Cathodic Protection Decoupling Devices
Meeting Your AC Mitigation Needs

We not only protect pipelines, We install peace of mind

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**Product:**
Cathtect Engineering (PTY) LTD Solid State Decoupler
Model: SSD PCR

**Category:**
- Oil and Gas Transmission Pipelines.
- Bulk Water Pipelines.
- Tanks and Oil Depot Facilities.
- Refinery and Petrochemical Industries.

**Background:**
Cathtect Engineering (PTY) LTD Solid State Decoupling device is a solid state DC Isolation / AC Grounding device designed for specific protection applications generally found in buried pipeline and storage tank systems. The equipment is suitable to be employed in AC Mitigation applications, Over Voltage protection of Insulating Joints, DC Isolation and AC Grounding for Cathodically Protected structures.

The need for Solid state decouplers arises from mitigating induced voltages on pipelines near overhead power lines. These decouplers are installed for safety reasons as well as maintaining required DC voltages for protecting the integrity of pipelines & Tanks. Cathtect’s range of Solid State Decouplers are known for their quality, service life, low cost and workmanship. Using advanced electrical and electronic technologies, our SSD products enhance Cathodic Protection systems and ensure the safety of the workers operating in that environment.

**Application:**
Our Solid State De-Coupling devices are purpose designed to:

- De-couple dissimilar metals that must, by regulation or galvanic corrosion, be AC grounded but isolated DC.
- Isolate electrical DC equipment in Cathodic Protection systems.
- AC coupling to earth where DC blocking/isolation is required. Over voltage, conditions emanating from Induced AC surges, lightning and switching transients and Rectifier failure.
- Protection of Insulating joints on pipelines.
- Mitigation of AC induced voltages.
- De-Coupling in gradient control (earth/grounding) mats from pipelines and structures.

Protection of Insulating joints that require overvoltage protection due to the relatively small clearance between the flange faces, bolt to bolt hole and bolt head/nut to flange face. In order to protect the insulating materials used in the insulating flange kit. Overvoltage protection devices are applied to ensure the voltage does not exceed pre-determined levels.

**Advantage:**
- Build to meet stringent International standards
- Build to client specifications
- Standard packaging forms IP 68 and Exe.
- Ease of installation

**Benefits:**
- Higher blocking voltages over older technologies such as polarisation cells.
- Technically advanced.
- Can handle large steady state clamping currents for longer periods of time than Metal oxide varistor (MOV) applications.
- Light weight compact designs.
### Model: PCR Selection Guide

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#### DC Decoupler – SSD PCR
Standard assembly is installed in a performance test rated moulded non metallic enclosure, suitable for indoor/outdoor application.

(IP68 Certificate; Equivalent to NEMA 4, 4X, 6P) complete with access cover and cable termination fittings.

#### AC Fault Current Exposure – 1 cycle @ 60Hz rms:

*1,2kA*  *3,7kA*  *5kA*  *9kA*  *14kA*

#### Surge/Lighting Protection:
*Standard assembly, peak surge current rating*

Primary > 100kA @ 10/350µs
100kA @ 8/20µs

#### DC Voltage Threshold:
*Standard assembly  @ +1/-12V or +1/-3V or +2/-2V
Custom – Specify DC Voltage Threshold*

#### Mitigation of Induced AC-Steady State (@ 50 or 60 Hz rms):
*Selection range 0-100 amperes, as specified by the customer.*

0 amp (no AC Mitigation) - 45 amp

#### Options (As Specified by Customer):

- **a.** IP 68 Exe Rated No. 4 Box
- **b.** IP65 – 280 x 190 x 130 Polycarbonate Box
**Product:**
Cathtect Engineering (PTY) LTD Solid State Decoupler
Model: SSD DCDth

**Category:**
- Oil and Gas Transmission Pipelines.
- Refinery and Petrochemical Industries.
- Bulk Water Pipelines.
- Tanks and Oil Depot Facilities.

**Background:**
Maintains an off state in a desired range of voltage between a pipe and ground/earth. When the range is exceeded, it short circuits and brings the pipe down to ground potential and does not switch off until the polarity of the exceeded potential threshold reverses or the current flowing through the device falls below its characteristics holding value.

**Application:**
Our **Solid State De-Coupling** devices are purpose designed to:

- De-couple dissimilar metals that must, by regulation or galvanic corrosion, be AC grounded but isolated DC.
- Isolate electrical DC equipment in Cathodic Protection systems.
- AC decoupling to earth where DC blocking/isolation is required. Over voltage, conditions emanating from induced AC surges, lightning and switching transients and Rectifier failure.
- Protection of Insulating joints on pipelines.
- Mitigation of AC induced voltages.
- De-Coupling in gradient control (earth/grounding) mats from pipelines and structures.

