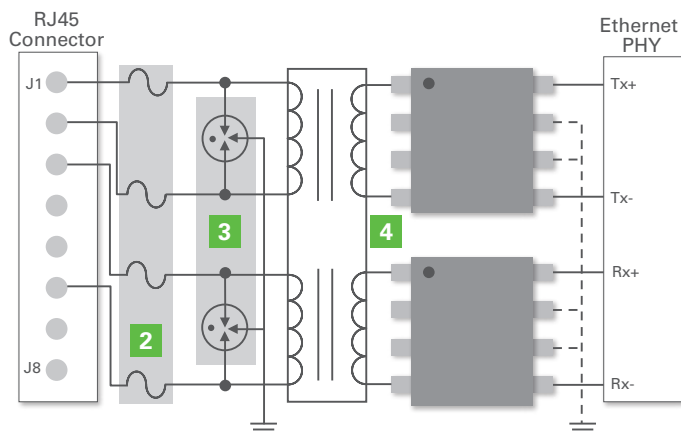
This page contains examples of ESD implementation and lightning suppression for Ethernet ports (RJ-45 connectors). Note that speeds of 1 Gbps or greater will require two additional twisted pairs and that the diode array solution should be replicated. The diagrams below illustrate typical implementations for indoor/outdoor network lines and equipment applications.



### Intra-building Environments



### Outdoor and Harsh Environments



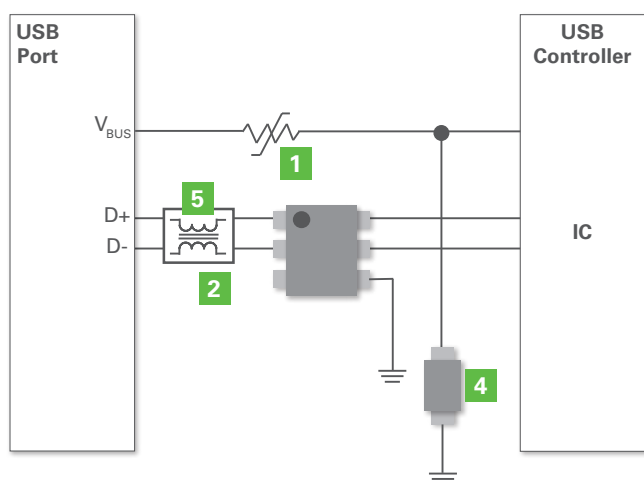
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	TVS Diode Array	Protection from ESD and EFT	<a href="#">SRV05-04HTG-D</a>	Low capacitance; low leakage current; small design; four lines of protection
2	Fuse	Overcurrent protection	<a href="#">461xxx</a>	Surface mount; surge-tolerant fuse designed specifically for high-speed telecom applications
3	GDT	Lightning protection through the use of GDT with diode array to meet standard requirements	<a href="#">SG</a> ; <a href="#">CG6</a> ; <a href="#">CG5</a> ; <a href="#">SL1010</a>	High surge rating; low capacitance; UL recognition
4	TVS Diode Array		<a href="#">LC03xx</a> ; <a href="#">SP40xx</a>	Low capacitance; low leakage current

## USB Type-A and Type-B Protection Solutions

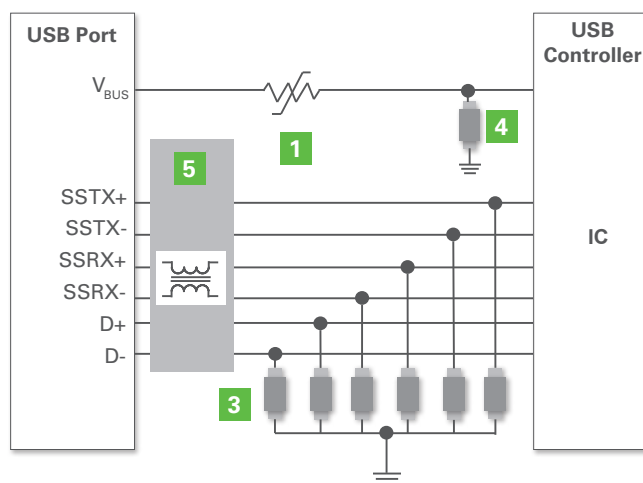
This page details examples of ESD suppression for high-speed data ports such as USB2.0 and USB3.2 Gen 1x1. For additional design examples, guidance, and application assistance, please contact Littelfuse.



