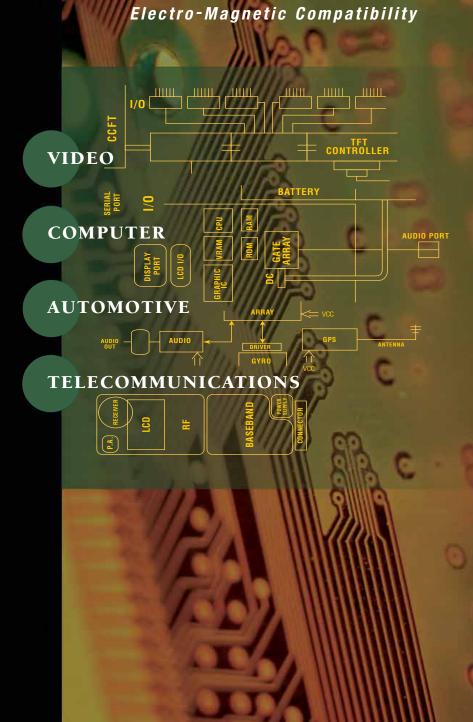


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# EMI/RFI/SOLUTIONS



ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS

lectro-Magnetic Interference (EMI) and Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) is noise at radio frequencies generated by today's sophisticated electronic equipment's microprocessors, oscillators, and switching power supplies. Radio Frequency (RF) noise is often of sufficient strength as to interfere with, or even disable, operation of both consumer and vital communication services (i.e., police, fire, emergency medical and military). To reduce or eliminate EMI/RFI most countries have instituted regulations and practices for the design, building and testing of new electronic equipment so it does not create (or become susceptible to) EMI/RFI. This area of engineering is often referred to as Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMC). The following information is designed to assist the EMC engineers and technicians in the proper selection of passive components to reduce EMI/RFI.

Components designed for electromagnetic interference filtering (EMI) or radio frequency interference suppression (RFI) can be classified into five main categories: **L–Reflection** (inductors, common-mode chokes, and transformers), **Z–Absorption** (ferrite beads), **C–Bypass** (ceramic capacitors, film capacitors, varistors), **R–Attenuation** (resistors-attenuators), and **C+R–Multifunction** (thick film capacitor and resistor combinations and terminations). The choice of component depends on how and where noise is being generated, and how and where the application circuit will be operated in the customer's end product.

# **REFLECTION**

#### INDUCTORS

The first and most common type of electromagnetic filter is the inductor or choke. Inductors are used for both line filtering and energy storage. If a circuit is suspected of generating EMI, a well-chosen inductor often can help eliminate the problem. For radiated interference, a toroidal inductor is often called for. Whether in surface-mount or leaded packaging, a toroidal inductor can virtually eliminate radiated fields thanks to its unique ability to contain the magnetic flux within its core. The toroid configuration is also less susceptible to induced noise from other components since the applied magnetic field tends to create equal and opposite currents inside the toroid, thus canceling out the effect of interference.

#### **COMMON-MODE CHOKES**

Common-mode or differential-mode chokes are used to eliminate noise on a pair of conductors. Noise is "common mode" when it is present or "common" to both conductors. It is usually induced by the antenna effect of a conductor or printed circuit board (pcb) trace. Common-mode noise is typically "in phase" in the conductors. Differential noise is present on only one conductor or present in opposite phase in both conductors. Common-mode chokes use the properties of two closely coupled magnetic fields to eliminate the interference problem by canceling the noise within the magnetic fields. They are best employed to eliminate noise or EMI on cables or signal tracks.

The choke should be located as close as possible to the driver or receiver circuit, or at the signal entry point to the circuit board. Careful selection of an inductance value helps in matching line impedance and in providing bandwidth filter for the circuit. Chokes can be configured in the common mode or differential mode depending on the application.

#### TRANSFORMERS

A transformer provides an isolation barrier between a signal line and the signal processing circuit, particularly where the signal line exits the board or system. Whether the signal is being driven or received, isolating the line reduces common-mode noise and eliminates ground potential (or signal return) differences between systems.

High noise immunity is especially important in thyristor/triac driving circuits, where the transformer provides an isolation between the driven load and a logic-based controller. An isolating pulse transformer provides much better noise immunity than an insulated gate bipolar transistor (IGBT) due to its inherently lower coupling capacitance, which is usually measured in tens of picofarads as opposed to nanofarads for a power IGBT. The lower coupling capacitance improves the circuit's immunity from noise generated by the mains or by power switching devices, and many different configurations are available to meet the needs of specific designs.

