

Gas Discharge Tubes

Raychem GDTs (Gas Discharge Tubes) are placed in front of, and in parallel with, sensitive telecom equipment such as power lines, communication lines, signal lines and data transmission lines to help protect them from damage caused by transient surge voltages that may result from lightning strikes and equipment switching operations. These devices do not influence the signal in normal operation. However, in the event of an overvoltage surge, such as a lightning strike, the GDT switches to a low impedance state and diverts the energy away from the sensitive equipment.

Raychem GDTs offer a higher level of protection, compared with typical GDTs, and their fast and accurate break-over voltage makes them suitable for applications such as MDF (Main Distribution Frame) modules, high data-rate telecom applications (e.g. ADSL, VDSL), and surge protection on power lines. Their low capacitance also results in less signal distortion. When used in a coordinated circuit protection solution with PolySwitch devices, SiBar thyristor surge protection devices, and MOV (Metal Oxide Varistor) devices, they can help equipment manufacturers meet stringent safety regulatory standards.



Benefits

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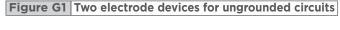
- Helps provide overvoltage fault protection against high energy surges
- Suitable for sensitive equipment due to excellent impulse sparkover response
- Suitable for high-frequency applications
- Highly reliable performance

Features

- RoHS compliant available on all parts
- Crowbar device with low arc-voltage
- · Low capacitance and insertion loss
- High accuracy sparkover voltages for high precision designs
- Wide range of voltages and form factors
- Many devices tested per ITU K.12 recommendations
- Optional fail-short mechanism
- Various lead configurations
- Non radioactive materials

Applications

- Telecommunications
 MDF modules, xDSL equipment, RF system protection, antenna, base stations
- Industrial and Consumer electronics, such as
- Power supplies, Surge protectors, Alarm system



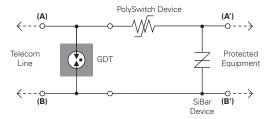


Figure G2 Three electrode devices for grounded circuits

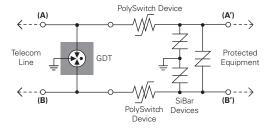
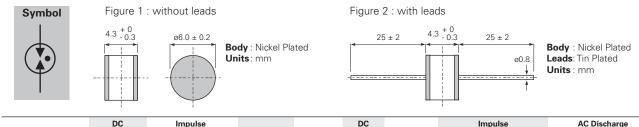


Table G1 Two Electrode Configurations for Gas Discharge Tubes

GTCx26 Miniature Two Electrode Series

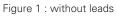


| | | Sparkover Voltage | | | Insulation Resistance | Capacitance | Holdover Voltage | Impulse Life | Discharge Current 8/20µs | | Current, 50Hz | |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ø | Part Number | @ 100V/s | @ 100V/µs | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000µs, 50A | Single Hit | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Single Hit, 9 Cycles | Repeat 10 times (1s interval) |
| | GTCN26-101M-P02-B GTCA26-101M-P02 | 100V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 3kA | 2.5kA | 20A | 2.5A |
| | GTCN26-231M-P05-B GTCA26-231M-P05 | 230V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 20A | 5A |
| | GTCN26-351M-P05-B GTCA26-351M-P05 | 350V ± 20% | ≤ 600V | ≤ 800V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 20A | 5A |