USB 2.0 (480 Mbps)



USB 3.2 Gen 1x1 (5 Gbps)



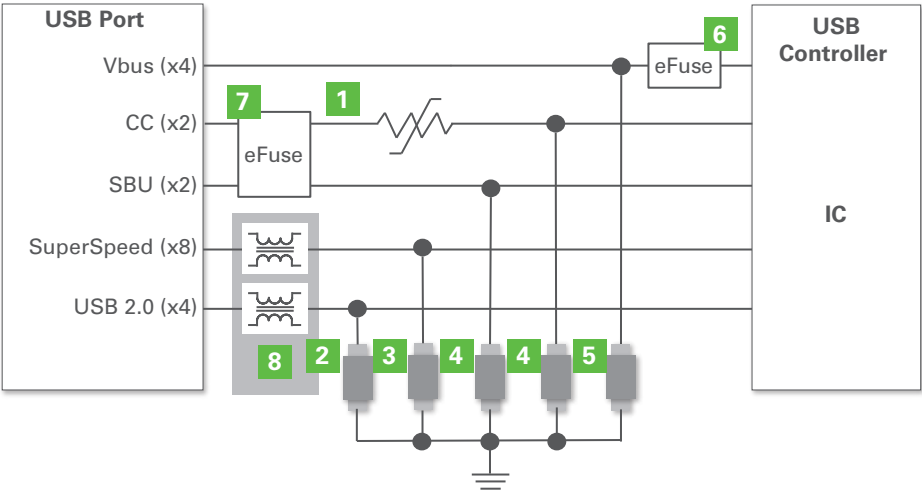
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	PPTC	Protects 5 V dc power supply from overcurrent and overtemperature	<a href="#">Low Rho</a>	Ultra-low internal resistance; higher current capacity in smallest SMD package
2	TVS Diode Array	Protection of data lines against ESD	<a href="#">SP3019-04HTG</a> ; <a href="#">SP3400-02UTG</a>	Low capacitance (0.3 pF) and leakage current (0.01 $\mu$ A); small form factor $\mu$ DFN
3	TVS Diode Array (6x) OR Polymer ESD Suppressor	Protection of data lines against ESD	<a href="#">SP3213-01UTG</a>	Very low capacitance of 0.09 pF; small formfactor $\mu$ DFN
			<a href="#">PulseGuard®</a>	Very low capacitance; low leakage current; small form factor
4	TVS Diode Array	Protection of power bus against ESD	<a href="#">SP1006-01UTG</a>	Low leakage current of 100 nA; small form factor
5	Common-Mode Noise Filter	Suppresses common-mode noise and provides ESD protection	<a href="#">LCFA</a> ; <a href="#">LCFE</a>	Ultra-low profile; CMF combined with ESD functions; high cut-off frequency

# USB Type-C Protection Solutions

The following are examples of ESD suppression for high-speed data ports such as USB3.2 Gen and USB4.0. For additional design examples, guidance, and application assistance, please contact Littelfuse.



USB 3.2 Gen 2x1 (10 Gbps); USB 3.2 Gen 2x2 (20 Gbps); and USB 4.0 (40 and 80 Gbps)



