

RF Surge Protection



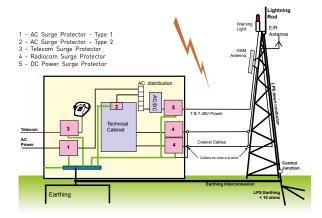


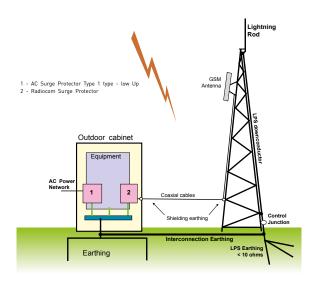
Protection of radiocommunication equipment

Radiocommunication systems, connected to antennae, are especially exposed to lightning phenomena, the maximum risk being a direct strike on the antenna pole.

Equipment, as GSM/UMTS or TETRA base stations, must consider this risk in order to insure a relevant service continuity.

CITEL offers several surge protection technologies for RF lines to comply to the different operation requirements.





RF surge protection technology

P8AX series (Gas Tube Protection)

The gas discharge tube (GDT) is the only surge protection component usable on very high frequency transmission (several GHz) due to its very low capacitance. In a coaxial surge protector, the GDT is connected in parallel between the central conductor and the external shield; when its sparkover voltage is reached, during an overvoltage, the line is briefly shorted (arc voltage). The sparkover voltage depends on the rise front of the overvoltage. The higher the dV/dt of the overvoltage, the higher the sparkover voltage of the surge protector.

When the overvoltage disappears, the gas discharge tube returns to its original condition of high isolation and is ready to operate again. The gas tube is removable, making maintenance rapid in the end-of-life scenario (short-circuit).

The greater advantage of this technology is its very wide bandwidth: from DC (so, compatible with DC voltage injection) to several GHz.

Main characteristics:

- Insertion losses < 0,2 dB
- VSWR < 1,2
- Imax : 20 kA (8/20µs)
- Bandwidth : DC to several GHz
- Connectors : N, BNC, TNC, 7/16, F, SMA, UHF,
- Waterproof IP65

Main characteristics VG option :

- Imax : 6 kA (8/20µs)
- Connector : N
- Prevents the short-circuit of the transmitter (output) and the receiver (input) during a disturbance



CNP/CXP series (GDT protection) and CXP-DCB series (DC Blocked Protection)

CXP protectors are based on GDT to provide high discharge current capability without destruction. This type of products allows for installation in ungrounded systems. In these cases, the CXP isolates the shield from the earth ground and is typically found in applications including wireless radio terminals and TV monitors (antenna, cable or satellite).

CXP-DBC version is a relevant hybrid association between a filter stage and a gas tube: this configuration has the advantage of reducing low frequency disturbances (DC and lightning voltages) while providing a high discharge current capability.

Main characteristics (CXP):

- isolated ground through GDT
- Insertion losses < 0.5 dB
- VSWR < 1.3
- Imax : 20 kA (8/20µs)
- Bandwidth : DC 1000 MHz
- Connectors : F, BNC, SE, N...

Main characteristics (CXP-DBC):

- "DC Block" feature
- Insertion losses < 0.15 dB
- VSWR < 1.2
- Imax : 10 kA (8/20μs)
- Bandwidth : 125 1000 MHz
- Connectors : N, BNC

PRC series (Quarter Wave Protection)

The other way to protect antenna lines is relevant replacement of the gas tube by a proper short-circuit chosen according to the operating frequency band. This short-circuit is tuned to one quarter of the wavelength, giving its name to «quarter-wave protection». This tuned short-circuit between the conducting core and the external ground acts as a band-pass filter.

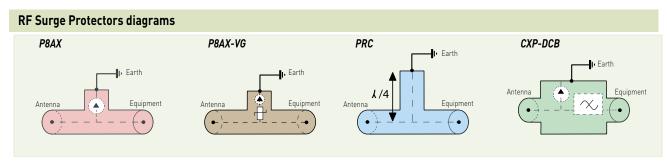
The filter may be selective (narrow band or wide-band), according to the calculation of various mechanical elements.