GTCx28-xxxx-P05 Standard Two Electrode Series

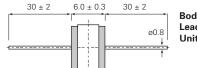
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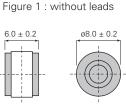
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| | DC Sparkover Voltage | | | Insulation Resistance Capacitance | | DC Holdover Impulse Voltage Life | | Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs | | AC Discharge Current, 50Hz | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|--|--------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Part Number | @ 100V/s | @ 100V/µs | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000μs, 500A | Single Hit | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Single Hit, 9 Cycles | Repeat 10 times (1s interval) |
| GTCN28-750M-P05 GTCA28-750M-P05 | 75V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 5 times |
| GTCN28-900M-P05 GTCA28-900M-P05 | 90V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 5 times |
| GTCN28-151M-P05 GTCA28-151M-P05 | 150V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 80V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 5 times |
| GTCN28-231L-P05 GTCA28-231L-P05 | 230V ± 15% | ≤ 600V | ≤ 750V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 5 times |
| GTCN28-251L-P05 GTCA28-251L-P05 | 250V ± 15% | ≤ 600V | ≤ 800V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |
| GTCN28-301L-P05 GTCA28-301L-P05 | 300V ± 15% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |
| GTCN28-351L-P05 GTCA28-351L-P05 | 350V ± 15% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |
| GTCN28-401L-P05 GTCA28-401L-P05 | 400V ± 15% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |
| GTCN28-471L-P05 GTCA28-471L-P05 | 470V ± 15% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ† | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |
| GTCN28-601L-P05 GTCA28-601L-P05 | 600V ± 15% | ≤ 800V | ≤ 1,000V | ≥ 10,000MΩ† | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |
| GTCN28-801L-P05 GTCA28-801L-P05 | 800V ± 15% | ≤ 1,000V | ≤ 1,200V | ≥ 10,000MΩ† | ≤ 1.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 10kA | 5kA | 65A | 10A, 10 times |

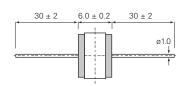
* Insulation Resistance measured at 50V_{DC} † Insulation Resistance measured at 250V_{DC} UL497B File # E179610

GTCx28-xxxx-P15 High Surge Two Electrode Series









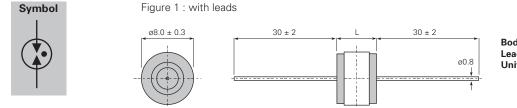
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Figure 2 : with leads

| | DC Sparkover Voltage | Sparkover Sparkover | | | | DC Holdover Impulse Voltage Life | | Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs | | AC Discharge Current, 50Hz | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|---------|--|--------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Part Number | @ 100V/s | @ 100V/µs | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000µs, 100А | Single Hit | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Single Hit, 9 Cycles | Repeat 10 times (1s interval) |
| GTCN28-900M-P15 GTCA28-900M-P15 | 72 – 108 V | ≤ 450V | ≤ 500V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 1.5pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 15kA | 90A | 20A |
| GTCN28-151M-P15 GTCA28-151M-P15 | 120 – 180V | ≤ 500V | ≤ 600V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 1.5pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 15kA | 90A | 20A |
| GTCN28-231M-P15 GTCA28-231M-P15 | 184 – 280V | ≤ 600V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.5pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 15kA | 90A | 20A |
| GTCN28-251M-P15 GTCA28-251M-P15 | 200 – 300V | ≤ 600V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.5pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 15kA | 90A | 20A |
| GTCN28-351M-P15 GTCA28-351M-P15 | 280 – 420V | ≤ 700V | ≤ 800V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 1.5pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 15kA | 90A | 20A |