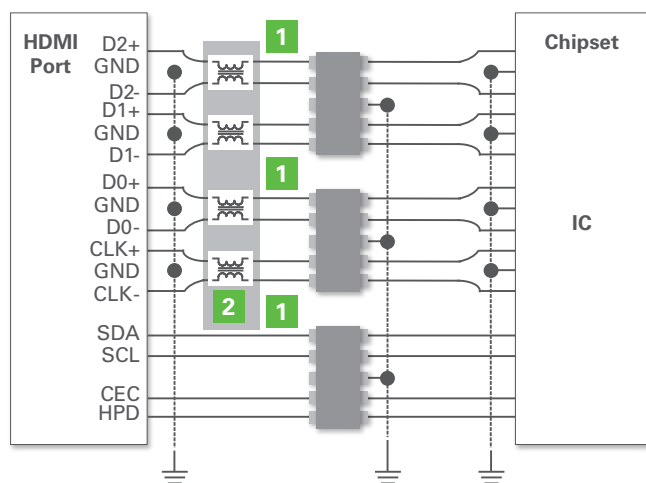
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	Digital Temperature Indicator	Senses overheating of USB-C connector	<a href="#">setPTM</a>	Fully compliant with USB Type-C plugs and USB-IF
2	TVS Diode Array	Protects against ESD on USB 2.0-speed data lines	<a href="#">SP3530-01UTG</a>	0201 footprint; extremely low dynamic resistance
3	TVS Diode Array	Protects against ESD on high-speed data lines	<a href="#">SP3213-01UTG</a> , <a href="#">SP00R6</a> , <a href="#">SP33R6</a>	Low parasitic capacitance
4	TVS Diode Array	Protects against ESD	<a href="#">SP1224-01UTG</a>	AEC-Q101-qualified; small footprint
5	TVS Diode	Protects power bus against ESD	<a href="#">SMAJ20CA</a>	400 W Peak Pulse Power; excellent clamping capability; low package profile
6	eFuse	Protects against 5 V or 5 A dc shorting and hot-plug surge voltage	<a href="#">LS0505EVD22</a>	28 V 6 A rated current limit switch; integrates a 24 mΩ ultra-low protection switch
		Used for 5 V~20 V with PD function	<a href="#">LS2406ERQ23</a>	
7	eFuse	Type-C 20 V Vbus short to CC or SBU	<a href="#">LS05006VPQ33</a>	Supports fast OVP response time (80 ns); integrated ESD protection with CC dead battery function
8	Common-Mode Noise Filter	Suppresses common-mode noise and protects from ESD	<a href="#">LCFA</a> , <a href="#">LCFE</a>	Ultra-low profile; combined with ESD functions; high cut-off frequency

## HDMI Port, DisplayPort, and eSATA Port Protection Solutions

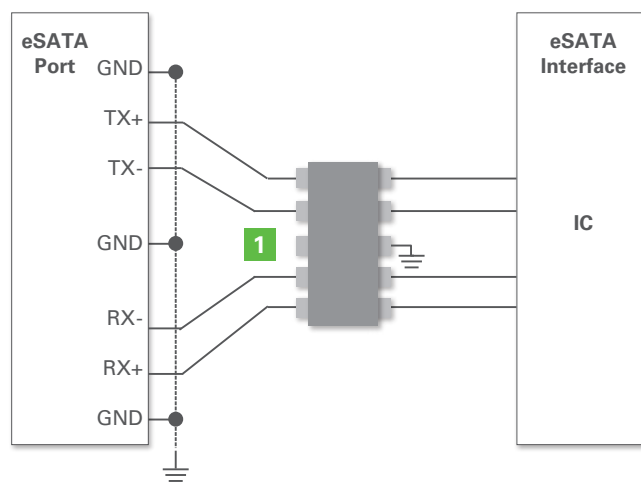
This page lists examples of ESD suppression for high-speed data ports such as High-Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI), DisplayPort, and eSATA. For additional design examples, guidance, and application assistance, please contact Littelfuse.



