Figures G1-G2 — Typical Circuits for Gas Discharge Tubes

Figure G1

Two Electrode Devices for Ungrounded Circuits

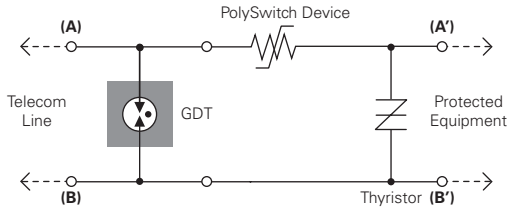

Figure G2

Three Electrode Devices for Grounded Circuits

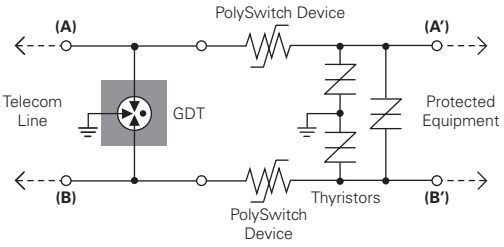

Table G1 — Device Voltage Ratings, Surge Rating, Capacitance, Insulation Resistance and Agency Approval for Two-Electrode Gas Discharge Tubes

Part Number	DC Sparkover Voltage @ 100V/s ± 20% Tolerance	Impulse Sparkover Voltage @ 1kV/µs	Impulse Discharge Current 8x20µs 10 Hits (5 Hits Each Polarity)	Impulse Discharge Current 8x20µs 300 Hits (150 Hits Each Polarity)	Impulse Withstanding Voltage 10/700µs 10 Hits (5 Times Each Polarity)	Capacitance @1MHz	Insulation Resistance @100V_{DC}†	UL Rating UL497B	UL Rating #E179610
GTCS23-XXXM-R01-2	75*	600	1kA	100A	4kV	<0.5pF	1,000 (MΩ)	All Devices	
	90	600							
	140	600							
	150	600							
GTCC23-XXXM-R01-2	200	700	1kA	100A	6kV‡	<0.5pF	1,000 (MΩ)	All Devices	
	230	700							
	300	900							
	350	1000							
	400	1000							

* DCSO 60~105
† Devices <=150V measured @ 50V_{DC}
‡ Effective output impedance: 40ohms

Part Number	DC Sparkover Voltage @ 100V/s ± 20% Tolerance	Impulse Sparkover Voltage @ 100V/µs	Impulse Sparkover Voltage @ 1kV/µs	DC Holdover Voltage Per ITU K.12	On-State Voltage Nominal (@1A) (V)	Impulse Discharge Current 8x20µs 10 Hits	Impulse Life 10x1000µs 300 Hits	AC Discharge Current (1s duration; 10 hits) @ 50 Hz	Capacitance @ 1MHz	Insulation Resistance @ 100V_{DC}	UL Rating UL497B #E179610
GTCX25-XXXM-R02	75	450	550	<52	20	2.5kA	100A	2.5Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	90	450	550	<52	20						
GTCX26-XXXM-R05	140	500	600	<80	20	5kA	100A	5Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	150	500	600	<80	20						
	200	600	700	<135	20						
GTCX28-XXXM-R05	230	600	700	<135	20	5kA	100A	5Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	250	600	700	<135	20						
	260	700	800	<135	20						
	300	800	900	<150	20						
GTCX28-XXXM-R10	350	900	1000	<150	20	10kA	100A	10Arms	<1pF††	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	400	900	1000	<150	20						
	420	900	1000	<150	20						
	470	1050	1150	<150	20						
	500	1100	1200	<150	20						
GTCX28-XXXM-R20**	550	1300	1400	<150	20	20kA	100A	20Arms	<1.5pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	600	1300	1400	<150	20						

** GTCX28-XXXM-R20 parts only up to 350V
†† <1.2pF for 75V and 90V devices.

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Table G2 — Device Voltage Ratings, Surge Rating, Capacitance, Insulation Resistance and Agency Approval for Two Electrode High-Voltage Gas Discharge Tubes

Part Number	DC Sparkover Voltage @100V/s ± 20% Tolerance	Impulse Sparkover Voltage @ 100V/µs	Impulse Life 10/1000µs 100A	AC Discharge Current, 50Hz Multiple Hits (1s Duration: 10 Hits)	AC Discharge Current, 50Hz Single Hit, 9 Cycles	Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs 10 Hits (5 Hits Each Polarity)	Impulse Discharge Current 8/20µs 1 Hit	Capacitance @ 1MHz	UL Rating UL1449 #E332226
GTCA28-801M-R05	800	1400	300 times	5A	N/A	5kA	N/A	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-102M-R03	1000	1700	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-122M-R03	1200	1900	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-152L-R03	1500 (± 15%)	2200	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-212M-R03	2100	2700	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-242M-R03	2400	3300	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-252M-R03	2500	3500	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-272L-R03	2700 (± 15%)*	3700	300 Times†	N/A	N/A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-302M-R03	3000	4000	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-312L-R03	3100 (± 15%)*	3700‡	300 Times†	N/A	N/A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-362M-R03	3600	4600	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓
GTCA28-402M-R03	4000	5000	N/A	1A	5A	3kA	10kA	<1pF	✓