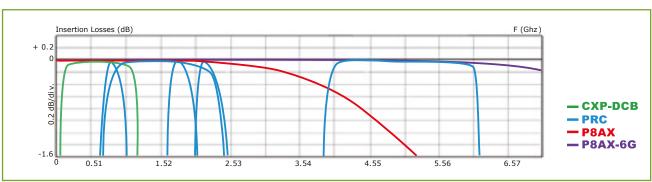
Since lightning has a low-frequency spectrum (from a few hundred kHz to a few MHz), it will be filtered out from the operating frequencies

The typical application is the protection of radio lines that do not have a source voltage.

Main characteristics:

- Insertion losses < 0.2 dB
- VSWR < 1.2
- Bandwidth : 400-500 MHz
 - 870-950 MHz
 - 1700-1950 MHz
 - 1700-2200 MHz
 - 870-220 MHz
- Imax : up to 100 kA (8/20µs)
- Connectors: 7/16, N, BNC, TNC, 7/8 câble





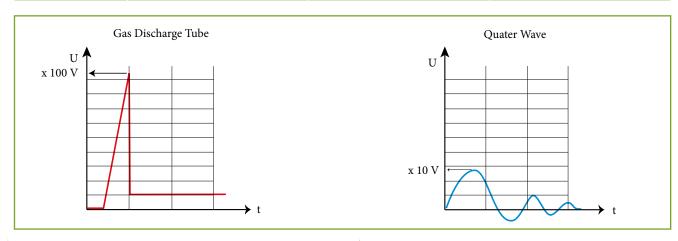
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Comparison

Table below allows comparison between the 3 technologies of RF coaxial surge protectors, in order to select the right solution regarding the application and the requirements.

Technology	Gas tube	DC Block	Quarter wave
CITEL series	P8AX	CXP-DCB	PRC
Principle	Sparkover	Sparkover + Filtering	Adapted short-circuit/selective band filter
Residual voltage	from 600V to 2400 V in relation with the dV/ $$	< 100 V	< 20 V
	dt, then arc regime (short-circuit of the line	Short-circuit of the line in the full bandwidth	RF signal not disturbed during the protec-
	in the full bandwidth). RF signal disturbed	: RF signal disturbed during the protection	tion operation.
	during the protection operation. Except for	operation.	
	the option VG		
Bandwidth	DC to 3GHz (dependent oN the coaxial	125-1000 MHz	Narrow band (GSM, DCS1800, PCS, DECT,
	connector and the impedance)		GPS) up to 5800 MHz
DC injection	Compatible	Not compatible	Not compatible
8/20µs discharge current	20 kA	10 kA	Function of the connector : 100 kA for the
capability			7/16, 50 kA for the N
Life expectancy	Linked to the GDT stress	Linked to the GDT stress	Unlimited
Connectors	N, BNC, TNC, UHF, SMA, 7/16	N, BNC, TNC.	7/16, N, TNC
	option VG : only N		



Radio Frequency bands

LF : Low Frequency	30-300 kHz
MF : Medium Frequency	300-3000 kHz
HF : High Frequency	3-30 MHz
VHF : Very High Frequency	30-300 MHz
UHF : Ultra High Frequency	300-3000 MHz
SHF : Super High Frequency	3-30 GHz

A few Microwave applications

Tetra, Tetrapol	380-512 MHz
GSM850	824-894 MHz
Tetra	870-925 MHz
GSM 900	880-960 MHz
GPS	1575 MHz
GSM 1800	1710-1785 MHz
GSM 1900	1850-1990 MHz
DECT	1880-1900 MHz
WCDMA/TD-SCDMA	1850-2025 MHz
UMTS (IMT-2000)	1885-2200 MHZ
WLL (WiMax)	2400-5825 MHz



Installation

The efficiency of coaxial protectors is highly dependent on proper installation, in particular their connection to the earthing network of the installation.

The following installations rules must be strictly observed to ensure the efficiency:

- Equipotential bonding network : all the bonding conductors of the installation must be interconnected and connected to the installation earthing network.
- Optimized connection of the protector to the bonding network: to reduce the residual voltages during lightning discharge currents, the connection of the protector to the bonding network must be as short as possible (less than 50 cm) and has a proper cross section (at least 4 mm²).