**HDMI and DisplayPort**

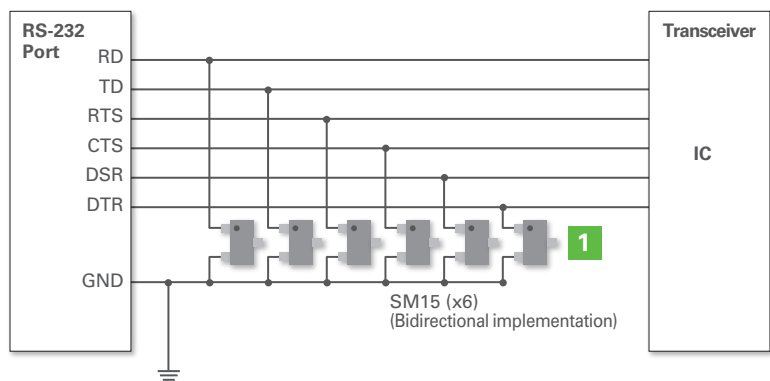


**eSATA**



	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	<b>TVS Diode Array OR Polymer ESD Suppressor</b>	Protection of data signal lines from ESD	<a href="#">SP1004U-ULC-04UTG</a>	Low capacitance of 0.2 pF; low clamping voltage of 9.2 V @ IPP = 2.0 A (tP = 8/20 µs); industry standard DFN footprint
			<a href="#">PulseGuard®</a>	Low capacitance; low leakage current; small form factor
2	<b>Common-Mode Noise Filter</b>	Suppresses common-mode noise and protects from ESD	<a href="#">LCFA</a> ; <a href="#">LCFE</a>	Ultra-low profile; Combined with ESD functions; high cut-off frequency

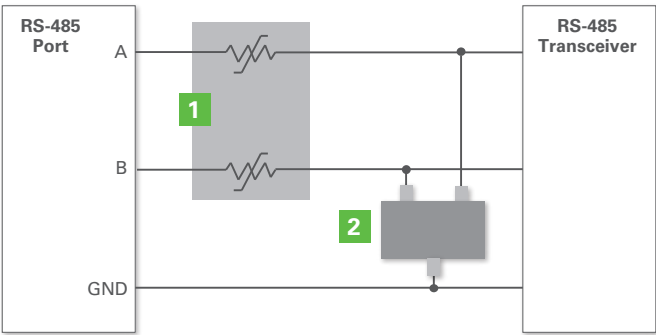
## RS-232 Port Protection Solutions



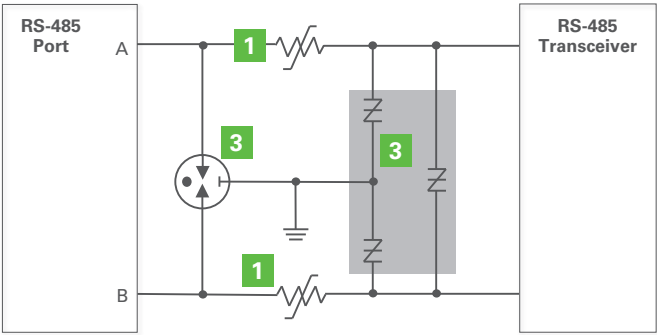
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	TVS Diode Array	Protection of data signal linefrom ESD	SM15-02HTG	Low dynamic resistance of 0.30 $\Omega$ ; low leakage current and clamping voltage
			SD15C-01FTG	Low dynamic resistance of 0.46 $\Omega$ ; low leakage current and clamping voltage

## RS-485 Port Protection Solutions

### Intra-building Environments



### Outdoor and Harsh Environments



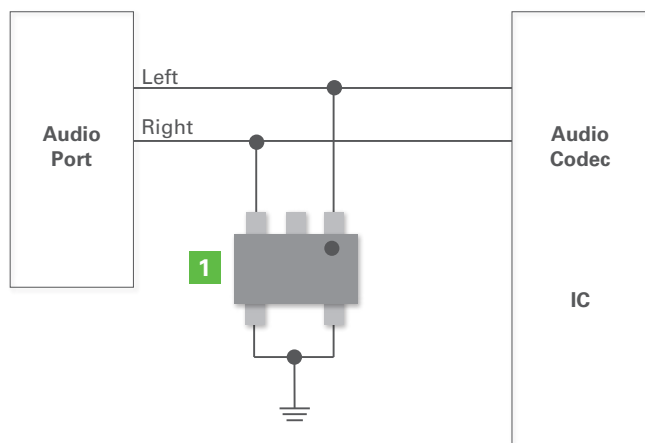
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1	PPTC	Protects equipment from short circuits and power crosses	TSV250	Available in various form factors; low parasitic capacitance
2	TVS Diode Array OR Polymer ESD Suppressor	Protects from ESD, EFT, and lightning-induced surges	SP712	Specifically designed for RS-485 with asymmetrical working voltages of 7 V to 12 V
			PulseGuard®; Xtreme-Guard™	Very low capacitance; low leakage current; small form factor
3	GDT + SIDACTor®	Reacts first when lightning occurs, causing the voltage to increase across PPTC until GDT fires	GTCxx; PxxxxS4xLRP	Wide range of voltages and form factors; low capacitance and insertion loss; low voltage overshoot; low on-state voltage
	SIDACTor®	Protection against lightning	Pxxx0S3N	Capable of 3 kA surges exceeding IEC61000-4-5 Level 4, K.20/21 Basic and Enhanced, GR1089, and UL60950 requirements

