

# **EPCOS Product Brief 2013**

# Surge Arresters – EHV Series

Gas Discharge Tubes for Enhanced High-Voltage Applications

# **Applications**

## Automotive

- On-board chargers in electric and hybrid vehicles
- EV charging stations

### Consumer

- Air-conditioning
- Power supplies
- Printers and telefax

### Industrial

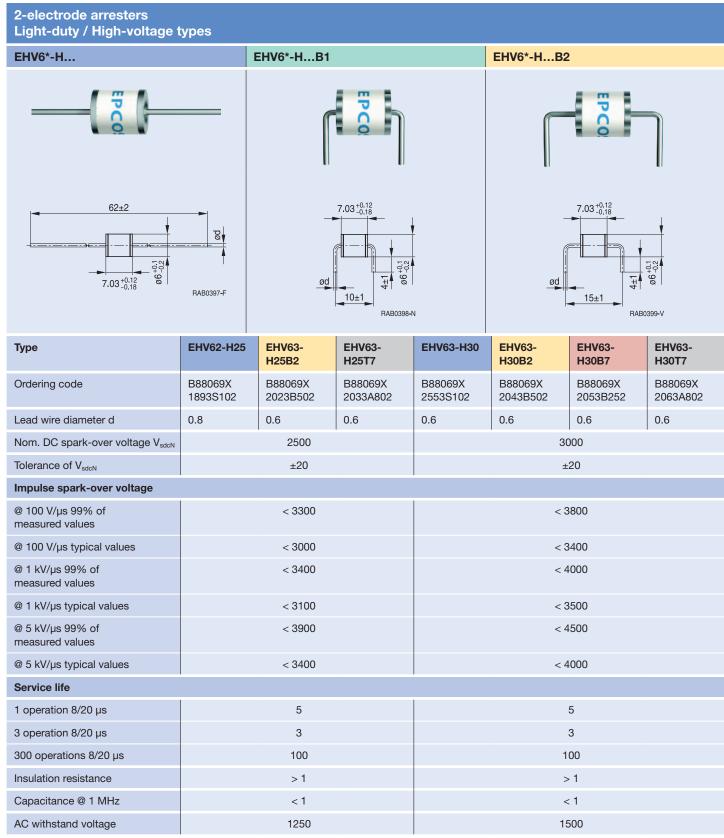
- LED street lighting
- Photovoltaics
- RF antenna circuits
- UPS

# **Features**

- Built to automotive standard (ISO TS 16949)
- Small sizes
- Fast response time
- High current handling capability
- Stable performance over service life
- Low capacitance and insertion loss
- High insulation resistance
- RoHS-compliant
- Different wire configurations and packaging upon request

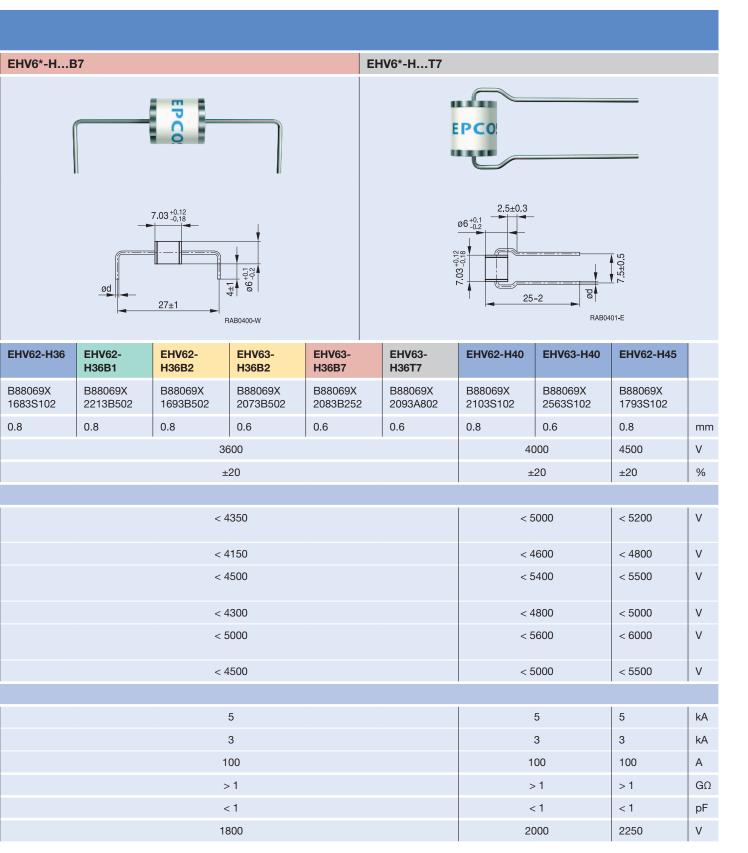


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Other combinations of voltage level, bending style and wire diameter on request.





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# Overvoltage protection by gas discharge tubes

Voltage surges in powered systems caused by lightning or line power faults can affect sensitive electronic circuitry. Gas discharge tubes (GDTs) have long been the solution of choice for overvoltage protection in installations such as underground cables, overhead lines, private branch exchanges and telecom main distribution frames. Now they are standard solution for preventing damage by surges in DSL- and cable modems, fax machines and other communication equipment.

GDTs shunt surge current to ground and limit overvoltage to a harmless level. Major benefits of GDTs are their high current handling capability (up to several kA), high insulation resistance and extremely low capacitance, making them almost unnoticed in normal operation.

With the implementation of onboard electric circuitry as part of the introduction of electric and plug-in hybrid drives, automobiles are now confronted with the same dangers as fixed installations or equipment. In the new EHV series EPCOS offers arresters with high current handling capability that are especially designed for the needs of the automotive industry.

All tubes are produced at a site certified to ISO TS 16949 standard together with products that have been in use in automotive applications for almost 20 years. The arresters are tested by automotive standards like IEC 60068 and can sustain high humidity environments and heavy vibration while maintaining full operability at all times. They can withstand high AC voltages without ignition. The EPCOS EHV series is fully UL graded (UL1449, E319264) and can be delivered for many different voltage levels as well as in different wire configurations.

### Overvoltage protection of battery chargers in automotive application

# 2-electrode arrester with varistors A 2-electrode arrester is connected to the center point of the series connection of two varistors EMI filter Rectifier Converter Battery RABD396 X-E

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