* Insulation Resistance measured at 50V_{DC}

GTCA28-xxxx-POx High Voltage Two Electrode Series



AC Discharge DC Impulse Impulse Insulation **Discharge Current** Dimension Sparkover Sparkover Impulse Current, Voltage Voltage Resistance Capacitance Life 8/20µs 50Hz L 10/1000µs, Single Repeat 10 times Single Hit, Repeat 10 times Single @ 1000V_{DC} Part Number @ 100V/s @ 100V/µs @ 1MHz 500A Hit (5 times each polarity) 9 Cycles (1s interval) (mm) GTCA28-102M-P03 $1,000V \pm 20\%$ \geq 10,000M Ω^{\dagger} 3kA 5A 1A 8.0 ± 0.3 ≤ 1,500V $\leq 1.0 \text{pF}$ 200 times 10kA GTCA28-152L-P03 $1,500V \pm 15\%$ ≤ 2,200V \geq 10,000M Ω ‡ $\leq 1.0 \text{pF}$ 10 times 10kA 3kA 5A 1A 8.5 ± 0.3 GTCA28-212M-P03 $2,100V \pm 20\%$ ≤ 2,700V \geq 10,000M Ω ‡ ≤ 1.0pF 10 times 10kA ЗkА 5A 1A 8.5 ± 0.3 GTCA28-242M-P03 $2,400V \pm 20\%$ ≤ 3,000V \geq 10,000M Ω 10kA 3kA 5A 1A 8.5 ± 0.3 ≤ 1.0pF 10 times *** GTCA28-272L-P03 2,700V ± 15%†† ≤ 3,700V \geq 10,000M Ω ≤ 1.0pF 300 times* 10kA 3kA N/A N/A 8.8 ± 0.3 GTCA28-302M-P01 $\geq 10,000 M\Omega$ 10kA 1kA 5A 1A 8.5 ± 0.3 $3.000V \pm 20\%$ ≤ 4.000V ≤ 1.0pF 10 times ††† GTCA28-312L-P03 ≤ 3,700V‡‡ N/A $3,100V \pm 15\%^{\dagger\dagger}$ \geq 10,000M Ω 300 times* 10kA 3kA N/A 8.8 ± 0.3 ≤ 1.0pF 1A GTCA28-402M-P01 $4,000V\pm20\%$ ≤ 5,000V \geq 10,000M Ω $\leq 1.0 \text{pF}$ 10 times 10kA 1kA 5A 8.5 ± 0.3

Note: All devices UL1449: File #E223033

† Insulation Resistance measured at 250V_{DC}

 \pm Insulation Resistance measured at 500V_{DC}

** Measured with 8/20µs,100A impulse

++ DC Sparkover Voltage measured at 5kV/s

Measured with 1KV/µs *** GTCA28-272L-P03

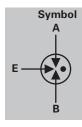
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Table G2 Three Electrode Configurations for Gas Discharge Tubes

GTCx36 Miniature Three Electrode Series



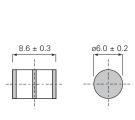
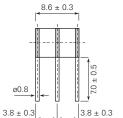


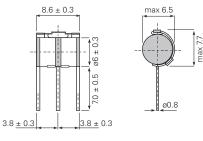
Figure 1 : without leads





Body : Nickel Plated Leads : Tin Plated Units : mm





Body : Nickel Plated Leads : Tin Plated Units : mm

| | | DC Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) | Volta | Impulse Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) | | Capacitance | DC Holdover Voltage | Impulse Life (A+B-E) | Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs (A+B-E) | AC Discharge Current, 50Hz (A+B-E) |
|---|--------------------|--|-----------|---|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Ø | Part Number | @ 100V/s | @ 100V/µs | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000µs, 100A | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Repeat 5 times (1s interval) |
| | GTCN36-900M-P05 | | | | | | | | | |
| | GTCR36-900M-P05 | 90V ± 20% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 5kA | 5A |
| | GTCR36-900M-P05-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| | GTCN36-231M-P10 | | | | | | | | | |
| | GTCR36-231M-P10 | 230V ± 20% | ≤ 600V | ≤ 700V | \geq 10,000M Ω | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| | GTCR36-231M-P10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| | GTCN36-351M-P05 | | | | | | | | | |
| | GTCR36-351M-P05 | 350V ± 20% | ≤ 650V | ≤ 750V | \geq 10,000M Ω | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 5kA | 5A |
| | GTCR36-351M-P05-FS | | | | | | | | | |

* Insulation Resistance measured at 50V_{DC}

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Typical Fail-short Performance for GTCx36 Series Figure G3

Both electrodes simultaneously powered, each with the AC current value in the graph.