## Audio and Video Line Protection Solutions

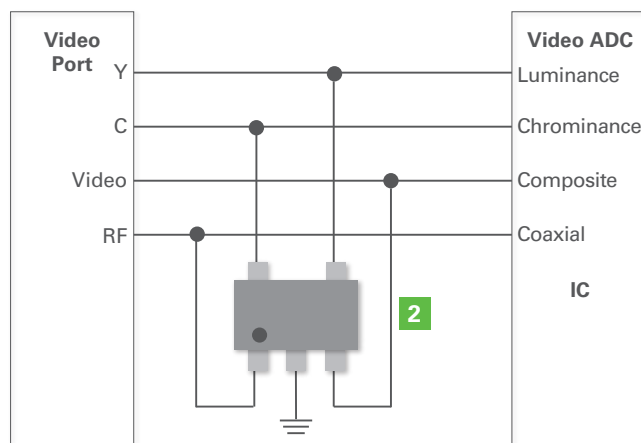
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### Audio Line



### Video Line



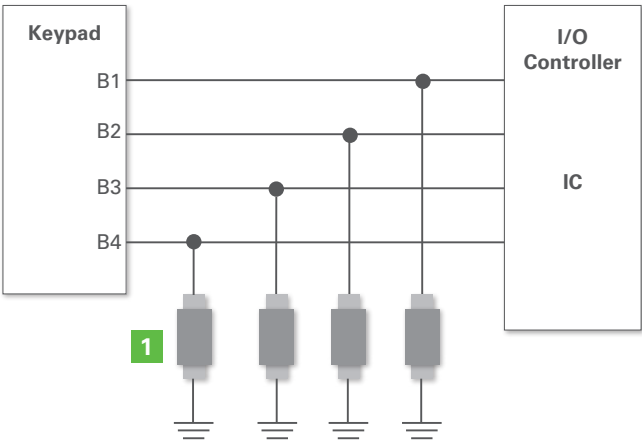
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	TVS Diode Array OR Polymer ESD Suppressor OR Multilayer Varistor	Protects audio codecs from ESD damage	<a href="#">SP1002</a>	Low capacitance of 5 pF; low leakage current of 0.5 $\mu$ A; small package
			<a href="#">PulseGuard®</a>	Very low capacitance; low leakage current; small form factor
			<a href="#">MLA</a>	Standard low capacitance; leadless 0402, 0603, 0805, 1206, and 1210 chip sizes
2	TVS Diode Array OR Polymer ESD Suppressor OR Multilayer Varistor	Prevents video analog-to-digital converters from ESD damage	<a href="#">SP3019-04HTG</a>	Low capacitance of 0.3 pF; low leakage current
			<a href="#">PulseGuard®</a>	Very low capacitance; low leakage current; small form factor
			<a href="#">MLA</a>	Standard low capacitance; leadless 0402, 0603, 0805, 1206, and 1210 chip sizes

