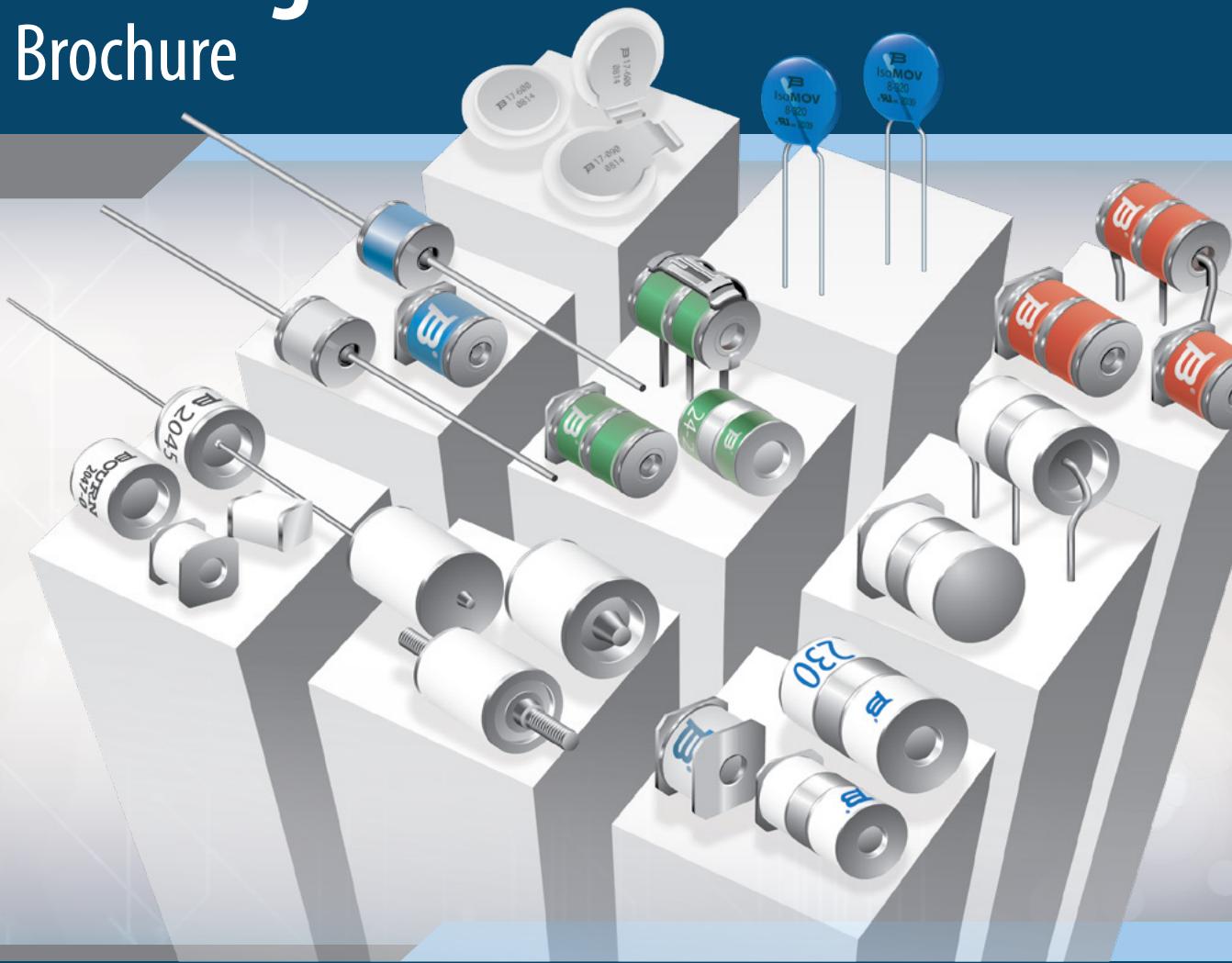




# Gas Discharge Tubes (GDTs) Brochure



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# Bourns® GDT Product Overview



## Introduction

Bourns delivers a comprehensive line of circuit protection technologies and solutions. At our engineering centers in Riverside, California and Linkou, Taiwan, we design a full range of overvoltage and overcurrent protection technologies.

Bourns offers world-class technology and application expertise that is the result of many years of circuit protection engineering, design and support. Bourns' global reputation for extensive application knowledge, quality products, innovative protection strategies and a wide range of technologies ensures that we can provide the right circuit protection solution for your needs.