# **Z** ABSORPTION

#### SURFACE-MOUNT FERRITE BEADS

Ferrite chip beads, also known as chip impeders, remove RF energy from pcb traces. In this task, they function as high-frequency resistors that allow DC to pass while absorbing the RF energy and dissipating that energy in the form of heat. Compared with alternative solutions, surface-mount ferrite beads are small, lightweight, and inexpensive. Their high impedance values remove a broad range of RF energy while a closed magnetic circuit design eliminates crosstalk. Because of the bead's resistance characteristics at RF frequencies, spurious circuit oscillations or resonances are reduced.

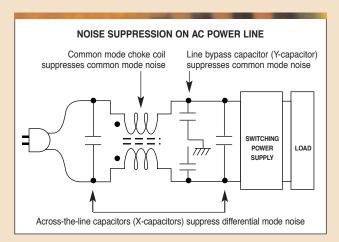
To select the best bead for the application, the designer needs to know how much signal attenuation is required, the range of unwanted frequencies, the source of the electromagnetic energy, and the environmental and electrical conditions under which the circuit will operate.

Selection of the right bead for a particular frequency is not always a simple process, since beads are only rated for impedance at 100 MHz and thus may or may not be optimal for circuits operating at higher or lower frequencies. DC bias will also lower the effective impedance of the device. Formerly, the selection process would have involved the study of several different graphs. Today there are available automated design tools like Vishay's *Surface Mount Ferrite Bead Designers Kit* (pictured on page 3) to assist designers in making the correct choice.

## **BYPASS** CAPACITORS/VARISTORS

#### CERAMIC CAPACITORS

Ceramic capacitors are often used to reduce EMI by shunting the unwanted signals to ground. Ceramic capacitors are available in many different configurations and sizes; choosing the right capacitor for the application depends on the electrical characteristics of the noise and the associated electrical circuit. Peak circuit voltage, frequency spectrum of both the wanted and unwanted signals, and energy content of the unwanted signal all play an important part in selecting the correct ceramic capacitor for EMI filtering. It is important when using capacitors as EMI filters to insure that the circuit has a stable ground. The impedance of circuits using ceramic capacitors as EMI filters are characterized by high impedance.



# **INTRODUCTION TO EMC COMPONENTS**

#### TYPE X AND Y RFI CAPACITORS

RFI Capacitors are used to reduce interference that is conducted on the AC line either in common mode or in differential mode. Differential-mode interference can be envisioned as a noise source connected between the main and neutral wires. A properly applied type X (or "line-to-line") capacitor is an effective solution for this case. Common-mode interference is represented by a source between either main or neutral and chassis ground, and the appropriate solution is a type Y (or "line-to-ground") capacitor to provide filtering. X capacitor values are determined by the frequency spectrum of the offending noise sources and therefore can be any available value, although they typically range from 0.1µF to 1.0µF, and are metallized film construction. Improved pcb layout practices can allow these values to be reduced. Two smaller value X capacitors are usually a better solution than one larger value X capacitor, especially when used in a pie filter configuration with a choke. Y capacitors are normally ceramic and have values that are restricted typically to values around 4700pF to reduce to a minimum 50/60Hz leakage current to ground. The diagram (below left) of a noise suppression solution on an AC Power line shows the normal use of both X and Y type capacitors.

**X Capacitor Applications.** X Capacitors are suitable only for applications where there is no danger of a short-circuit resulting in an electric shock. X type capacitors are divided into subclasses corresponding to the peak voltages to which they are subjected in addition to the power line voltage. All three classes are described in order of their popularity in the table below.

| MAIN X TYPE CAPACITORS |  |                                  |   |  |  |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Subclass               | Peak pulse voltage $\sqrt[]{p}$ in operation | Application                      | Peak values of surge voltage<br>Vp (before endurance test)                                |  |  |
| X1                     | 2,5 kV < <i>V</i> p ≤ 4,0 kV                 | Use for<br>high peak<br>voltages | For C ≤ 1,0 $\mu$ F: Vp = 4,0kV<br>For C > 1,0 $\mu$ F: Vp = $\frac{4.0}{\sqrt{CN}}$ kV') |  |  |
| X2                     | $V_{\rm p} \le 2,5  \rm kV$                  | General<br>purpose               | For C ≤ 1,0 $\mu$ F: Vp = 2,5kV<br>For C > 1,0 $\mu$ F: Vp = $\frac{2.5}{\sqrt{CN}}$ kV') |  |  |