# Protection Solutions for Keypads, Buttons, Switches, and Battery Packs

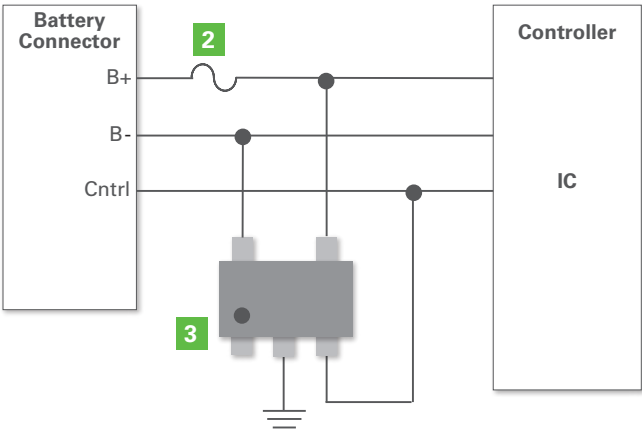
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Keypad Protection



Battery Packs Protection



	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	Multilayer Varistor	Provides ICs and other components circuit board-level protection against ESD	<a href="#">V5.5MLA0402</a>	AEC-Q200-compliant; standard low capacitance
2	Fuse	Overcurrent protection for power buses	<a href="#">435</a>	35 A interrupt rating at 32 V dc; compact footprint (0402)
3	TVS Diode Array	ESD protection for power buses and control lines	<a href="#">SP3019-04HTG</a>	AEC-Q101-qualified; low input capacitance; fast response time (<1 ns)

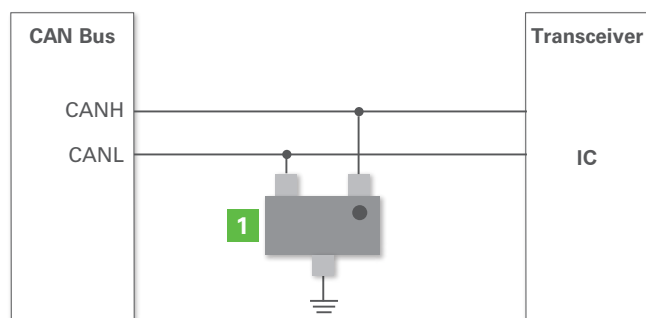
## CAN/LIN BUS and SIM/μSIM Socket Protection Solutions

### Automotive AEC-Q101-Qualified ESD Protection

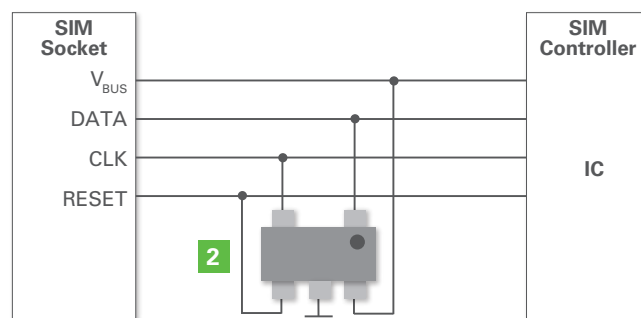
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### CAN/LIN BUS



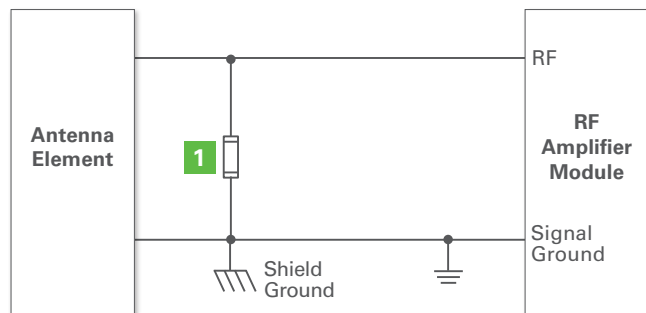
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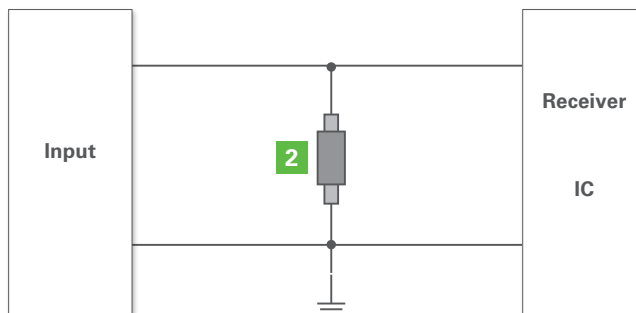
	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	TVS Diode Array	Protects against ESD and surges	<a href="#">AQ24COM-02HTG</a>	AEC-Q101-qualified; low clamping voltage and leakage current
2	TVS Diode Array	Protects against ESD	<a href="#">SP1012-05WTG</a>	Provides elite ESD protection for data lines; very low dynamic resistance of 0.48 Ω