Customers across different markets and industries have come to rely on Bourns® Gas Discharge Tube (GDT) Surge Arrestors to protect an ever-increasing variety of electronic equipment. Bourns® GDT technology offers fast response times, low capacitance, long service life and high surge current handling capabilities. Bourns engineers continue to innovate GDT technology by designing ground-breaking GDT designs such as the industry-leading GDT Series with FLAT® technology.

## Bourns® GDT Product Features

- RoHS compliant\*
- Wide range of voltages available (75 V to 7200 V)
- Wide range of sizes available
- Patented hybrid technology designs (IsoMOV™, MSP® GDT)
- Low arc (on-state) voltage
- Low capacitance and insertion loss
- Non-radioactive materials
- Devices are tested according to U.S.A. and International standards and recommendations
- Low work function designs that result in long and stable service life
- Patented Switch-Grade Fail-Safe technology available on some models

## Bourns® GDT Benefits

- 50+ years of designing and manufacturing GDT devices
- Impulse current ratings (2 kA to 100 kA)
- Low capacitance and insertion loss
- Designs based on industry standards
- Technical committee participation and leadership
- Custom device capabilities
- Lab facilities available for design verification of customer circuits as well as with testing capabilities for UL and Telcordia standards

## Benefits of Partnering with Bourns for your GDT Circuit Protection Needs

- Special leadform and voltage screening capabilities
- Technical design support
- Bourns offers multiple circuit protection components for total design support including Thyristors, Diodes, Multifuse® PPTCs, CPTCs, TBU® High-Speed Protectors, Telefuse™ Telecom Protectors, MOVs and Magnetics.

## GDT Operation

GDT surge arrestor devices are designed to operate on the gas-physical principle of the highly effective arc discharge. Essentially a voltage dependent switch, the GDT maintains a high impedance off-state until a voltage exceeds the device's sparkover voltage. At this point, the gas in the GDT becomes fully ionized and conduction takes place within a fraction of a microsecond.

During arc-over, the GDT exhibits the low impedance of a crowbar device resulting in very low on-state voltage (arc voltage). The crowbar effect of the GDT effectively limits the overvoltage to a low level and shunts the associated follow current away from downstream components and circuitry. When the surge event subsides and the system voltage returns to normal levels, the GDT will reset into its high impedance (off) state.

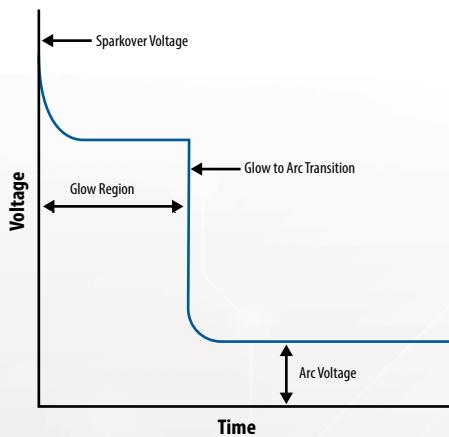


Figure 1 | GDT Voltage Breakdown Characteristic



Figure 2 | 2-Electrode GDT

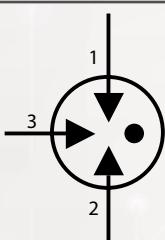


Figure 3 | 3-Electrode GDT

## Switch-Grade Fail-Short Devices

Bourns offers a Switch-Grade Fail-Short mechanism available on selected Bourns® GDTs.

- The fail-short contacts are spring-loaded switch-grade electrical conductors with no insulating burn through media or solder pellets under compression.
- The fail-short mechanism is activated by a breakaway action, preventing solder residues from freezing the fail-short mechanism and diurnal temperature failures.
- Superior thermal coupling between the Switch-Grade Fail-Short device and suppression components allows rapid Fail-Short activation in both vented and non-vented GDTs, with one of the industry's lowest contact resistance.
- Available on Model 2026, 2036 and 2026 MSP® Series GDTs..

## Fully Integrated IsoMOV™ Hybrid Protector

Bourns offers a complete series of IsoMOV™ hybrid protectors designed with an MOV and GDT isolation structure. In this configuration, the GDT blocks leakage currents through the MOV that would otherwise lead to premature failure of the MOV device, while the MOV prevents the follow-on current (after a surge) that might damage the GDT.

## GDT Types

Bourns offers a broad range of 2-electrode and 3-electrode GDT devices (figures 2 & 3). 2-electrode devices are typically used to provide line to ground or line to line protection (1 to 2). In a single device, a 3-electrode GDT can provide protection from line to line (1-2) as well as line to ground (1 to 3, 2 to 3) in a single device.