The «feedthrough mounting» versions meet perfectly all these requirements.

Warning: for good contact, remove carefully all paintings or insulating coatings.

 Location of the protectors: they should preferably be placed at the entrance of the installation (to limit the penetration of lightning currents) and also near sensitive equipment (to enhance protection).

2 types of mounting

Feedthrough mounting

Direct mounting of the surge protector on the grounded frame at the installation entrance (or on specific bracket see p. 136):

- perfect connection to the bonding network
- best location (conduction of the surge currents at the entrance of the installation)
- good mechanical withstand.

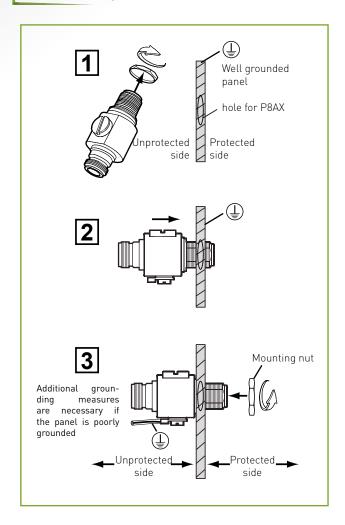
Alternative mounting

- connection to the bonding network by wire (4 mm² minimum and shortest length possible).

Standards

IEC 61643-21 UL497C UL497E

Mounting coaxial surge protectors in feedthrough



Reference system

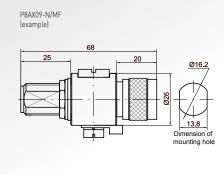
CITEL part number	Max. peak power
P8AX09	25 W
P8AX15	70W
P8AX25	190 W
P8AX35	380 W
P8AX50	780 W

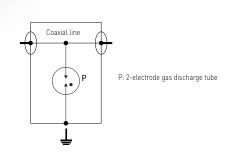
CITEL part number	Connectors
P8AX -N	N
P8AX -B	BNC
P8AX - T	TNC
P8AX -716	7/16
P8AX -F	F
P8AX -SMA	SMA

RF Coaxial Protectors - 4 GHz P8AX series

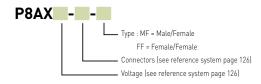








- Coaxial surge protector 4 GHz
- Low insertion losses
- Waterproof
- Removable GDT
- DC-pass
- Bi-directional protection



CITEL Model		P8AX09* P8AX25*				P8AX50*				
Description		RF coaxial protector - 4 GHz Parafoudre coaxial HF- 4 GHz				RF coaxial protector - 4 GHz				
Technology		Gas discharge tube Gas discharge tube				Gas discharge tube				
Max. frequency	DC-4GHz		DC-4GHz		DC-4GHz					
Max Power	Р	25 W		190 W		780 W				
Impedance	Z	50 ohms		50 ohms		50 ohms				
Insertion loss		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB				
Return loss		> 20 dB		> 20 dB		> 20 dB				
VSWR		<1.2:1		<1.2:1		<1.2:1				
Max. Load current	IL	10A		10A		10A				
Nominal discharge current - 8/20µs Test x 10 - C2 Category	In	5 kA		5 kA		5 kA				
Max. discharge current -max. withstand @ 8/20 µs by pole	lmax	20 kA		20 kA		20 kA				
Impulse current - 2 x 10/350µs Test - D1 Category	limp	2.5 kA		2.5 kA		2.5 kA				
Protection level	Up	< 650 V		< 800 V		<1200 V				
Failsafe behavior		Short-circuit		Short-circuit		Short-circuit				
Mechnical characteristics										
Dimensions		see diagram								
Connection to Network		N . TNC. SMA. F. BNC. 7/16								
Disconnection indicator		transmission interrupt								
Mounting		Feedthrough								
Operating temperature		-40/+85°C								
Protection rating		IP65								
Housing material		Brass/Surface plating : Cu Zn Sn								
Contacts		Bronze/Surface Au-Ag								
Insulation material		PTFE								
RohS compliance		yes								
Spare unit		BBHF-90V BBHF-250V				BBHF-500V				
Standards compliance		IEC 61643-21 / EN 61643-21 / UL497C / UL497E								
* Part number										
BNC connector Female/Female		P8AX09-B/FF	60111	P8AX25-B/FF	60114	P8AX50-B/FF	60117			
BNC connector Male/Female		P8AX09-B/MF	60101	P8AX25-B/MF	60104	P8AX50-B/MF	60107			
N connector Female/Female		P8AX09-N/FF	60011	P8AX25-N/FF	60014	P8AX50-N/FF	60017			
N connector Male/Female		P8AX09-N/MF	60001	P8AX25-N/MF	60004	P8AX50-N/MF	60007			
F connector Female/Female	P8AX09-F/FF	60211	P8AX25-F/FF	60214	-	-				
F connector Male/Female		P8AX09-F/MF	60201	P8AX25-F/MF	60204	-	-			
SMA connector Female/Female		P8AX09-SMA/FF	60511	P8AX25-SMA/FF	60514	P8AX50-SMA/FF	0			
SMA connector Male/Female		P8AX09-SMA/MF	60501	P8AX25-SMA/MF	60504	P8AX50-SMA/MF	0			
7/16 connector Female/Female		P8AX09-716/MF	60401	P8AX25-716/MF	60404	P8AX50-716/MF	60407			
7/16 connector Male/Female		P8AX09-716/FF	60411	P8AX25-716/FF	60414	P8AX50-716/FF	60417			

