MIMOX® SURGE DIVERTERS TYPE SVL

INTRODUCTION

Surge diverters type SVL have been designed specifically for use in switching applications where the surge to be suppressed may have a fast rise time but a low energy content.

Each diverter consists of a number of metal oxide varistors, connected in series and encapsulated in a PVC container using a polyurethane resin. Dimensions of the diverters can be seen in Figure 1.

APPLICATIONS

The metal oxide varistors have highly non-linear volt-amp characteristics and therefore provide excellent protection against overvoltages. This type of diverter is recommended for use with any device where impulse withstand level is low and high energy absorption is not required.

Such applications may include:

- The protection of transformers where the frequency of switching is high, particularly if the transformers are lightly loaded
- The protection of motors, especially if there is a likelihood of switching in the stalled or accelerating condition

TERMINATIONS

Surge diverters type SVL are available in two formats:

- The standard format has an M6 ISO coarse thread at each end
- The flying lead version has one M6 stud connection and an insulated 0.5m or 2m long flexible lead to aid installation

SELECTION BY VOLTAGE

The diverters are available with maximum voltage ratings from 1.2 to 15.5kV rms and can be connected either between the supply lines or between each supply line and earth. Selection must be based on the maximum voltage that may be impressed on the diverter during both normal and abnormal system conditions.

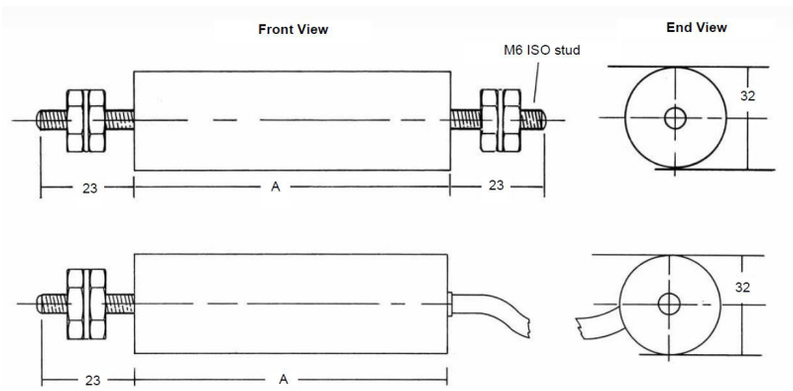

Figure 1 - Design and Dimensions (mm) for Standard Format and Flying Lead SVL Surge Diverters

Refer to Table 1 Overleaf for Type Specific Dimensions for Body Length A

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This voltage will depend on the system earthing arrangement and must not exceed the maximum diverter rated voltage as shown in Table 1.

SPEED OF RESPONSE

The response time of the metal oxide elements to transient overvoltages is of the order of 50 nanoseconds.

OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE

The diverters are rated for ambient temperatures up to 70°C.

MAINTENANCE

No maintenance is necessary on SVL diverters. It is recommended that diverters be replaced when the main operational components of the switchgear are changed or if there has been some severely abnormal switching condition or switchgear failure.

CURRENT AND ENERGY RATINGS

Metal oxide varistors (MOVs) have to be de-rated from their published figures according to the number and size of the current surges expected during the required lifetime of the device. SVL surge diverters contain MOVs, but they have been chosen so that, for the application for which they have been designed, de-rating is not normally a consideration. For SVL diverter applications outside the current and energy rating parameters indicated in Table 1 below, please contact our technical team.

All properties quoted in this table are typical values and do not constitute a specification

Type	Body Length A	Maximum Diverter Rated Voltage	Maximum Surge Protection Level at 10A Discharge	Maximum System Voltage L-L		Current Rating 8/20 µs Waveform**	Energy Rating 8/20 µs Waveform**
				Diverter connected L-N system effectively earthed as defined below*	Diverter connected L-N system non-effectively earthed (or L-L)		
	mm	kVrms	kVpk	kVrms	kVrms	A	J
SVL1	50	1.2	4	1.5	1.2	150	11
SVL2	60	2.4	7	3	2.4	150	21
SVL3	75	3	8.5	3.75	3	150	27
SVL4	110	4	11.5	5	4	150	38
SVL6	110	6	16.5	7.5	6	150	54
SVL8	160	8	22.5	10	8	150	75
SVL9	160	9.5	27	12	9.5	150	86
SVL10	200	10.5	30	13.5	10.5	150	97
SVL12	200	12	33	15	12	150	108
SVL15	240	15.5	43.5	19	15.5	150	140

Table 1 - Performance and Selection

* The coefficient of earthing of a three phase system is defined as follows: "The ratio of the highest rms voltage to earth of the sound phase or phases at the point of application of a diverter during a line-to earth fault (irrespective of the fault location), to the highest line-to-line rms voltage, expressed as a percentage of the latter voltage. If this ratio is less than 80%, then the system is regarded as effectively earthed. If the ratio is greater than 80%, then the system is regarded as non-effectively earthed."
** Based on 10,000 surge events.

Auto-transformer motor starter applications (sometimes known at Korndorfer starters) can present high energy transients and un-predictable current surges. Due to this, we would advise all users of Metrosil VSD and SVL products to thoroughly check the application parameters against the device ratings regarding maximum energy and current, and that it is fit for purpose. Note that M&I Materials cannot be held responsible for damage due to exceeded ratings of Metrosil devices in this application. For motor starters of this type it may be that a much heavier duty distribution class (or higher) arrester with an energy rating much greater than Metrosil VSD or SVL devices is required.

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