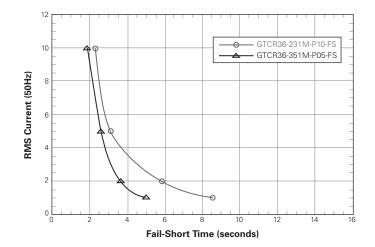
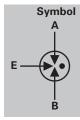
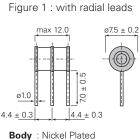


Figure 2 : with leads

GTCx37 Three Electrode 7.5mm Diameter Series





Body : Nickel Plated Leads : Tin Plated Units : mm Figure 2 : with T-shape leads

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Body : Nickel Plated

Leads : Tin Plated

Units : mm

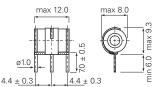
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Figure 3 : with fail-short mechanism



Body : Nickel Plated Leads :Tin Plated Units : mm

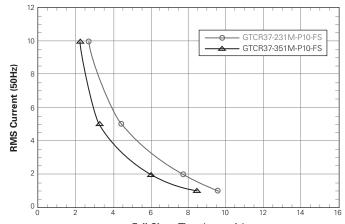
| | DC Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) | Impulse Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) | | Insulation Resistance | Capacitance | DC Holdover Voltage | Impulse Life (A+B-E) | Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs (A+B-E) | | AC Discharge Current, 50Hz (A+B-E) | |
|--|--|---|----------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Part Number | @ 100V/s | @ 100V/µs | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000µs, 400А | Single Hit | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Single 9 Cycles | Repeat 10 times (1s interval) |
| + GTCR37-900M-P10 + GTCR37-900M-P10-FS + GTCT37-900M-P10 | 90V ± 20% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| † GTCR37-151M-P10 † GTCR37-151M-P10-FS † GTCT37-151M-P10 | 150V ± 20% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| GTCR37-201N-P10 GTCR37-201N-P10-FS GTCT37-201N-P10 | 200V ± 25% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 650V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| + GTCR37-231M-P10 + GTCR37-231M-P10-FS + GTCT37-231M-P10 | 230V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 650V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| + GTCR37-251M-P10 + GTCR37-251M-P10-FS + GTCT37-251M-P10 | 250V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 650V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| + GTCR37-261M-P10 + GTCR37-261M-P10-FS + GTCT37-261M-P10 | 260V ± 20% | ≤ 500V | ≤ 650V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| † GTCR37-301M-P10 † GTCR37-301M-P10-FS † GTCT37-301M-P10 | 300V ± 20% | ≤ 600V | ≤ 750V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| + GTCR37-351M-P10 + GTCR37-351M-P10-FS + GTCT37-351M-P10 | 350V ± 20% | ≤ 600V | ≤ 750V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| + GTCR37-401M-P10 + GTCR37-401M-P10-FS + GTCT37-401M-P10 | 400V ± 20% | ≤ 700V | ≤ 850V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |
| GTCR37-551M-P10 GTCR37-551M-P10-FS GTCT37-551M-P10 | 550V ± 20% | ≤ 850V | ≤ 1,000V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 150V | 300 times | 20kA | 10kA | 130A | 10A |

* Insulation Resistance measured at 50V_{DC}

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Figure G4 Typical Fail-short Performance for GTCx37 Series

Both electrodes simultaneously powered, each with the AC current value in the graph.



Fail-Short Time (seconds)

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GTCx38 Three Electrode P Series

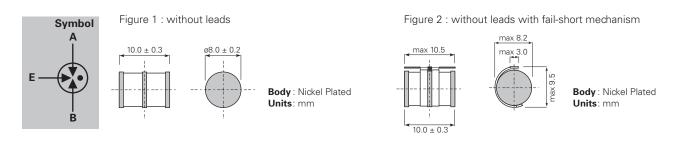
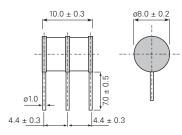
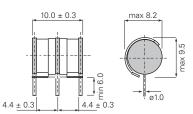