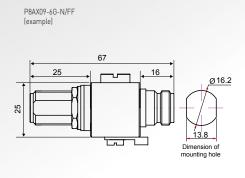
¹ Max. frequency type F : 2 GHz ² Impedance for F type connector is 75 ohms



RF Coaxial Protectors - 6 GHz **P8AX-6G series**

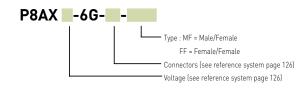








- Coaxial surge protector 6 GHz
- Low insertion losses
- Waterproof
- Removable GDT
- DC-pass
- Bi-directional protection



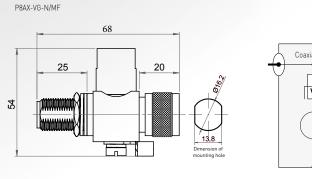
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Description		RF coaxial protector -	6 GHz	RF coaxial protector - 6	6 GHz		
Technology		Gas discharge tube		Gas discharge tube			
Max. frequency	f	DC-6GHz		DC-6GHz			
Max Power	P	25 W		190 W			
Impedance	Z	50 ohms		50 ohms			
Insertion loss		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB			
Return loss		> 20 dB		> 20 dB			
VSWR		<1.25:1		<1.25:1			
Max. Load current	IL	10A		10A			
Nominal discharge current - 8/20µs Test x 10 - C2 Category	In	5 kA		5 kA			
Max. discharge current -max. withstand @ 8/20 µs by pole	Imax	20 kA		20 kA			
Impulse current - 2 x 10/350µs Test - D1 Category	limp	2.5 kA		2.5 kA			
Protection level	Up	< 1100 V		< 2300 V			
Failsafe behavior		Short-circuit		Short-circuit			
Mechnical characteristics							
Dimensions		see diagram					
Connection to Network		N . TNC. SMA					
Disconnection indicator		transmission interrupt					
Mounting		Feedthrough					
Operating temperature		-40/+85°C					
Protection rating		IP65					
Housing material		Brass/Surface plating : Cu Zn Sn					
Contacts		Bronze/Surface Au-Ag					
Insulation material		PTFE					
RohS compliance		yes					
Spare unit		2 x BA HF -90/20 2 x BA HF -150/20					
Standards compliance		IEC 61643-21 / EN 61643-21 / UL497C / UL497E					
* Part number							
TNC connector Female/Female		P8AX09-6G-T/FF	68311	P8AX25-6G-T/FF	68314		
TNC connector Male/Female		P8AX09-6G-T/MF	68301	P8AX25-6G-T/MF	68304		
N connector Female/Female	P8AX09-6G-N/FF	68011	P8AX25-6G-N/FF	68014			
N connector Male/Female	P8AX09-6G-N/MF	68001	P8AX25-6G-N/MF	68004			
SMA connector Female/Female		P8AX09-6G-SMA/FF	68511	P8AX25-6G-SMA/FF	68514		
SMA connector Male/Female		P8AX09-6G-SMA/MF	68501	P8AX25-6G-SMA/MF	68504		