Table G3 — Device Voltage Ratings, Surge Rating, Capacitance, Insulation Resistance and Agency Approval for Three-Electrode Gas Discharge Tubes

Part Number	DC Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) @ 100V/s ± 20% Tolerance	Impulse Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) @ 100V/µs	Impulse Sparkover Voltage (A-E) (B-E) @ 1kV/µs	DC Holdover Voltage Per ITU K.12	On-State Voltage Nominal (@1A) (V)	Impulse Discharge Current (A+B-E) 8x20µs 10 Hits	Impulse Life (A+B-E) 10x1000µs 300 Hits	AC Discharge Current (1s duration; 10 hits) (A+B-E) @ 50 Hz	Capacitance @ 1MHz	Insulation Resistance @ $100V_{DC}$*	UL Rating UL497B #E179610
GTCX35-XXXM-R05	75	450	550	<52	20	5kA	100A	5Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	90	450	550	<52	20						
GTCX36-XXXM-R05	140	500	600	<80	20	5kA	200A	5Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	150	500	600	<80	20						
	200	600	700	<135	20						
GTCX36-XXXM-R10	230	600	700	<135	20	10kA	200A	10Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	250	600	700	<135	20						
	260	700	800	<135	20						
	300	800	900	<150	20						
GTCX37-XXXM-R10	350	900	1000	<150	20	10kA	200A	10Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	400	900	1000	<150	20						
	420	900	1000	<150	20						
	470	1050	1150	<150	20						
	500	1100	1200	<150	20						
GTCX38-XXXM-R10	550	1300	1400	<150	20	10kA	200A	10Arms	<1pF	10,000 (MΩ)	All Devices
	600	1300	1400	<150	20						

* Insulation resistance measured at 50V for devices less than 150V.
Insulation resistance measured at 250V for devices more than 500V.

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Figures G3-G11 — Dimensions for Gas Discharge Tubes

Figure G3 — Two Electrode 3mm Product Dimensions

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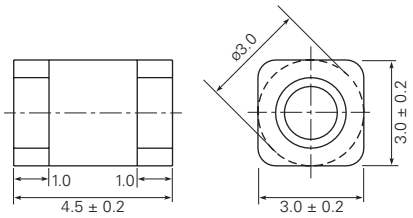

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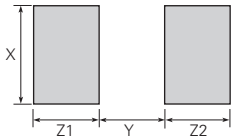
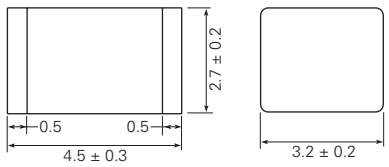


	X Nom	Y Nom	Z1 Nom	Z2 Nom
mm	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
in*	0.118	0.079	0.079	0.079

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.

Chip GDT
(GTCC23-XXXM-R01)



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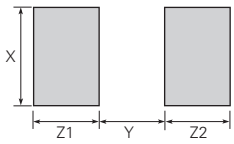

	X Nom	Y Nom	Z1 Nom	Z2 Nom
mm	3.5	2.7	2.0	2.0
in*	0.138	0.106	0.079	0.079

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Figure G4 — Two Electrode 5mm Product Dimensions

Axial Leads
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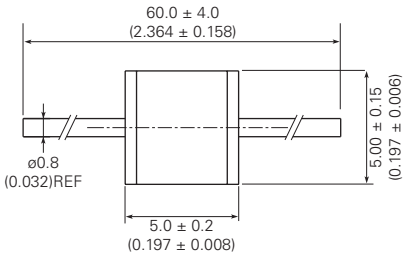

No Leads
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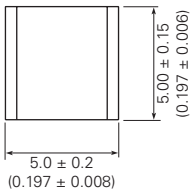

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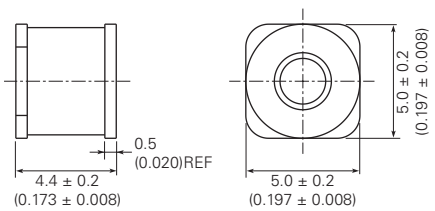

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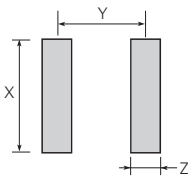

	X Nom	Y Nom	Z Nom
mm	6.0	3.9	1.3
in*	0.236	0.154	0.051

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.
† Parts with no leads are not solderable and are meant for insertion into magazine clips.

