INSTRUCTION MANUAL

LIGHTNING SURGE PROTECTOR FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

MODEL

MATP

BEFORE USE

Thank you for choosing M-System. Before use, please check contents of the package you received as outlined below. If you have any problems or questions with the product, please contact M-System's Sales Office or representatives.

■ PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Surge protector.....(1)

■ MODEL NO.

Check that the model No. described on the specifications matches the operational line voltage and other specifications as shown in 'PERFORMANCE' hereafter.

■ INSTALLATION / INSTRUCTION MANUAL

This manual describes necessary points of caution when you use this product, installation, and basic maintenance procedure.

LIMITATION APPLICABLE TO MATP

The MATP will protect electronics equipment from damage caused by induced lightning by absorbing most of the surge voltages.

However, MATP may not be effective against certain extremely high voltages exceeding its discharge current capacity (20 kA or 40 kA @ 8/20 µsec. waveform) caused by a direct or almost direct hit by lightning.

The MATP must be installed according to this installation / instruction manual.

PERFORMANCE

Max. continuous operating voltage (Uc): 600~V~DC

Discharge voltage: (Line to earth) 600 V DC

Maximum surge voltage: 2.5 kV

Maximum (Imax) and Nominal (In) discharge current: (8/20 usec.)

• MATP-600Mx: 20 kA (Imax), 10 kA (In)

• MATP-600Hx: 40 kA (Imax), 20 kA (In) Response time: ≤ 4 nsec.

Leakage current: ≤ 1 mA

Insulation resistance: \geq 100 $M\Omega$ with 500 V DC (line to

alarm output)

Dielectric strength: 2000 V AC @ 1 minute (line to alarm

output)

POINTS OF CAUTION

■ INSTALLATION

DANGER!

DO NOT install the MATP at the point common to an external lightning protection device such as a lightning rod. The MATP will be subject to the danger of direct lightning.

• DANGER!

DO NOT perform an installation and wiring of the MATP during thunder storms.

- Indoor use.
- Be sure to house the MATP inside an metal enclosure for safety. Even though the MATP is capable of withstanding an induced discharge current expected in normal conditions, it is entirely possible to be hit by a certain strong lightning exceeding its designed capacity. It is also subject to a direct hit by a lightning. The MATP will be destroyed by such high lightning energy.
- We recommend to install the MATP in a position where the monitor LED is clearly visible to facilitate inspection and maintenance.
- DO NOT install the MATP where it is subjected to continuous vibration. Do not apply physical impact to the MATP
- Environmental temperature must be within -25 to +80°C (-13 to +176°F) and relative humidity within 30 to 90% RH in order to ensure adequate life span and operation.

■ HIGH TEMPERATURE

DANGER!

The front parts of the surface may be hot. DO NOT grab the sides of the module. When the MATP's discharge element (zinc oxide element) gradually degrades, its increased leakage current causes high temperature at the surface of the MATP, until the discharge element is finally separated from the power line by the thermal breaker. However, a part of the module may already be too hot to touch safely if the module is near the end of its life.

■ DIELECTRIC STRENGTH TESTING

• Conduct the dielectric strength test with all power supply wires removed. The MATP will start discharging at the described discharge voltage if a test voltage is applied with all power supply wires connected. It will result in an insulation failure.

■ AND....

 We recommend that you keep spare MATPs so that you can replace them quickly when necessary.



FEATURES

■ CURRENT CAPACITY

The one-port SPD can be used regardless of the load current.

■ HIGH PERFORMANCE & RESPONSE TIME

• The discharge element (zinc oxide varistor) between the lines does not disturb the power line with follow current normally observed by a spark gap after a discharge. The response time is also very high.

■ HIGH DISCHARGE CURRENT CAPACITY

• The MATP is designed to withstand 20 kA or 40 kA surges (test waveform 8/20 µsec.). High design standard compared to normally induced surge current level of 1 kA.

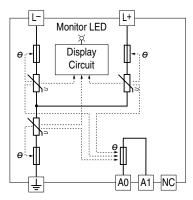
■ THERMAL BREAKER

- The power supply voltage is continuously applied to the incorporated discharge element (zinc oxide element). Degraded element is automatically separated from the power lines for safety to prevent overheating caused by leakage current.
- The failure is notified visually by the monitor LED and remotely by an alarm contact.

■ PREVENTING ELECTRIC SHOCK

- The MATP's terminal section with a terminal cover has IP20 protection level to protect from an electric shock.
- The MATP is designed for use with ring shape solderless terminals for a wide range of wire sizes from 2 to 14 mm².

SCHEMATIC CIRCUITRY



Θ: Thermal breaker

Note: Terminals A0 & A1 are available for 'Alarm output' code 'A.'

INSTALLATION

■ DIN RAIL MOUNTING

The MATP is mounted on a 35-mm-wide DIN rail. Set the MATP so that its DIN rail adaptor is at the bottom. Position the upper hook at the rear side of base on the DIN rail and push in the lower.

When removing, push down the DIN rail adaptor utilizing a minus screwdriver and pull.



CONNECTION PROCEDURE

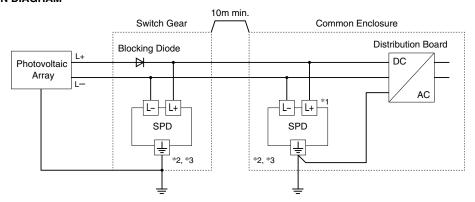
■ INSTALLING CIRCUIT BREAKERS

The MATP incorporates a thermal breaker which separates the discharge element from the power line upon detecting the increased leakage current by the element's gradual degradation.

