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Power over Ethernet protection

PEP01-5841 A new Transil[™] array to protect power supplies



Power over Ethernet eliminates the need for external power supplies on the customer's side as they are included in routers and are able to deliver up to 30 W under 48 V (POE+) according to IEEE 802.3af. Power is transported using two pairs in an Ethernet cable. As for all cables, they are subject to surges and must be protected against electrostatic discharge (ESD) and electrical overstress (EOS).

Key features

PEP01-5841

The PEP01-5841 embeds 4 protection units that are fine tuned in voltage and current for POE applications, and 4 capacitances to filter high-frequency disturbances.

- Temperature capability The PEP01-5841 is specified with I_{Rmax} = 1 μA at 85 °C (telecommunication temperature) and 0.2 μA at 25 °C.
 T_{Jmax} is compliant with the industrial standard for tough environments: 150 °C
- Surge capability

To be compliant with IEC 61000-4-5 level 2 (1 kV), the PEP01-5841 is specified at 24 A 8/20 μ s and the $V_{\rm CL}$ has been improved to be compatible with 100 V PMOS and PSE controller technologies.

 V_{BRmin} has been defined to take into account tolerance on power supply voltage and can be calculated whatever the temperature is using (α T):

 $V_{\text{BRmin @ TJ}} = V_{\text{BRmin @ 25°C}} \times (1 + \alpha T \times (T_J - 25))$

Dynamic resistance ($R_{\rm D}$) is given to calculate V_{CLmax} at other current surge values, for instance at 12 A (IEC 61000-4-5 level 1,500 V):

$$V_{\text{CLmax}} = R_{\text{D}} \times I_{\text{PP}} + V_{\text{BRmax}}$$

The PEP01-5841 is able to protect against ESD up to 30 kV according to IEC 61000-4-2.

Key benefits

- Compliant with IEC 61000-4-5 level 2 (1 kV – 24 A 8/20 µs)
- Compatible with PMOS and PSE controller voltages (maximum clamping voltage: 100 V)
- Low leakage current in telecommunication temperature range
- 4 protection units/filtering in 1 S0-8 package (55% space saving)

Target applications

Power over Ethernet (POE and POE+)

Package

The PEP01-5841 is packaged in an SO8 (28 mm²) which provides 55% space saving versus 4 x SMA (Transils) + 4 x 0306 capacitances.



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Relevant standards

As an Ethernet cable is a dataline, the impedance of the IEC 61000-4-5 surge generator is 42 Ω . Surge level is either 500 V or 1 kV, leading to surge currents of 12 A or 24 A respectively (8/20 μ s).

The second standard is IEC 61000-4-2, which defines ESD surges.

State-of-the-art protection

Protection is achieved using the SMAJ58A and SMBJ58A Transils specified with V_{CLmax} = 121 V, which is higher than the maximum admissible voltage of PMOS and PSE controllers.

Application schematic





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