Protection of Insulating joints that require overvoltage protection due to the relatively small clearance between the flange faces, bolt to bolt hole and bolt head/nut to flange face. In order to protect the insulating materials used in the insulating flange kit. Overvoltage protection devices are applied to ensure the voltage does not exceed predetermined levels.

**Advantage:**
- Standard packaging forms IP 66, IP 68 and Exe.
- Build to meet stringent International standards
- Build to client specifications
- Ease of installation

**Benefits:**

- Wide DC clamping voltage range +2V/-2V/-5.6V/-9.2V/-12.8V/-16.4V/-20V
- High steady state DC current drain
- 60Hz AC impedance of 0.04Ω (Extra)
- AC steady state current 45A @ 50/60Hz (Extra)
- Lightning impulse current rating Class 1: 100 kA for 10/350 μs
- AC fault current rating 1.2kA/3.7kA for 30 cycles
- Lightning DC spark over voltage - 600V
- IP68 Submersible design up to two meters in depth
Model: **SSD DCDth** Selection Guide

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### DC Decoupler – SSD DCDth

Standard assembly is installed in a performance test rated moulded non metallic enclosure, suitable for indoor/outdoor application.

(IP68 Certificate; Equivalent to NEMA 4, 4X, 6P) complete with access cover and cable termination fittings.

### AC Fault Current Exposure – 1 cycle @ 60Hz rms:

*1,2kA*  
*2,0kA*  
*3,7kA*  
*5kA*

### Surge/Lighting Protection:

*Standard assembly, peak surge current rating*

Primary > 100kA @ 10/350μs  
100kA @ 8/20μs

### DC Voltage Threshold:

*Standard assembly @  
-2V to +2V  
-5,6V to +2V  
-9,2V to +2V  
-12,8V to +2V  
-16,4V to +2V  
-20V to +2V

### Mitigation of Induced AC-Steady State (@ 50 or 60 Hz rms):*

*Selection range 0-100 amperes, as specified by the customer.*

0 amp (no AC Mitigation) - 45 amp

### Options (As Specified by Customer):

IP 68 & Exe for hazardous areas.
**Product:**
Cathtect Engineering (PTY) LTD Voltage Limiting Device
Model: CE-VLD-70-EX

**Category:**
DC transient protection and voltage limiting device for:
- Test points
- Ground Mats
- Earth Spikes
- Rebar Connections

**Background:**
CEVLD70Ex has low voltage threshold ensuring secure equipotential across the insulating flanges where “touch” hazards can occur across insulating flanges. The CEVLD70Ex devices out-perform general purpose equipotential devices in it’s application.

**Application:**
CEVLD70 and its hazardous areas counterpart the CEVLD70Ex are especially applicable where low equipotential thresholds are required across the insulating flange as well as above ground, accessible to public, sections of pipeline, Pipe racking and non-grounded pipe supports ensuring ground decoupling whilst maintaining a low equipotential.

**Advantage:**
- DC Voltage Blocking @ 75V
- Lightning impulse clamping voltage @360V
- Very fast clamping response time @25ns
- Lightning current rating Class II @50 kA for (8/20 μs)+

**Benefits:**
- Submersible enclosure up to 2 metres in depth – IP68
Product:
Cathtect Engineering (PTY) LTD Gas Discharge Device
Model: Spark Gap Device

Category: Protecting Insulated Joints from lighting and AC Fault Damage

Application: Typical discharge currents are 50kA & 100kA. Please be advised that Gas Discharge devices cannot accommodate an indefinite number of discharges. Most discharge devices can only cope with 1 (one) 100kA discharge before the characteristics of the device are irreversibly altered through repetitive discharge.

Advantage: Flexible connecting cable.

Benefits: A long service life
Easy connection of the spark gap at pipeline flanges

EXFS L300
- Lightning impulse current (10/350μs)
- Classification of lightning current carrying capability acc. To prEN
- Nominal discharge current (8/20μs)
- 100% lightning impulse spark over voltage
- Power frequency spark over voltage (50 Hz)
- Type of protection according to EN 50014, EN 50021
- Operating temperature range [TU]
- Degree of protection
- Approvals certifications
- Length of enclosure
- Diameter of enclosure
- Enclosure material
- Connecting cable
- Cable Length
- Suitable for flange size

CEH-E800 100kA
- 48mm long x 30mm diameter
- 1 EN60643-11
- 800Vdc
- >600Vdc
- 1500V
- 255Vac 50/60Hz
- 100A
- 100kA
- M8 x 7mm stud

OPTION: If provided with the flange size and spec we are able to supply mounting lugs to suit as indicated