Figure 3 : with leads



Body : Nickel Plated Leads : Tin Plated Units : mm

Figure 4 : with leads and fail-short mechanism

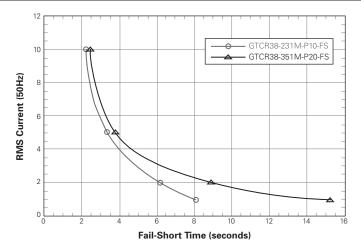


Body : Nickel Plated Leads : Tin Plated Units : mm

| | DC Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) | Impulse Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) | Insulation Resistance | Capacitance | DC Holdover Voltage | Impulse Life (A+B-E) | Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs (A+B-E) | AC Discharge Current, 50Hz (A+B-E) |
|--------------------|--|---|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Nart Number | @ 100V/s | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000µs, 200A | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Repeat 5 times (1s interval) |
| GTCR38-231M-P10-FS | 184 - 280V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCR38-251M-P10-FS | 200 - 300V | ≤ 700V | \geq 10,000M Ω | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCN38-351M-P20 | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-351M-P20-FS | | | | | | | | |
| GTCR38-351M-P20 | 280 - 420V | ≤ 900V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 80V | 300 times | 20kA | 20A |
| GTCR38-351M-P20-FS | | | | | | | | |

Figure G5 Typical Fail-short Performance for GTCx38 Series

Both electrodes simultaneously powered, each with the AC current value in the graph.



GTCx38 Three Electrode Q Series

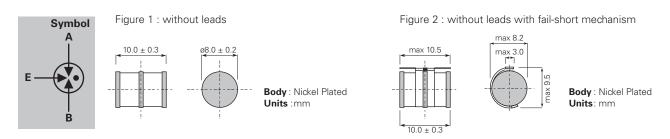
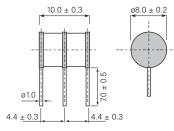
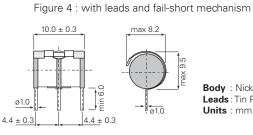


Figure 3 : with leads









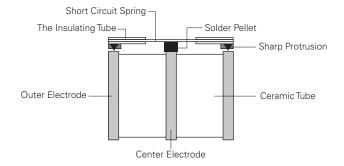
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|--------------------|--|---|----------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Part Number | @ 100V/s | @ 100V/µs | @ 1kV/µs | @ 100V _{DC} | @ 1MHz | Per ITU K.12 | 10/1000µs, 200A | Repeat 10 times (5 times each polarity) | Repeat 5 times (1s interval)* |
| GTCN38-900M-Q10 | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-900M-Q10-FS | | | | | ≤ 3.0pF | | 300 times | 10kA | |
| GTCR38-900M-Q10 | 72 - 108V | ≤ 450V | ≤ 500V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | | ≤ 52V | | | 10A |
| GTCR38-900M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-151M-Q10 | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-151M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCR38-151M-Q10 | 120 - 180V | ≤ 500V | ≤ 600V | ≥ 10,000MΩ* | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 52V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCR38-151M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-231M-Q10 | 184 - 280V | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-231M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCR38-231M-Q10 | | ≤ 600V | ≤ 700V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCR38-231M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | 10A |
| GTCN38-251M-Q10 | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-251M-Q10-FS | | | ≤ 700V | | | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | |
| GTCR38-251M-Q10 | 200 - 300V | ≤ 600V | | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | | | | |
| GTCR38-251M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-351M-Q10 | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-351M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCR38-351M-Q10 | 280 - 420V | ≤ 900V | ≤ 1000V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCR38-351M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-421M-Q10 | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-421M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCR38-421M-Q10 | 300 - 500V | ≤ 900V | ≤ 1000V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCR38-421M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-501M-Q10 | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCN38-501M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |
| GTCR38-501M-Q10 | 400 - 600V | ≤ 1100V | ≤ 1200V | ≥ 10,000MΩ | ≤ 3.0pF | ≤ 135V | 300 times | 10kA | 10A |
| GTCR38-501M-Q10-FS | | | | | | | | | |

* Insulation Resistance measured at 50V_{DC}

Fail-Short Mechanism for Gas Discharge Tubes

Fail-Short Mechanism

The Fail-Short Mechanism is a short circuit spring mounted onto a solder pellet located at the center electrode of the gas tube. Under normal operating conditions, the pellet is positioned to make the spring float 0.1 – 0.5mm above the outer electrodes. Thin tubes are used to cover the sharp metal protrusions present at each end of the spring.