## Antenna and Sensor Input Protection Solutions

### Antennas



### Sensor Inputs



	Technology	Function in Application	Series Name	Features
1	Polymer ESD Suppressor	Protection against ESD	<a href="#">XGD10603</a>	Extremely low capacitance (0.09 pF); high ESD withstand rating (30 kV)
2	TVS Diode Array	Protection against ESD	<a href="#">SP3522-01ETG</a>	High ESD withstand rating; low leakage current; AEC-Q101-qualified parts available

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### Overcurrent Protection

- Fuses
- Protection ICs
- Resettable Positive Temperature Coefficient (PPTC) Devices

### Overvoltage Suppression

- Gas Discharge Tubes (GDTs)
- Open LED Protectors
- PulseGuard® ESD Suppressors
- SIDACtor® Protection Thyristors
- TVS Diodes
- TVS Diode Arrays
- Varistors
- Wafer and Bare Die

### Power Semiconductors

- Bare Die Devices
- Bipolar Devices
- Discrete and Module Solutions
- Fully Engineered Subsystems
- IGBTs
- MOSFETs
- Power Semiconductors and ICs
- Power Control
- Switching Thyristors
- Silicon Carbide Technology
- TRIAC Thyristors

### Integrated Circuits and Solid-State Relays

- Gate Drivers
- High-Voltage ICs
- Solid-State Relays

### High Reliability Connectors

- D-Sub Connectors
- Harness Solutions
- Micro-D Connectors
- Wire to Wire connectors

### Electromechanical Switches

- Dip Switches
- Detect Switches
- Keypress Switches
- Navigation Switches
- Pushbutton Switches
- Rocker Switches
- Rotary Switches
- Snap-Acting Switches
- Slide Switches
- Switchlock Switches
- Tactile Switches
- Toggle Switches

### Magnetic Sensing

- Hall Effect Sensors
- Magnetic Actuators
- Reed Switches
- Reed Sensors
- Reed Relays

### Temperature Sensing

- Digital Temperature Indicators
- RTDs
- Thermistors
- TTape™ Temperature Indicators

### Industrial and Transportation Technologies

- Arch-Flash Relay
- Automotive Sensor
- Contactor
- DC Solenoid Relays
- Ground-Fault Relay
- Motor & Pump Protection
- Power Distribution Module
- Residual Current Monitor

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- Application expertise
- Global support
- Operational excellence
- Technology innovation
- Collaboration
- Customer focus



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## TESTING CAPABILITIES

### Environmental

- Autoclave
- Dust
- H3TRB
- HAST
- High- and Low-Temperature Storage
- High-Temperature Loading
- Ingress Protection (IP)
- HTGB
- HTRB
- Temperature and Humidity
- Temperature Cycling
- Thermal Shock
- Salt Fog

### Physical-Mechanical Characteristics

- Acceleration
- Die Shear
- Leak Detection
- Mechanical Shock
- Resistance to Soldering Heat (Dip, Reflow, Wave)
- Resistance to Solvents
- Solderability
- Terminal Strength (Push, Pull, Bend)
- Vibration
- Wetting Balance
- Wire Pull