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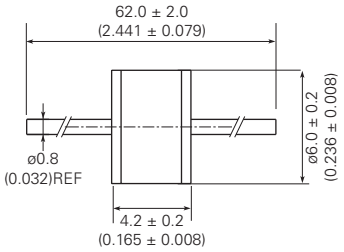
Figures G3-G11 — Dimensions for Gas Discharge Tubes (Cont'd)

Figure G5 — Two Electrode 6mm Product Dimensions

Axial Leads (GTCA26-XXXM-R05)



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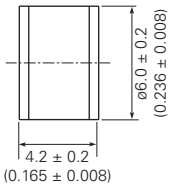

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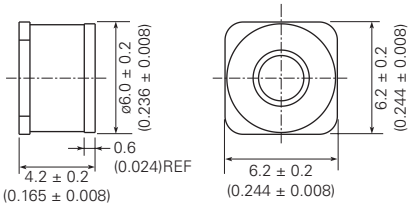

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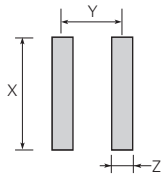

	X Nom	Y Nom	Z Nom
mm	7.0	3.7	1.3
in*	0.276	0.146	0.051

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.
† Parts with no leads are not solderable and are meant for insertion into magazine clips.

Figure G6 — Two Electrode 8mm Product Dimensions

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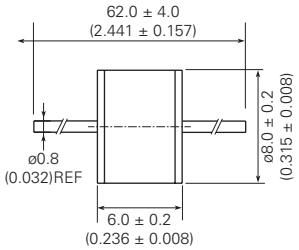

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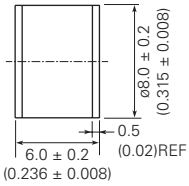

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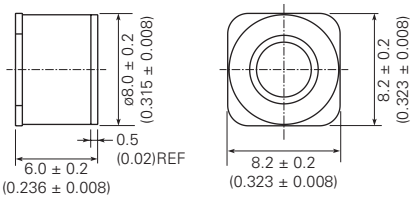

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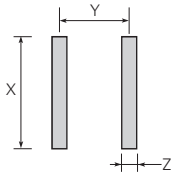

	X Nom	Y Nom	Z Nom
mm	9.0	5.6	1.2
in*	0.354	0.22	0.047

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.
† Parts with no leads are not solderable and are meant for insertion into magazine clips.

Figure G7 — Two Electrode 8mm High Voltage Product Dimensions

Axial Leads (GTCA28-XXXM-R0X)

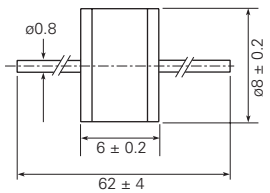

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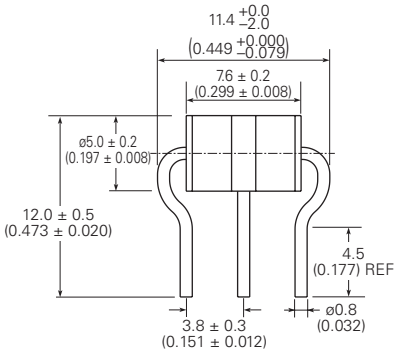
Figure G8 — Three Electrode 5mm Product Dimensions

Axial Leaded
(GTCA35-XXXM-R05)



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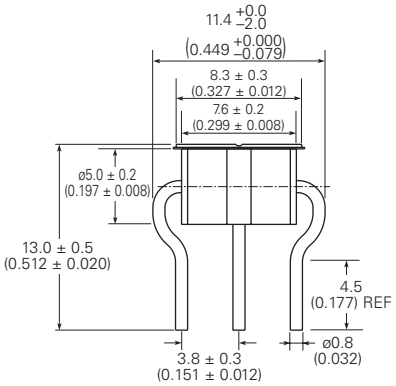

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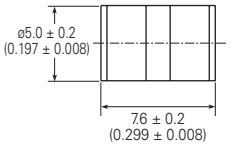

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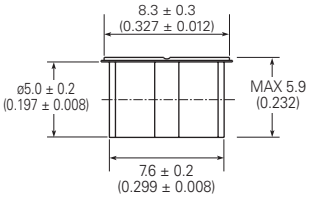

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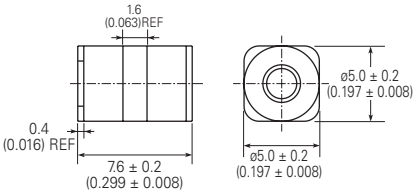

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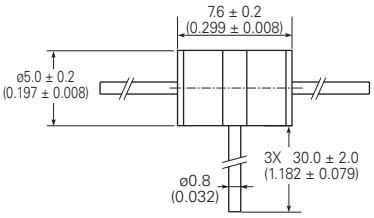

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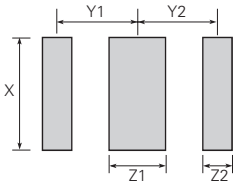

	X Nom	Y1 Nom	Y2 Nom	Z1 Nom	Z2 Nom
mm	6.0	3.6	3.6	2.5	1.3
in*	0.236	0.142	0.142	0.098	0.051

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.
† Parts with no leads are not solderable and are meant for insertion into magazine clips.