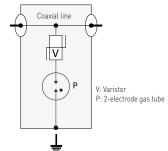


RF Coaxial Protectors - 6 GHz **P8AX-VG series**









- DC to 6 Ghz
- Imax:6kA
- VSWR ≤ 1.25
- Insertion Loss ≤ 0.2 dB
- Feedthrough mounting
- Bi-Directional protection
- DC pass
- Waterproof
- The transmitter does not short-circuit while the surge protector is operating

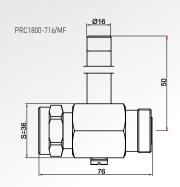
CITEL Model		P8AX09-VG-N/MF	P8AX25-VG-F/FF
Description		RF coaxial protector - 6 GHz - VG technology	RF coaxial protector - 6 GHz - VG technology
Technology		VG	VG
Max. frequency	f	DC to 6 GHz	DC to 6 GHz
Max Power	Р	25 W	190 W
Impedance	Z	50 ohms	50 ohms
Insertion loss		< 0.2dB	< 0.2dB
Return loss		> 20 dB	> 20 dB
VSWR		≤ 1.25:1	≤ 1.25:1
Max. Load current	IL	10A	10A
Nominal discharge current - 8/20µs Test x 10 - C2 Category	In	3 kA	3 kA
Max. discharge current -max. withstand @ 8/20 μs by pole	lmax	6 kA	6 kA
Impulse current - 2 x 10/350µs Test - D1 Category	limp	1 kA	1 kA
Protection level	Up	< 650 V	< 650 V
Failsafe behavior		Short-circuit	Short-circuit
Mechnical characteristics			
Dimensions		see diagram	see diagram
Connection to Network		connector N Male/Female	connector F Female/Female
Disconnection indicator		transmission interrupt	transmission interrupt
Mounting		Feedthrough	Feedthrough
Operating temperature		-40/+85°C	-40/+85°C
Protection rating		IP65	IP65
Housing material		Brass/Surface plating : Cu Zn Sn	Brass/Surface plating : Cu Zn Sn
Contacts		Bronze/Surface Au-Ag	Bronze/Surface Au-Ag
Insulation material		PTFE	PTFE
RohS compliance		yes	yes
Spare unit		-	-
Standards compliance		IEC 61643-21 / EN 61643-21 / UL497C / UL497E	IEC 61643-21 / EN 61643-21 / UL497C / UL497E
Part number		60601	60701

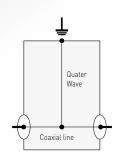


«Quarter-Wave» Coaxial Protectors *PRC series*

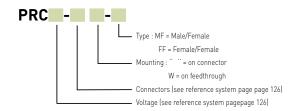








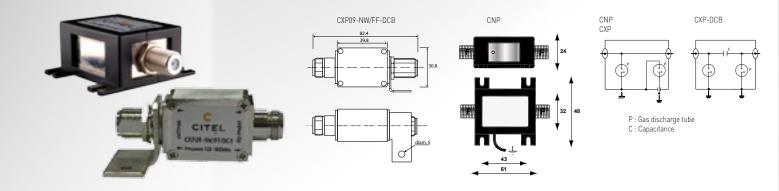
- Low insertion losses
- Imax > 50 kA
- · Available for wide-band application
- No maintenance