However, in rare cases, when the MATP is hit by an extremely strong lightning which exceeds the MATP's designed induced surge capacity, the discharge element may be burned out and short-circuited at a burst without the thermal breaker being able to separate it safely from the line.

Install a circuit breaker at the power source side of the surge protector as a backup protection. The example below shows a photovoltaic system. Molded-case circuit breakers (MCCB), residual current circuit breaker (RCCB) or current-limiting fuses (slow-blow type only) can be used.

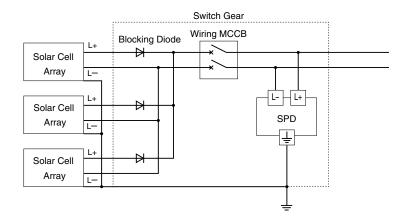
■ CONNECTION DIAGRAM



- *1. When the wiring distance is longer than 10 m between the power conditioner and the surge protector in the switch gear, install near the power conditioner
- *2. Cable length between the branch point and the earthing: 0.5 m or less recommended
- *3. When the solar panel manufacturer requires earthing at negative line of DC side, do NOT use the earth terminal of the SPD but use the L- terminal. If also, earthing at positive line is necessary, earth the L+ terminal.

■ CIRCUIT BREAKER POSITION

If you want to use circuit breaker as SPD maintenance switch, insert a wiring MCCB for DC on SPD power side (diagram below). Even when the output current of solar cell array is low, use 20 AT or more for wiring MCCB.





WIRING

■ LEADWIRES

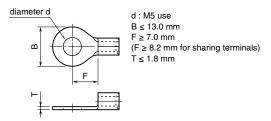
Conductor cross-section area: 5.5 mm² minimum for both the power and the earth lines. However, a local industrial standard requirement for wiring should take precedence.

■ SOLDERLESS TERMINAL

Applicable ring tongue terminal without insulation sleeve is as indicated below. Spade tongue terminal must conform with the ring type size.

In order to ensure IP20 protection (IEC 60529) with a solderless terminal, cover the terminal with a insulation cap to prevent direct touching by a hand.

Applicable Solderless Terminal Size



■TORQUE

Tighten the screw terminals securely. Maximum allowable torque is of 2.5 $N\!\cdot\!m.$

■ WIRE LENGTH

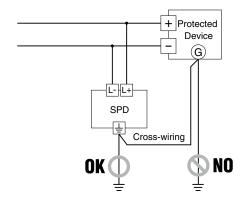
Keep the wire length to the minimum for both the power source side and the earth side. The wire length between the branch point and the earth should ideally be less than 0.5 meters. Extra long wires should not be bundled in coils, but be cut to the minimum required length.

EARTHING

■ COMMON EARTHING WITH CROSS-OVER WIRE

Basically a common earthing with cross-wiring between the MATP and the protected device is recommended for adequate protection. Earthing resistance should be less than 100 ohms. If the protected device has no earth terminal, earth only the MATP.

The earthing point should be close to the MATP side as shown below.



ALARM OUTPUT

Optional breack-contact relay output is available to alert when the thermal breaker has separated the discharge element from the power supply circuit.

If the alarm output should be transmitted remotely via outdoor cables, a surge protector for signal line is required. Choose a circuit breaker with an alarm output. Configure a logical addition sequence so that the alarm trips when both or either of the MATP or the breaker alarm trips.

■ RELAY SPECIFICATIONS

Alarm output: The breack-contact relay trips when the ther-

mal breaker operates.

Rated load: 250V AC @50mA (resistive load)

24V DC @50mA (resistive load)

■ CONNECTION

Terminal: Tension clamp

Applicable wire size: 0.13 to 1.5 mm²

Stripped length: 8 mm

CHECKING

■ WIRING

- Make sure that wiring is done as instructed in the connection diagram.
- Make sure that the earth terminal (G) is connected to the metallic housing of protected equipment.
- Make sure that the earth terminal (G) is earthed to earth.



MAINTENANCE

Even lightning in remote locations could induce surges without our knowledge. Regular checking of the surge protector is important to find degradations in early stage, before and after the storm seasons, and whenever you experience a strong lightning storm.

DO NOT attempt checking or replacing the surge protector during a thunder storm for safety.

Checking procedure is as explained below:

■ CHECK EXTERIOR

If discoloration or deformation is observed, replace with a new one immediately.

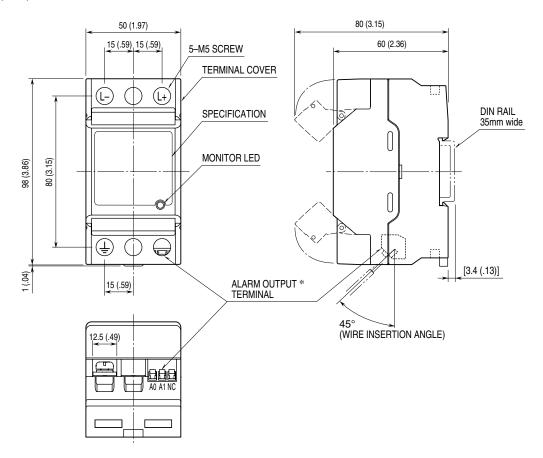
■ CHECK MONITOR LED

Green LED turns on during normal operation, indicating the surge protector is functioning properly. Turning off means that the protector is in failure. Replace with a new one immediately.

When the voltage between L+ and L- is low, the monitor LED may be dark. In that case, check the LED with a insulation tester (+150 to +600 V DC). When the polarity is opposite, change it.

EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS & TERMINAL ASSIGNMENT

Unit: mm (inch)



* Only for 'Alarm output' code 'A.'