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Figure G9 — Three Electrode 6mm Product Dimensions

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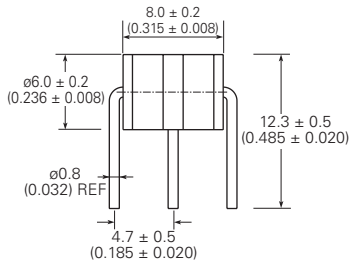

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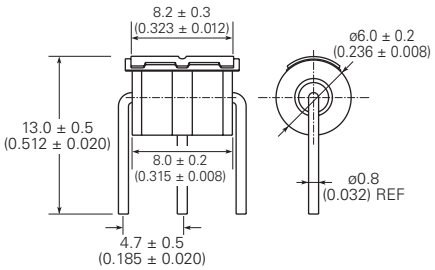

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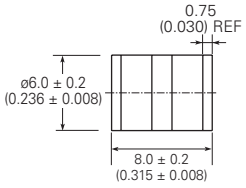

Dimensions in these drawings are in millimeters (inches)

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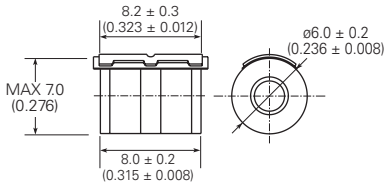

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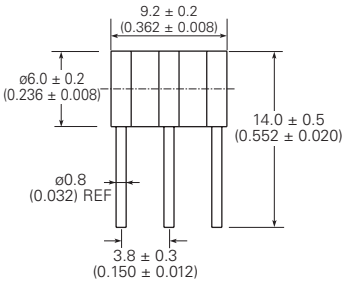
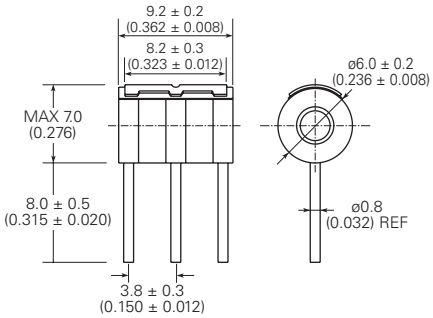


Radial Leaded with-FT
(GTCR36-XXXM-R05 and R10-FT)



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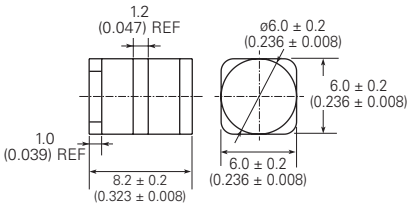

Pad Layout - Surface-mount Devices
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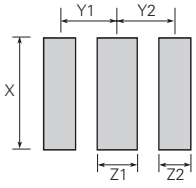
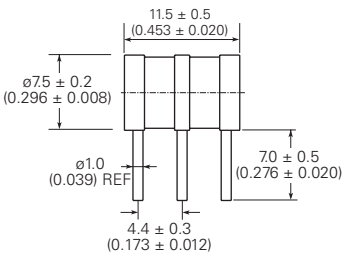


	X Nom	Y1 Nom	Y2 Nom	Z1 Nom	Z2 Nom
mm	7.0	3.6	3.6	2.5	2.0
in*	0.276	0.142	0.142	0.098	0.079

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.
† Parts with no leads are not solderable and are meant for insertion into magazine clips.

Figure G10 — Three Electrode 7mm Product Dimensions

Radial Leaded
(GTCR37-XXXM-R10)



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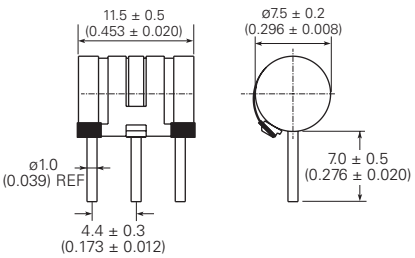

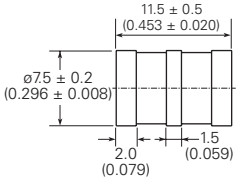

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Figures G3-G11 — Dimensions for Gas Discharge Tubes (Cont'd)