Standard GDTs (75 to 600 V) are provided in both 2- and 3-electrode devices. High voltage GDTs (800 to 7200 V) are primarily offered in 2-electrode devices and some select 3-electrode packages. In addition, specialized GDTs are offered in high current, fast acting, hybrid and FLAT® technology versions allowing the customer to address a wider array of protection needs.

# Bourns® GDT Application Overview

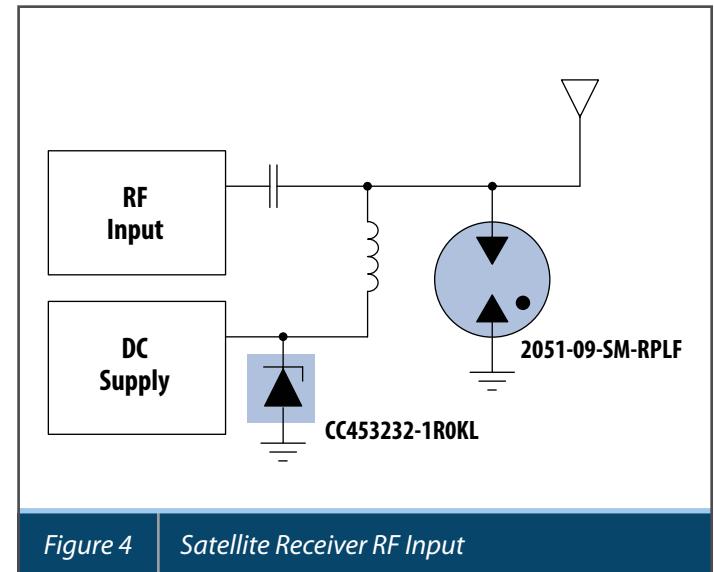


Figure 4 | Satellite Receiver RF Input

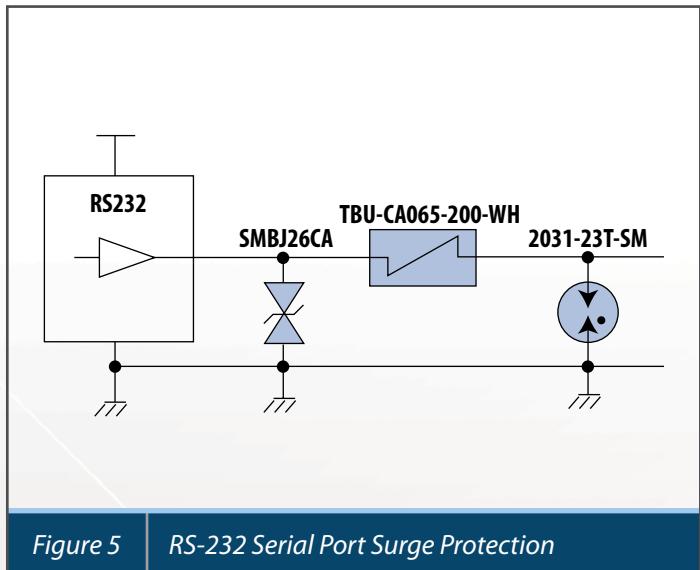


Figure 5 | RS-232 Serial Port Surge Protection

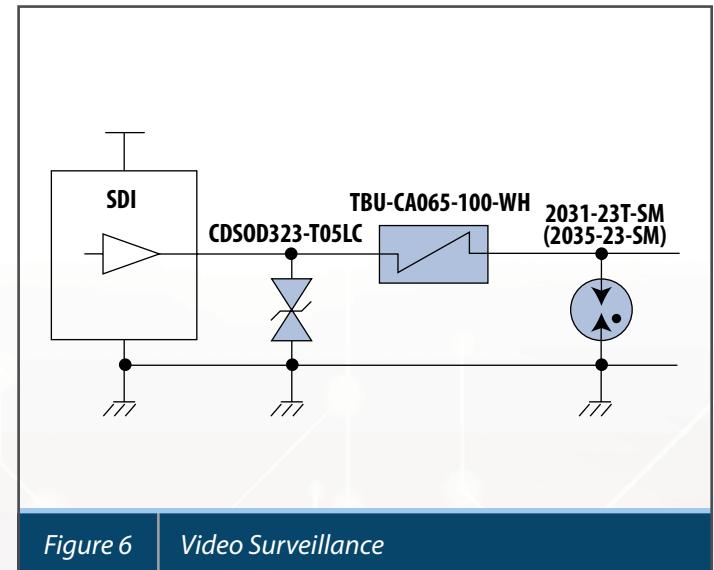


Figure 6 | Video Surveillance

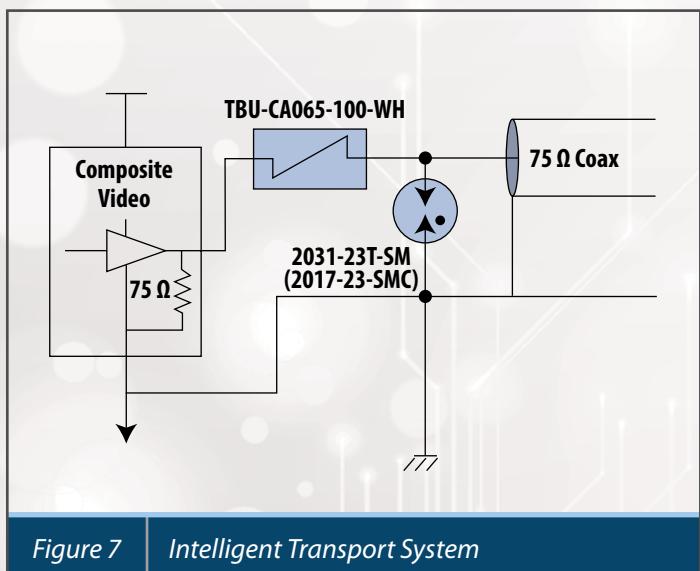


Figure 7 | Intelligent Transport System