CITEL Model		PRC822S*		PRC900*		PRC1800*		PRC2100*		PRC5800*	
Description		"Quarter wave"		"Quarter wave"		"Quarter wave"		"Quarter wave"		"Quarter wave"	
'		coaxial protector		coaxial protector		coaxial protector		coaxial protector		coaxial protector	-
Technology		Quarter Wave		Quarter Wave		Quarter Wave		Quarter Wave		Quarter Wave	
Max. frequency	f	800-2200MHz		870-960MHz		1700-1950MHz		1800-2400MHz		4500-6000MHz	
Max Power	P	1500 W (7/16 = 250	00 W)	1500 W (7/16 = 25	i00 W)	1500 W (7/16 = 250	0 W)	1500 W		1500 W	
Impedance	Z	50 ohms		50 ohms		50 ohms		50 ohms		50 ohms	
Insertion loss		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB		< 0.2dB	
Return loss		> 20 dB		> 20 dB		> 20 dB		> 20 dB		> 20 dB	
VSWR		<1.2:1		<1.2:1		<1.2:1		<1.2:1		<1.2:1	
Max. Load current	IL	10A		10A		10A		10A		10A	
Nominal discharge current 8/20µs Test x 10 - C2 Category	In	25 kA		50 kA		50 kA		25 kA		25 kA	
Max. discharge current -max. withstand @ 8/20 μs by pole	Imax	50 kA		100 kA		100 kA		50 kA		50 kA	
Impulse current 2 x 10/350µs Test - D1 Category	limp	25 kA		50 kA		50 kA		25 kA		25 kA	
Protection level	Up	< 30 V		< 30 V		< 30 V		< 30 V		< 30 V	
Failsafe behavior		without		without		without with		without		without	
Mechnical characteristics											
Dimensions		see diagram									
Connection to Network		N or 7/16 connecto	or	N, TNC or 7/16 connector		N, TNC or 7/16 connector		N connector		N connector	
Mounting		on connector or fe	edthroug	h (W version)						connector	
Operating temperature		-40/+85°C									
Protection rating		IP65									
Housing material		Brass/Surface pla	ting : Cu i	Zn Sn							
Contacts		Bronze/Surface Au	ı-Ag								
Insulation material		PTFE									
Standards compliance		IEC 61643-21 / EN	61643-2	1 / UL497C / UL497	E						
* Part number											
N connector Female/Female		PRC822S-N/FF	61013	PRC900-N/FF	621124	PRC1800-N/FF	621125	PRC2100-N/FF	-	PRC5800-N/FF	621151
N connector Male/Female		PRC822S-N/MF	61003	PRC900-N/MF	621111	PRC1800-N/MF	621112	PRC2100-N/MF	621183	PRC5800-N/MF	621112
N connector Female/Female -		_	_	_	_	_	_	PRC2100-NW/FF	621172	_	_
Feedthrough mounting								11102100 1111/11	021172		
N connector Male/Female - Feed- through mounting		-	-	-	-	PRC1800-NW/MF	61108	PRC2100-NW/MF	-	-	-
T connector Female/Female		-	-	PRC900-T/FF	621126	PRC1800-T/FF	621127	-	-	-	-
T connector Male/Female		-	-	PRC900-T/MF	621113	PRC1800-T/MF	621115	-	-	-	-
7/16 connector Female/Female		PRC822S-716/MF	621139	PRC900-716/MF	621110	PRC1800-716/MF	621108	-	-	-	-
7/16 connector Male/Female		PRC822S-716/FF	/7/10	PRC900-716/FF	101100	PRC1800-716/FF	621107			_	

Coaxial surge protector CNP and CXP series





- Coaxial surge protector low frequency
- RoHS 6 compliance
- Waterproof
- Mounting on plate
- Bi-directional