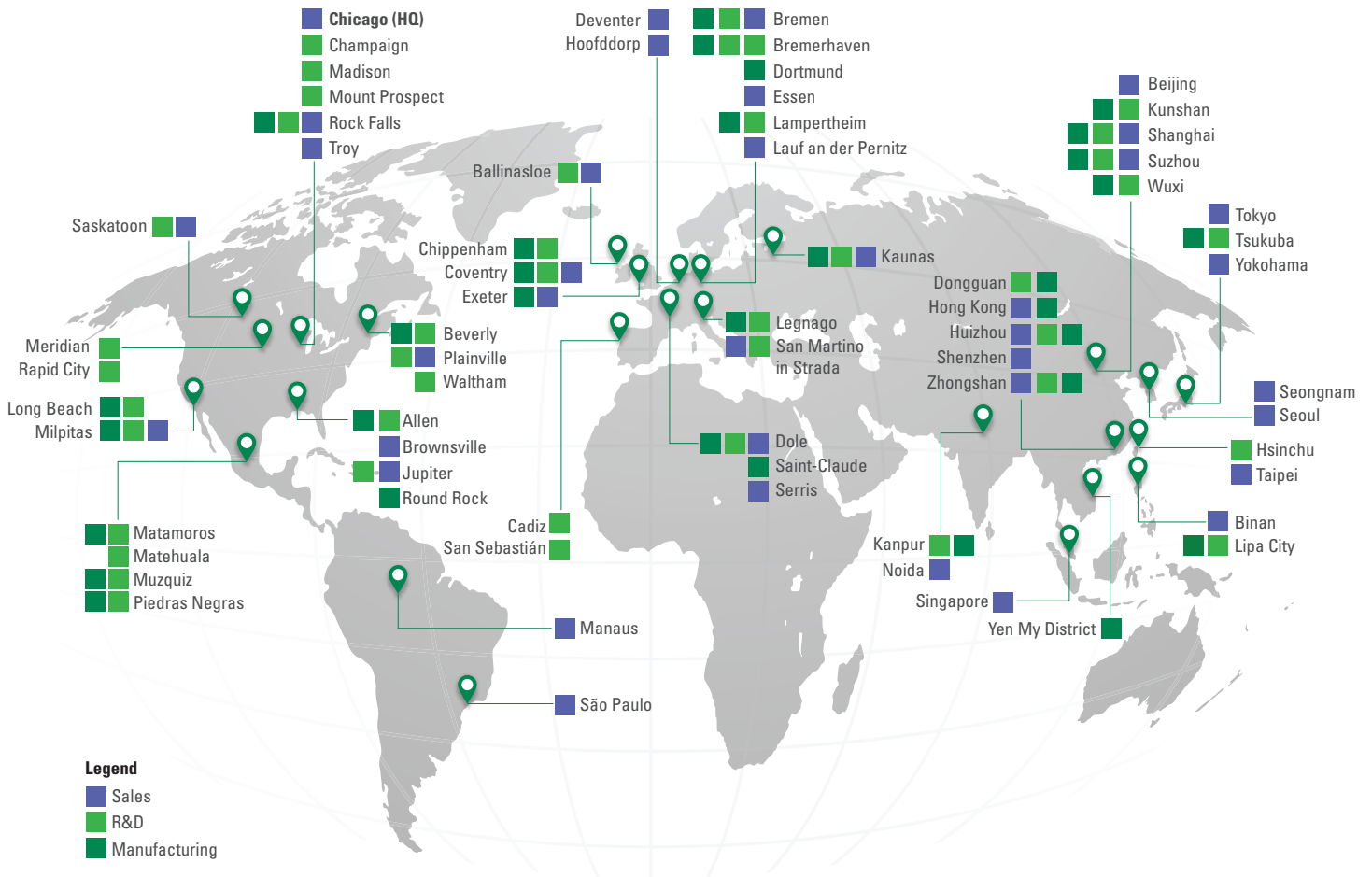
### Electrical

- BCI
- Capacitance
- EFT
- ESD
- Impedance
- Insulation Resistance
- I-V
- Life
- Lightning Surge
- Overload
- Parametric Tests
- Power-Cross
- Power Cycling
- Ring Wave
- R-T
- S-Parameter Measurements (Insertion Loss, Isolation, Reflection)
- Short Circuit
- Step Current
- Surface Resistivity
- Surge
- TDR (Eye Diagram)
- Telecom
- Thermal Cut-Off
- Time-to-Trip
- TLP
- Transient
- Trip Cycle
- Trip Endurance
- Voltage Drop





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