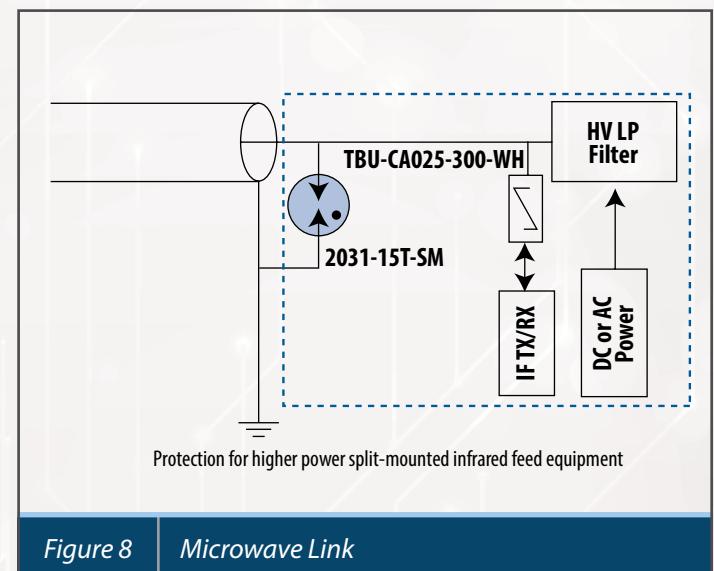


Figure 8 | Microwave Link

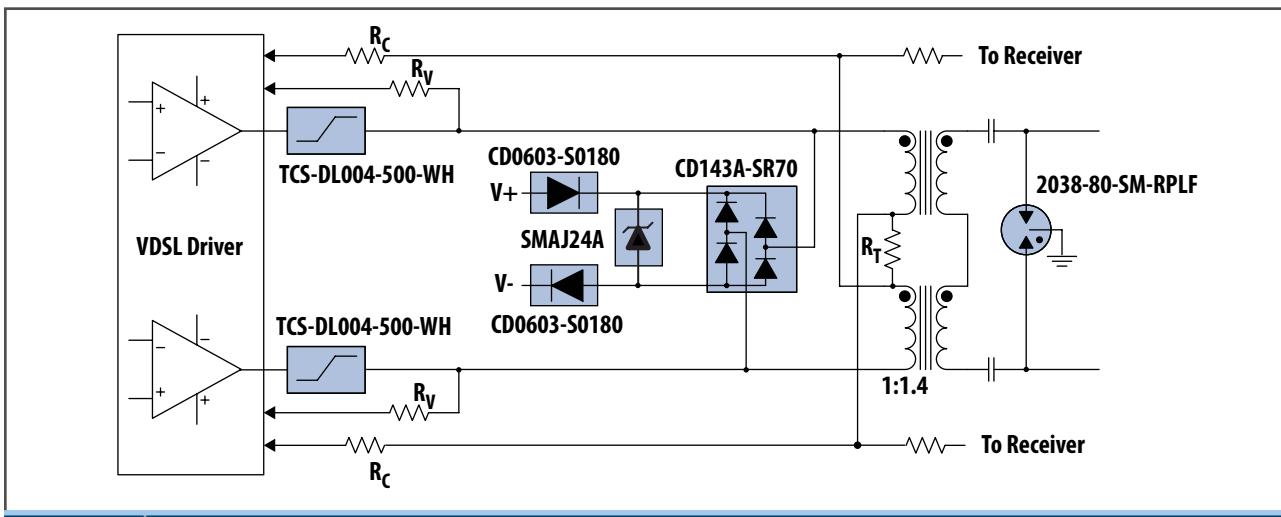


Figure 9 | VDSL Class H Driver – Fully Resettable GR-1089 ISSUE 6 Solution for Port Types 1, 3, and 5

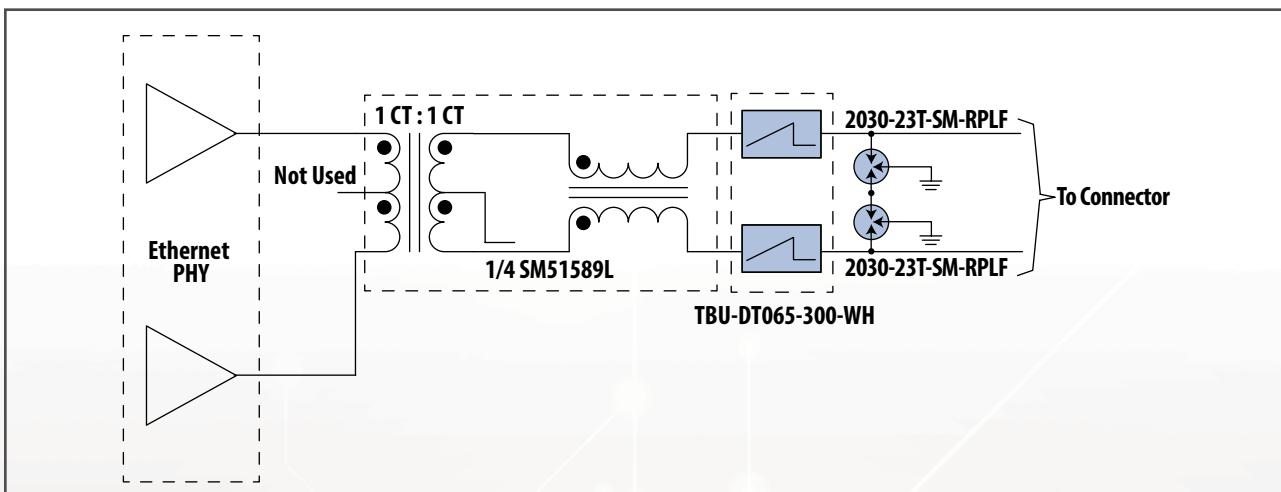


Figure 10 | Ethernet Surge and Power Cross Protection – GR-1089 ISSUE 6, Port Type 4