When a prolonged discharge event causes the gas tube temperature to reach the melting point of the solder, the pellet softens allowing the short circuit spring to activate by forcing the protrusions through the thin insulating tubes causing them to make contact with both outer electrodes. This process results in a permanent short-circuit between all three electrodes creating a low resistance path that conducts the fault current to ground without generating a significant amount of heat.

| Temperature | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Operation Temperature Range | Storage Temperature Range | | | | | | | | | |
| Models without Fail-Short Mechanism : -40°C/+90°C | Models without Fail-Short Mechanism : -40°C/+90°C | | | | | | | | | |
| Models with Fail-Short Mechanism : -20°C/+65°C | Models with Fail-Short Mechanism : -20°C/+65°C | | | | | | | | | |
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Packaging

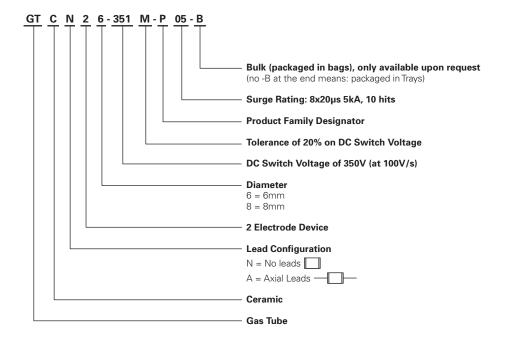
Parts are packed 100 pieces in a plastic tray or 200 pieces in a vacuum bag, ten trays or five bags (1,000 pieces) to a standard box. Standard packaging is in trays. Vacuum bag packaging is available upon request. Add "-B" at the end of the part number for parts packaged in vacuum bags.

Installation

Care should be taken when installing Gas Discharge Tubes equipped with Fail-Short Mechanisms into arrester magazines, printed circuit boards, etc. Too much downward pressure may force the short circuit spring through the thin insulation tube creating a shorted condition.

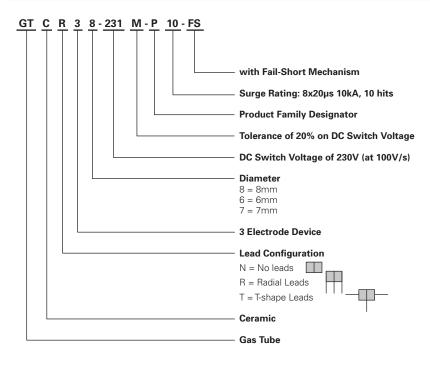
Part Numbering System for Gas Discharge Tubes

Two Electrode GDT - Example Part Number: GTCN26-351M-P05-B

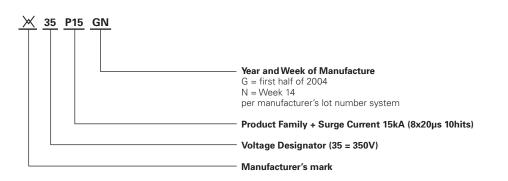


Part Numbering System for Gas Discharge Tubes

Three Electrode GDT - Example Part Number: GTCR38-231M-P10-FS



Marking Reference Guide - Example



Devices with no leads (GTCNxx-xxxx-xx), are not able to be soldered as their electrodes are Nickel plated. They are mean to be installed by insertion into a magazine clip.

✓ Warning :

- Operation beyond the maximum ratings or improper use may result in device damage and possible electrical arcing and flame.
- The devices are intended for protection against occasional overvoltage fault conditions and should not be used when repeated fault conditions or prolonged trip events are anticipated.
- Device performance can be impacted negatively if devices are handled in a manner inconsistent with recommended electronic, thermal, and mechanical procedures for electronic components.