Technical Notes

C-FAP Product Summary

Basic operation of the C-FAP device

The C-FAP high-speed protector is a device for circuit protection using MOSFET. The C-FAP protector placed in series with the system to monitor the line current. If the current exceeds the set level, The C-FAP device protects sensitive electronic equipment by providing an effective barrier against excessive and destructive voltages and currents during surges.

When the line current exceeds the C-FAP device's trigger current (Itrigger), the C-FAP device operates at about 1 µm. After operating, the C-FAP device limits line current to values below 1mA and blocks voltages, including surges, up to the rated limit.

After a surge, the C-FAP automatically resets when the voltage across the C-FAP device drops below Vreset.

C-FAP devices automatically reset on lines with no DC bias or DC bias below Vreset (signal lines with no power, etc.).

If the line has a normal DC bias above Vreset, the voltage across the C-FAP device may not drop below Vreset after a surge. Special care must be taken in such cases to guarantee resetting of the C-FAP device. Software monitoring can be used to achieve the above.

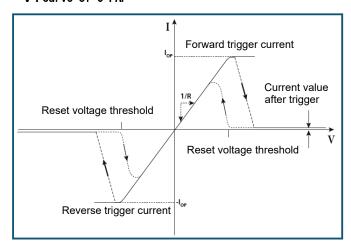
Major features

- •The C-FAP devices are used in series with the line.
- •The C-FAP device triggers on the rising edge of the current.
- •The C-FAP devices can block voltages up to 850V. Allows easy coordination with overvoltage protection components.
- •The C-FAP offers excellent protection below 1µm.
- •The C-FAP is reset by voltage.
- •The C-FAP has extremely low capacitance.

V-I curve of C-FAP

Main advantages

- ·High speed performance
- •The C-FAP blocks voltage and current.
- Extremely low pass energy 100nJ
- It will self-reset in the line without DC bias.
- ·Small DFN package
- •The C-FAP-PL & PK series is triggered by voltage.
- Minimum board area
- ·Ultra-thin package



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Selection of C-FAP and overvoltage protection device

Step 1: Check current

- ·You check the peak operating current and maximum operating temperature of your system.
- •You determine the C-FAP derating value by using the derating curve from the C-FAP device datasheet 「Trigger current and temperature」.

Step 2: Selecting overvoltage protection

•Select an overvoltage protection device with a DC breakdown voltage higher than the normal system voltage and expected AC power crossings. The selected device shall be capable of carrying the required lightning surge current.

Step 3: Selection of C-FAP devices

•You select a C-FAP device with a maximum impulse voltage (Vimp) higher than the clamp voltage or the maximum impulse breakover voltage of the selected overvoltage protection device.

The selected C-FAP device should have a minimum Itrigger greater than the peak value of the maximum operating current of the temperature-compensated system.

Step 4: Others

In many applications the circuit being protected will provide enough current to trigger the C-FAP. If the circuit being protected has high impedance, place a small avalanche diode to ground and a small signal diode for clamping to the power circuit after the C-FAP device. This ensures C-FAP triggering and prevents interface voltages from rising to dangerous levels.

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