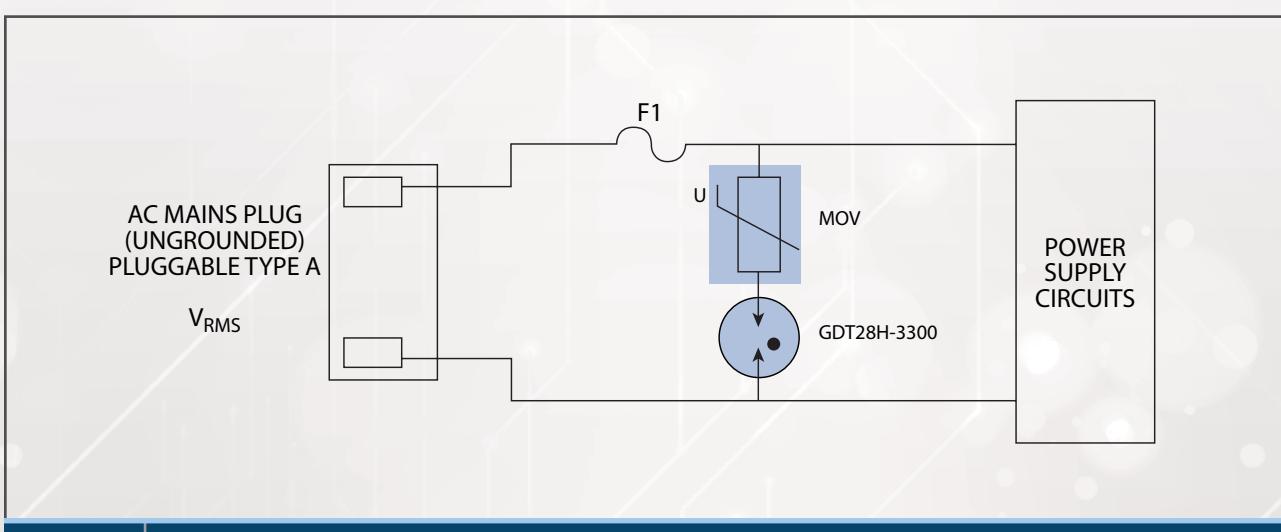


Figure 11 | Schematic for Common Mode Protection according with UL/IEC 62368-1 Compliance

# GDT General Information

## Quality Systems

Bourns® GDTs\* are produced in ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and IATF 16949 certified facilities.

## Quality and Reliable Monitoring

Bourns® GDTs are 100 % production tested to assure compliance of critical product parameters. In addition, GDTs are periodically subjected to ongoing reliability and requalification testing as demanded by our quality system requirements.

## Quality Sampling Inspections

Bourns® GDTs are inspected to AQL 0.65, DIN ISO 2859 specifications.

## Operating and Storage Conditions

Bourns® GDT devices comply with the general operating and storage conditions as detailed in ITU K.12 (-40 °C to +85 °C) unless otherwise specified in the product series data sheet.

*Specific GDT series are offered with an **extended temperature range and AEC-Q200 qualification** for more demanding environments and requirements.*

## Performance by Design

Bourns® GDT device designs are based on standard ITU-T K.12, as well as key considerations of RUS-PE80/IEEE C62.31, GR-1361, GR-974, GR-1089, ITU-T K.20/21, IEC61643-311 (EN61643-311), and DIN VDE 0845 part 2.

## UL Listing

Bourns® GDTs are UL recognized to one of the following standards:

- UL 497B
- UL 1449

Information regarding specific products series can be found in the following UL Recognition files:

- E153537
- E313168

## Regulated Substances

Bourns® GDTs with an "LF" designator are RoHS compliant as defined in the RoHS Directive 2015/863, Mar 31, 2015 and Annex.

By definition, Bourns® GDTs and Switch-Grade Fail-Short option with an "LF" suffix are below maximum concentration values (no exemptions used) for:

- Lead
- Cadmium
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Mercury and Mercury Compounds
- PBBs and PBDEs

\* depending on model type









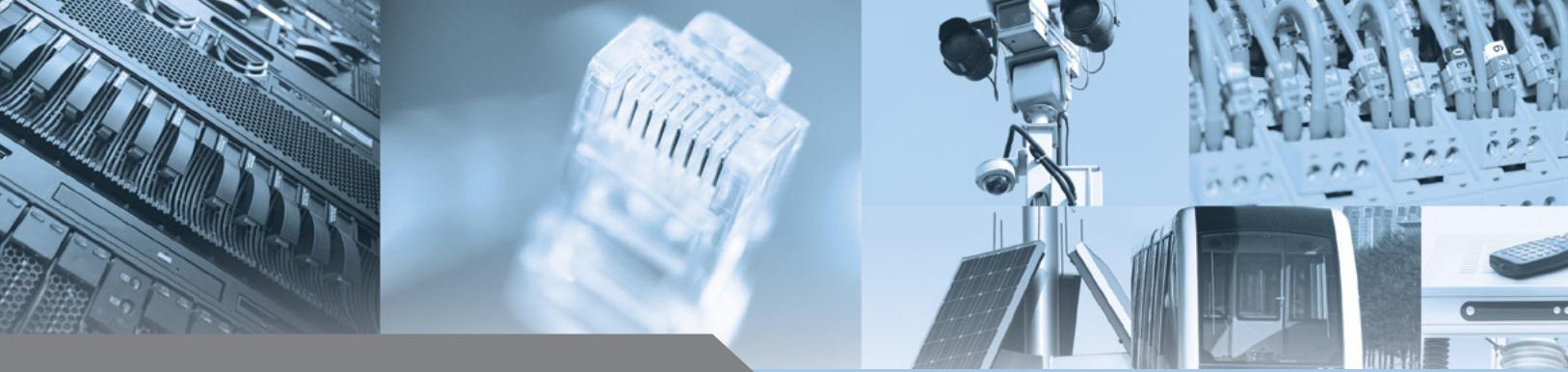












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