CITEL Model		CNP90TV-F/FF	CNP230TV-F/F	F	CXP09*		CXP25*		CXP09*-DCB		CXP25*-DCB	
Description		Coaxial SPD for video	Coaxial SPD for	video	Coaxial SPD I	low	Coaxial SPD		Coaxial SPD		Coaxial SPD	
'		transmission networks	transmission ne	transmission networks		frequency		у	low frequency		low frequency	
Technology		Gas discharge tube	Gas discharge to	ube	Gas discharg	e tube	Gas discharg	je tube	GDT+Filter		GDT+Filter	
Max. frequency	f	DC-1 GHz	DC-1 GHz		DC-1 GHz		DC-1 GHz		125-1000 MHz		125-1000 MHz	
Max Power	Р	25 W	190 W		25 W		190 W		25 W		190 W	
Impedance	Z	50/75 ohms	50/75 ohms		50/75 ohms		50/75 ohms		50/75 ohms		50/75 ohms	
Insertion loss		< 0.6 dB	< 0.6 dB		< 0.5 dB		< 0.5 dB		< 1 dB		< 1 dB	
Return loss		> 20 dB	> 20 dB		> 18 dB		> 18 dB		> 20 dB		> 20 dB	
VSWR		< 1.35:1	< 1.35:1		< 1.3:1		< 1.3:1		<1.3:1		<1.3:1	
Max. Load current	IL	0.5 A	0.5 A		0.5 A		0.5 A		0.5 A		0.5 A	
Nominal discharge current 8/20µs Test x 10 - C2 Category	In	5 kA	5 kA	5 kA			5 kA		5 kA		5 kA	
Max. discharge current -max. withstand @ 8/20 µs by pole	Imax	20 kA	20 kA	20 kA		20 kA			20 kA		20 kA	
Impulse current 2 x 10/350µs Test - D1 Category	limp	2.5 kA	2.5 kA	2.5 kA		2.5 kA 2.5 kA			2.5 kA		2.5 kA	
Protection level	Up	600 V	600 V		600 V	600 V 600 V			600 V		600 V	
Failsafe behavior		Short-circuit	Short-circuit		short-circuit short-circuit			short-circuit		short-circuit		
Mechnical characteristics												
Dimensions		see diagram										
Connection to Network		Connector F. female/fe	male		N or F connector							
Disconnection indicator		transmission interrupt										
Mounting		on plate										
Operating temperature		-40/+85°C										
Protection rating		IP20			IP20							
Housing material		Metal+plastic			Brass							
Standards compliance		IEC 61643-21 / EN 616	'									
*Part number												
N connector Female/Female			-	-	CXP09-N/FF	631655	CXP25-N/FF	-	CXP09-N/FF-DCB	631652	CXP25-N/FF-DCB	631652
N connector Male/Female			-	-	CXP09-N/MF	-	CXP25-N/MF	631754	CXP09-N/MF-DCB	631653	CXP25-N/MF-DCB	631653
F connector Female/Female		CNP90TV-F/FF 6329012	CNP230TV-F/FF	632302	CXP09-F/FF	631651	CXP25-F/FF	631757	-	-	-	-
F connector Male/Female		CNP90TV-F/MF 6329011	-	-	CXP09-F/MF	631611	CXP25-F/MF	_	-	-	-	-

Accessories for mounting coaxial surge protectors



Bracket for coaxial surge protector

- Screw fixing
- Grounding
- · Requires a feedthrough connector





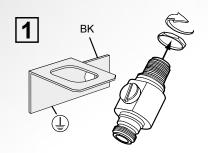


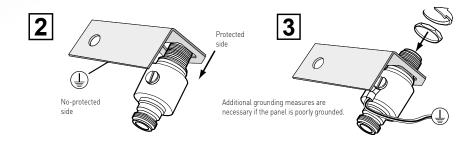
BK-N bracket for N connector



BK-SMA bracket for SMA connector

Mounting bracket





Reference braket

CITEL	Part number	Connection
BK-D	66001	7/16
BK-F	66002	F
BK-N	66003	N
BK-SMA	66006	SMA
BK-T/BK-B	66007	BNC and TNC

Gas discharge tube

- GDT for maintenance of coaxial surge protectors P8AX
- Adapted for use in very high frequency
- · Selection according to the RF signal power

CITEL P/N	Part number	Packaging	P8AX reference
BBHF 90/20	927000107	Packing*10	P8AX09-xxx
BBHF 150/20	927000207	Packing*10	P8AX15-xxx
BBHF 250/20	927005907	Packing*10	P8AX25-xxx
BBHF 350/15	927006507	Packing*10	P8AX35-xxx
BBHF 500/20	927002207	Packing*10	P8AX50-xxx
BAHF 90/20	927100107	Packing*10	P8AX09-6G
BAHF 150/20	927100207	Packing*10	P8AX 25-6G