Figure G11 — Three Electrode 8mm Product Dimensions

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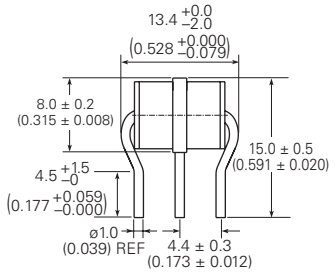

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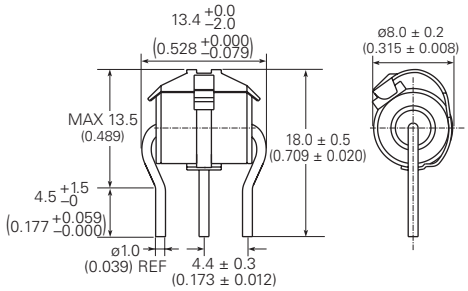

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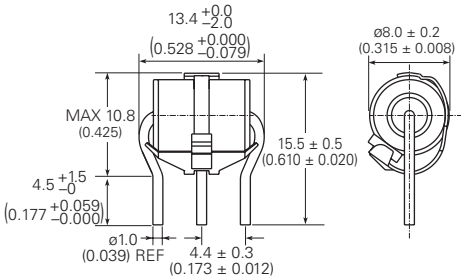

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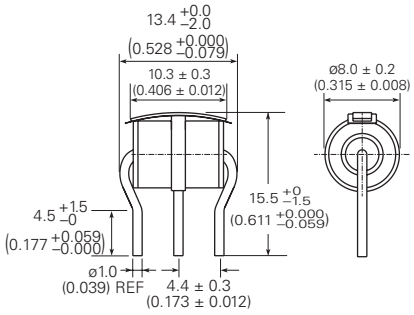

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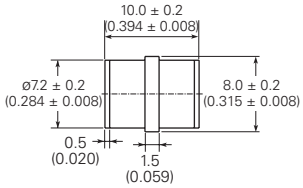

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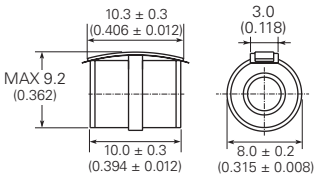

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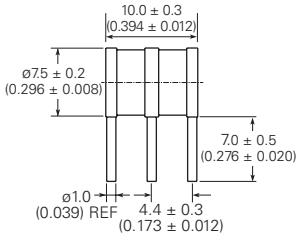

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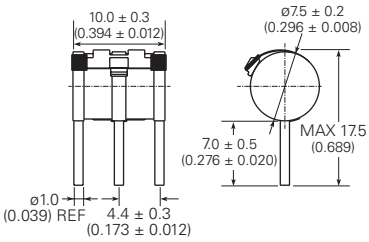

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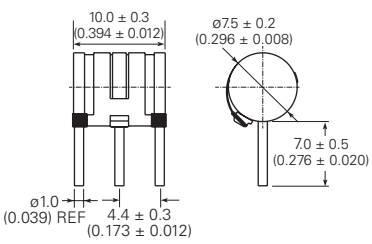

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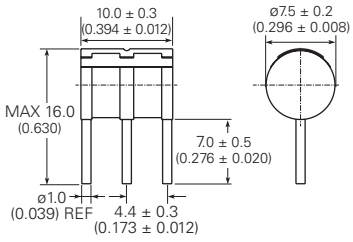
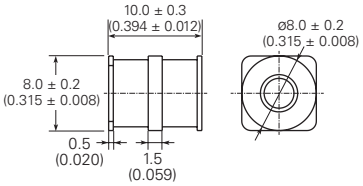
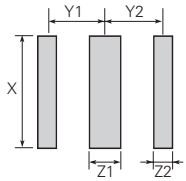


Surface-mount (GTCS38-XXXM-R10)



Dimensions in these drawings are in millimeters (inches)

Pad Layout - Surface-mount Devices (GTCS38-XXXM-R10)



	X Nom	Y1 Nom	Y2 Nom	Z1 Nom	Z2 Nom
mm	9.0	4.65	4.65	2.5	1.5
in*	0.354	0.183	0.183	0.098	0.059

* The dimensions in inches are rounded approximations.
† Parts with no leads are not solderable and are meant for insertion into magazine clips.

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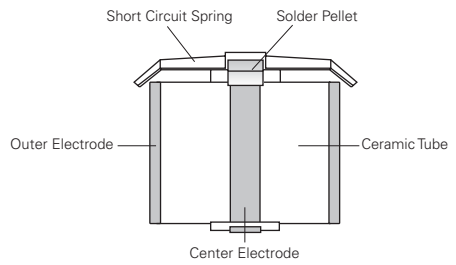
Fail-Short Mechanism for Gas Discharge Tubes

Fail-Short Mechanism — FS

The FS fail-short mechanism is a short circuit spring mounted onto a solder pellet located at the center electrode of the gas tube. Under normal operating conditions, the pellet is positioned to make the spring float above the outer electrodes, as shown in Figure G11 on the previous page..

