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High-voltage soft-recovery controlled avalanche rectifier

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FEATURES

• Glass passivated
• High maximum operating temperature
• Low leakage current
• Excellent stability
• Soft-recovery switching characteristics
• Guaranteed avalanche energy absorption capability.

APPLICATIONS

• High-voltage rectification at high frequencies
• Sub-component for very high voltage rectifiers, for example, in X-ray and radar equipment.

DESCRIPTION

Rugged glass package, using a high temperature alloyed construction.

This package is hermetically sealed and fatigue free as coefficients of expansion of all used parts are matched.

LIMITING VALUES

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134).

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<td>VRRM</td>
<td>repetitive peak reverse voltage</td>
<td>averaged over any 20 ms period;</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td>crest working reverse voltage</td>
<td></td>
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<td>6</td>
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<td>IF(AV)</td>
<td>average forward current</td>
<td></td>
<td>–</td>
<td>550</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<td>IFSM</td>
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<td></td>
<td>–</td>
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<td>PRSM</td>
<td>non-repetitive peak reverse power dissipation</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Tstg</td>
<td>storage temperature</td>
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<td>TJ</td>
<td>junction temperature</td>
<td></td>
<td>–65</td>
<td>+165</td>
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The package is designed to be used in an insulating medium such as resin, oil or SF6 gas.

See also the chapter on custom made high-voltage rectifiers in the “General Part of Handbook SC01”.

Fig.1  Simplified outline (SOD83A) and symbol.

The cathode is marked by a black band on the body.

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## ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

$T_J = 25 \, ^\circ\text{C}$; unless otherwise specified.

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<td>( V_F )</td>
<td>forward voltage</td>
<td>( I_F = 2 , \text{A}; \text{see Fig.5} )</td>
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<td>–</td>
<td>14.5</td>
<td>V</td>
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<td>( V_{(BR)R} )</td>
<td>reverse avalanche breakdown voltage</td>
<td>( I_R = 0.1 , \text{mA} )</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>kV</td>
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<tr>
<td>( I_R )</td>
<td>reverse current</td>
<td>( V_R = V_{RWM\text{max}}; T_J = T_{J\text{max}} )</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>( \mu \text{A} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( t_{rr} )</td>
<td>reverse recovery time</td>
<td>when switched from ( I_F = 0.5 , \text{A} ) to ( I_R = 1 , \text{A} ); measured at ( I_R = 0.25 , \text{A} ); see Fig.7</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>ns</td>
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## THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

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<td>( R_{\text{th}j-o} )</td>
<td>thermal resistance from junction to oil</td>
<td>note 1; see also Fig.6</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>K/W</td>
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**Note**

1. For more information please refer to the “General Part of Handbook SC01”.
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GRAPHICAL DATA

Fig. 2 Maximum permissible average forward current as a function of oil temperature (including losses due to reverse leakage).

Switched mode application.

\[ a = 1.57; \delta = 0.5; V_R = V_{RWMmax}. \]

Fig. 3 Maximum steady state power dissipation (forward plus leakage losses) as a function of average forward current.

Switched mode application.

\[ a = \frac{I_{F(RMS)}}{I_{F(AV)}}; \delta = 0.5; V_R = V_{RWMmax}. \]

Fig. 4 Maximum non-repetitive peak forward current as a function of burst duration.

50 Hz half sinewave current burst.

\[ T_j = 165 \, ^\circ\text{C prior to surge.} \]

\[ V_R = V_{RWMmax}. \]

Fig. 5 Forward current as a function of maximum forward voltage.

Dotted lines: \( T_j = 165 \, ^\circ\text{C}. \)

Solid line: \( T_j = 25 \, ^\circ\text{C}. \)
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Fig. 6: Thermal impedance in oil as a function of time.

Fig. 7: Test circuit and reverse recovery time waveform and definition.

Input impedance oscilloscope: 1 MΩ, 22 pF; \( t_i \leq 7 \) ns.
Source impedance: 50 Ω; \( t_i \leq 15 \) ns.
APPLICATION INFORMATION

Typical 3-phase bridge application information

Fig.8  Maximum permissible output current in a 3-phase rectifier bridge with a minimum time between exposures of 20 s; \( T_{oil} = 50 \, ^\circ\text{C} \).
Fig. 9  Maximum current through a 3-phase bridge rectifier versus pulse duration; exposure time $T = 1 \text{ s}$; $T_{oil} = 50 \, ^\circ\text{C}$.
Fig. 10  Maximum current through a 3-phase bridge rectifier versus pulse duration; exposure time $T = 3$ s; $T_{oil} = 50$ °C.
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PACKAGE OUTLINE

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Limiting values

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Application information

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