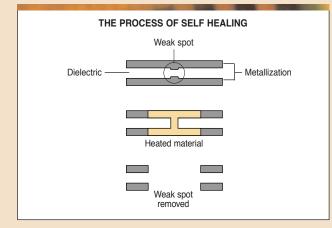
#### MAIN Y TYPE CAPACITORS

|  | Subclass | Type of bridged<br>insulation | Rated AC voltage                                     | Peak values of surge voltage<br>Vp (before endurance test) |
|--|----------|-------------------------------|--|--|
|  | Y1       | Double or reinforced          | $V_{\rm R} \le 250 {\rm V}$                          | 8,0kV  |
|  | Y2       | Basic or supplementary        | $150\mathrm{V} \leq V_\mathrm{R} \leq 250\mathrm{V}$ | 5,0kV  |

**Y Capacitor Applications.** Capacitors connected between power lines and ground (Y capacitors) have the potential upon a loss of earth ground to pass current from the device ground (metal case) by means of capacitive leakage current. Y capacitors are designed to limit the leakage current so that no dangerous voltages or currents can occur on exposed metal parts resulting in personal injury or death. This leakage current is even more restricted in medical type equipment. In ordinary data processing equipment, class Y2 is generally required when bridging the AC primary to ground. Some applications such as bridging the DC side of the primary to ground may require a Y1 type.

#### **RFI CAPACITOR CONSTRUCTION**

There are two types of RFI capacitors commonly in use on the AC line. These are metallized film and ceramic. The ceramic capacitor was described above. The metallized film are categorized as "self healing" while ceramic is not. The property of self healing, properly designed into a capacitor, can extend its life while maintaining a small size and safe operation.



#### VARISTORS

A varistor is used to protect sensitive circuits from excessive voltage excursions or spikes that could damage components. The diagram to the right shows typical characteristics of voltage transients by peak voltage and transient duration in microseconds. A varistor acts as a short to voltage excursions or spikes that exceed the specified voltage of the varistor. By allowing voltage transients to be bypassed to ground a varistor can prevent circuit damage and reduce EMI problems.

#### ATTENUATION

A resistor is used to attenuate signals or to maintain signal integrity while reducing power consumption through the conversion of the signal's electrical energy into heat. Excess noise is often generated in circuits because of impedance mismatches between circuits that result in overdriving of components that can lead to the production of unwanted harmonics (noise). Matching circuit impedance and attenuating signals between circuits is often done using a complex network of independent resistors. This same goal can be accomplished using a signal chip that is designed to duplicate the resistor network on a single chip. Every resistor is performing similar because of the usage of the same substrate and batch. This type of device is referred to as a chip attenuator and can help prevent EMI.

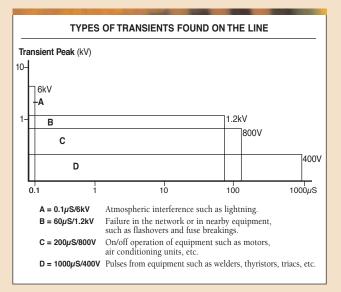
#### MULTIFUNCTION

A resistor and capacitor combination is often the simplest, most compact and inexpensive way to provide the filtering function. With thick film or thin film technology, a resistor/capacitor filter can be built for either a low-pass or high-pass response depending on the schematic chosen. Values can be adjusted to filter a wide range of frequencies found in RF designs. These R/C filters can take the form of a single chip, or an array can be used where multiple signal lines need a particular frequency response. R/C filters are used for lines with no resistive termination. Thin film resistor/capacitor networks provide substantial space savings with exceptional performance.

#### **EMI/EMC COMPONENT SELECTION**

Once the designer knows which circuit paths and circuit areas are likely to conduct noise—and which circuit areas are likely to act as antennas and radiate noise—the most appropriate location for the components chosen can be determined. The choice of components will depend on the frequency and signal level of the noise to be eliminated. Naturally consideration must also be given to the frequencies that should be left intact.

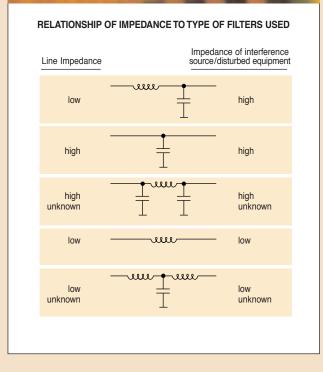
Another consideration is the circuit impedance. The diagram to the right shows the relationship between impedance and the type of filter to be used.