When a prolonged discharge event causes the gas tube temperature to reach the melting point of the solder, the pellet softens allowing the short circuit spring to contact with both outer electrodes (Figure G12). This process results in a permanent short circuit between all three electrodes creating a low resistance path that conducts the fault current to ground without generating a significant amount of heat.

Figure G12

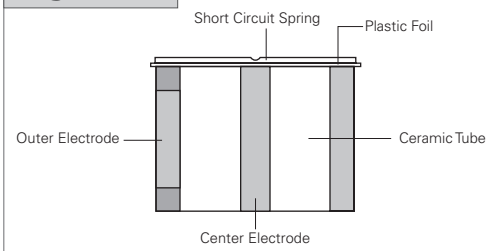


Fail-Short Mechanism — FT

The FT fail-short mechanism is a short circuit spring with a piece of plastic foil spot welded onto the center electrode. Under normal operating conditions, the plastic foil makes the spring insulated from the two outer electrodes.

When a prolonged discharge event causes the gas tube temperature to reach the melting point of the plastic foil, the plastic foil melts allowing the short circuit spring to contact both outer electrodes (Figure G13). This process results in a permanent short circuit between all three electrodes creating a low resistance path that conducts the fault current to ground without generating a significant amount of heat.

Figure G13



Operation and Storage Temperatures for Gas Discharge Tubes

Operation Temperature Range

Models without Fail-Short Mechanism : -40°C/+90°C
Models with Fail-Short Mechanism : -20°C/+65°C

Storage Temperature Range

Models without Fail-Short Mechanism : -40°C/+90°C
Models with Fail-Short Mechanism : -20°C/+65°C

Packaging Information for Gas Discharge Tubes

Part Description	Parts in Bulk		Parts in Tape and Reel	
	Min Order Quantity	Box Quantity	Tape and Reel Min Order Quantity	Box Quantity
3mm 2Pole Surface-mount	—	—	2000	16000
5mm 2Pole No leads	5000	20000	—	—
5mm 2Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
5mm 2Pole Surface-mount	—	—	1500	12000
6mm 2Pole No leads	2000	10000	—	—
6mm 2Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
6mm 2Pole Surface-mount	—	—	750	6000
8mm 2pole No leads	2000	10000	—	—
8mm 2Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
8mm 2Pole Surface-mount	—	—	500	4000
5mm 3Pole No leads	2500	10000	—	—
5mm 3Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
5mm 3Pole Surface-mount	—	—	1000	8000
6mm 3Pole No leads	2500	10000	—	—
6mm 3Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
6mm 3Pole Surface-mount	—	—	750	4500
7mm 3Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
8mm 3Pole No leads	1000	5000	—	—
8mm 3Pole Leads	1000	5000	—	—
8mm 3Pole Surface-mount	—	—	500	2500

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Installation for Gas Discharge Tubes

Care should be taken when installing GDTs equipped with fail-short mechanisms into arrester magazines, printed circuit boards, etc. Too much downward pressure may force the short circuit spring through the thin insulation tube creating a shorted condition.

Solder Reflow Recommendations for Surface-mount GDT Devices

Surface-mount GDTs can be soldered using standard Pb-free reflow profiles.

Table G4 — Tape and Reel Specifications

Tape Dimension EIA Mark	3mm devices (2 pole) Dimension (mm)	5mm devices (2 pole) Dimension (mm)	6mm devices (2 pole) Dimension (mm)	8mm devices (2 pole) Dimension (mm)
A_0	3.40±0.10	4.9±0.10	6.70±0.10	8.60±0.10
B_0	5.00±0.10	5.5±0.10	4.60±0.10	6.40±0.10
D_0	1.50+0.10/-0	1.50+0.10/-0	1.50+0.10/-0	1.50+0.10/-0
D_1	—	1.5 MIN	—	—
E_1	1.75±0.10	1.75±0.10	1.75±0.10	1.75±0.10
E_2	14.25±0.30	14.25±0.30	14.25±0.30	14.25±0.30
F	7.50±0.10	7.50±0.10	7.50±0.10	7.50±0.10
P_0	4.00±0.10	4.00±0.10	4.00±0.10	4.00±0.10
P_1	8.00±0.10	8.00±0.10	12.00±0.10	12.00±0.10
P_2	2.00±0.10	2.00±0.10	2.00±0.10	2.00±0.10
W	16.00±0.30	16.00±0.30	16.00±0.30	16.00±0.30
TapeThickness EIA Mark	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**
B_1	—	—	—	—
K_0	3.30±0.10	5.30±0.10	6.50±0.10	8.50±0.10
T	0.35±0.05	0.40±0.05	0.35±0.05	0.50±0.05
T_1	—	—	—	—
T_2	—	—	—	—
Reel Dimension EIA Mark	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**
A	330	330	330	330
B	2.20±0.50	2.20±0.50	2.20±0.50	2.20±0.50
C	13.00±0.20	13.00±0.20	13.00±0.20	13.00±0.20
D	20.20±1.00	20.20±1.00	20.20±1.00	20.20±1.00
N	100.00±1.00	100.00±1.00	100.00±1.00	100.00±1.00
W_1	16.50±0.10	16.50±0.10	16.50±0.10	16.50±0.10
W_2	21.10±02.00	21.10±02.00	21.10±02.00	21.10±02.00

Figure G14 — EIA Referenced Taped Component Dimensions

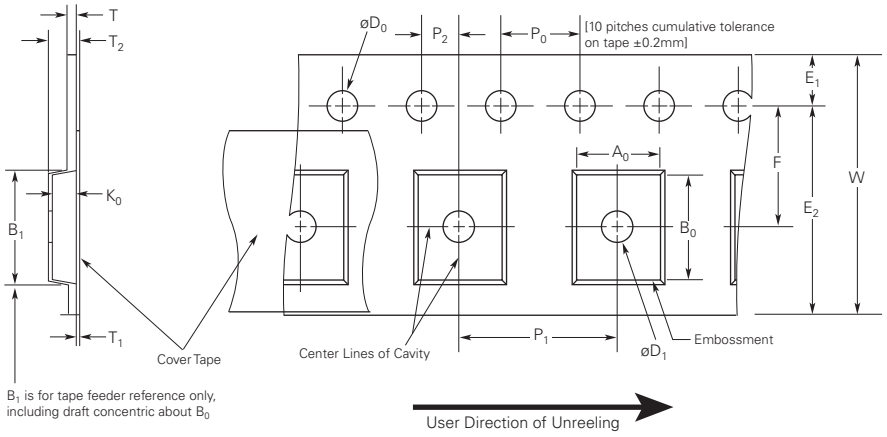

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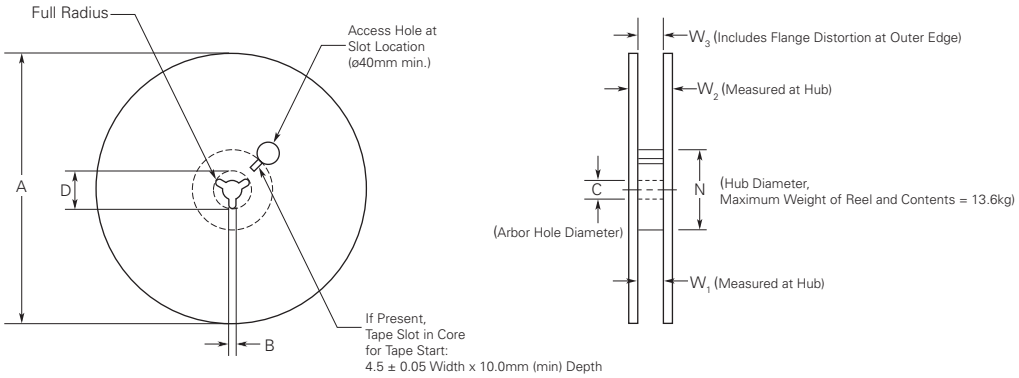
Table G5 — Tape and Reel Specifications

Tape Dimension EIA Mark	5mm devices (3 pole) Dimension (mm)	6mm devices (3 pole) Dimension (mm)	8mm devices (3 pole) Dimension (mm)
A_0	5.40±0.10	6.50±0.10	8.50±0.10
B_0	8.00±0.10	8.60±0.10	10.60±0.10
D_0	1.50+0.10/-0	1.50+0.10/-0	1.50+0.10/-0
D_1	1.50(min)	1.50(min)	—
E_1	1.75±0.10	1.75±0.10	1.75±0.10
E_2	14.25±0.30	22.25±0.30	22.25±0.30
F	7.50±0.10	11.50±0.10	11.50±0.10
P_0	4.00±0.10	4.00±0.10	4.00±0.10
P_1	8.00±0.10	12.00±0.10	16.00±0.10
P_2	2.00±0.10	2.00±0.10	2.00±0.10
W	16.00±0.30	24.00±0.30	24.00±0.30
TapeThickness EIA Mark	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**
B_1	—	—	—
K_0	5.70±0.10	6.30±0.10	8.40±0.10
T	0.50±0.05	0.50±0.05	0.50±0.05
T_1	—	—	—
T_2	—	—	—
Reel Dimension EIA Mark	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**	**Dimension (mm)**
A	330	330	330
B	2.20±0.50	2.20±0.50	2.20±0.50
C	13.00±0.20	13.00±0.20	13.00±0.20
D	20.20±1.00	20.20±1.00	20.20±1.00
N	100.00±1.00	100.00±1.00	100.00±1.00
W_1	16.50±0.10	24.50±0.10	24.50±0.10
W_2	21.10±02.00	29.10±02.00	29.10±02.00
W_3	—	—	—

Figure G15 — EIA Referenced Reel Dimensions



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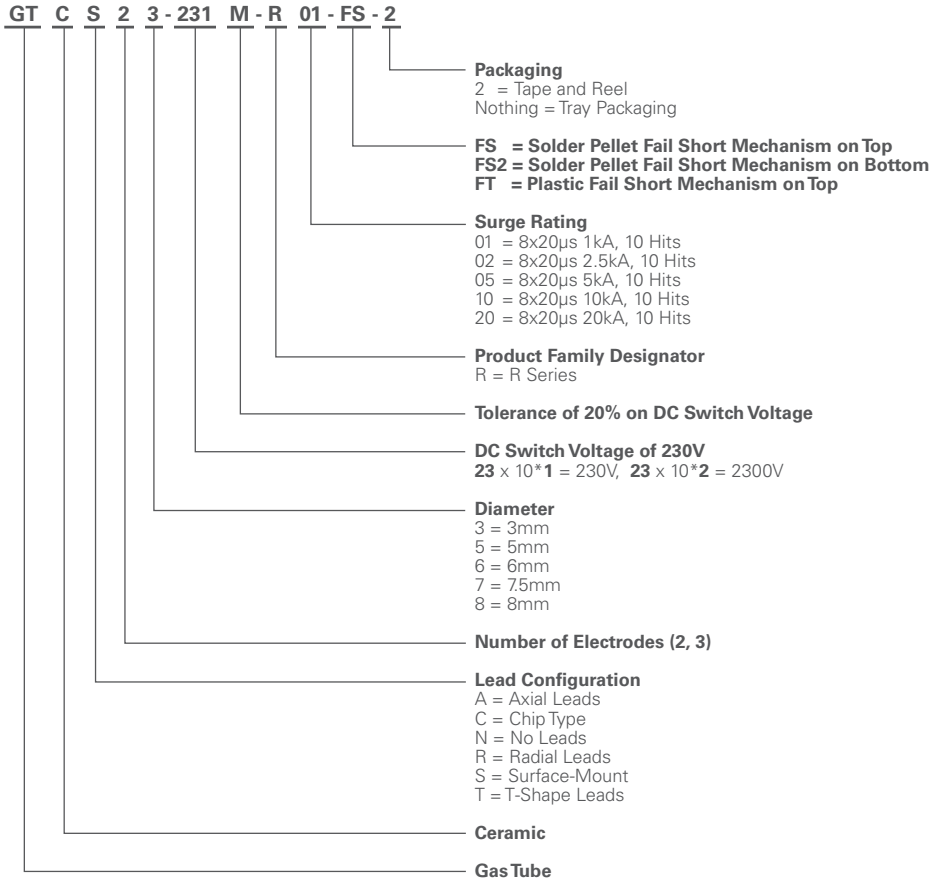
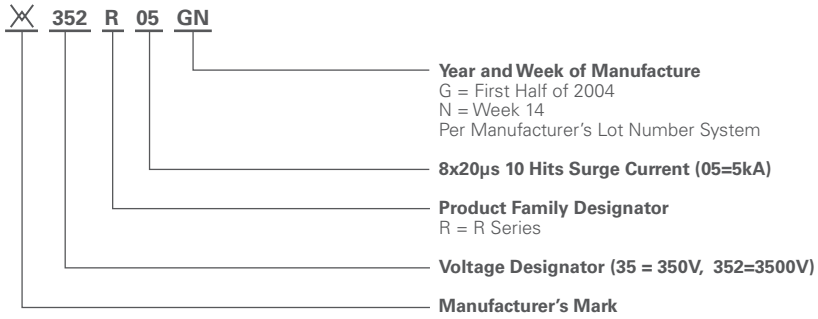
Part Numbering System for Gas Discharge Tubes

Example Part Number



NOTE: GTCS23-XXXM-R01 and GTCC23-XXXM-R01 parts available only in surface-mount and tape and reel packaging.

Marking Reference Guide — Example



NOTES: GTCS23-XXXM-R01 and GTCC23-XXXM-R01 parts will have no marking. Devices with no leads (GTCNxx-xxxx-xx) are not able to be soldered as their electrodes are nickel plated. They should be installed by insertion into a magazine clip.

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