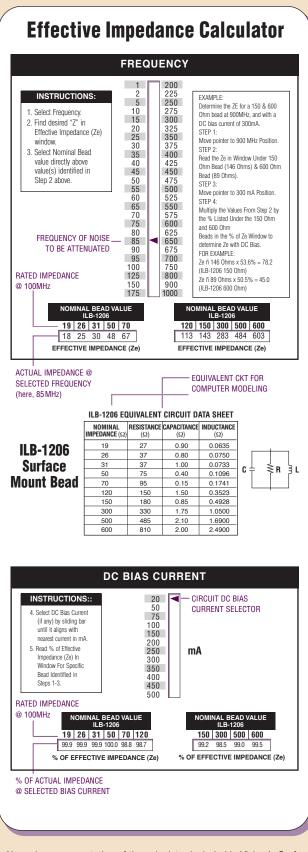


In high-speed signal circuits, the easiest choice is a pure resistor termination followed by R/C filter terminations. The best choice is a complex filter consisting of inductive and capacitive components. In lower-speed circuits, grounding stability must be determined first. Capacitive EMI components are an excellent choice when a stable ground is available, but if the circuit has an unstable ground, designers should consider using inductive components that can provide sufficient impedance to the noise to reduce it below the acceptable threshold for EMI or RFI.

Oftentimes it will be possible to measure the overall radiation level from a given piece of equipment only at the end of the design process, so choosing the wrong component can have adverse consequences downstream. Although some measure of trial and error may always be necessary, designers can minimize wasted time by observing the following rules:

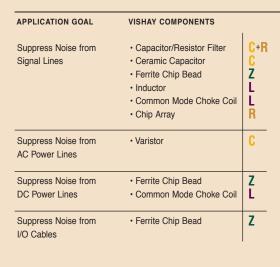
- Always place EMI/EMC components as close as possible to the noise source.
- Select EMI/EMC components that match the impedance of the noise conduction path, whether or not this is the same as the circuit path. Remember that common-mode noise tends to travel in a different path from circuit current.
- Always begin the design process with EMI/EMC components that offer more than sufficient performance to meet emission standards. There is always time to work on reducing component costs once a working design is developed.

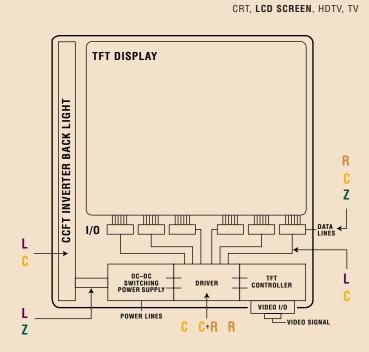




Above is a representation of the calculator included in Vishay's *Surface Mount Ferrite Bead Designers Kit.* The kit is available upon request.

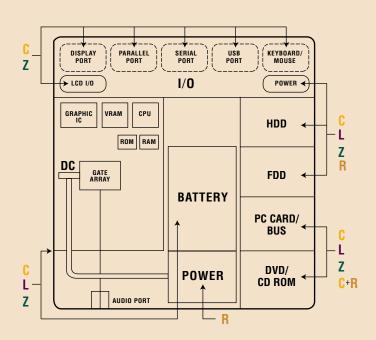
# **VIDEO DISPLAY**





# **PERSONAL COMPUTER**

SERVERS/PC, PDA, MODEM, NOTEBOOK



| APPLICATION GOAL |  | VISHAY COMPONENTS   |                            |  |  |
|------------------|--|---|----------------------------|--|--|
|                  | Suppress High Speed<br>Digital Signal Line Noise             | Capacitor/Resistor Filter Ceramic Capacitor Ferrite Chip Bead Inductor Chip Array                         | C+R<br>C<br>Z<br>L<br>R    |  |  |
|                  | Suppress High Frequency<br>Digital Noise on DC Power<br>Line | Ceramic Disc Capacitor Chip Capacitor Feed through Capacitor Ferrite Bead Inductor Common Mode Choke Coil | C<br>C<br>C<br>Z<br>L<br>L |  |  |
|                  | Suppress High Frequency<br>Digital Noise on AC Power<br>Line | Safety Capacitor Chip Array   | C<br>R                     |  |  |
|                  | Suppress High Frequency<br>Digital Noise I/O Cables          | Ferrite Clamps & Cores Chip Array   | Z<br>R                     |  |  |

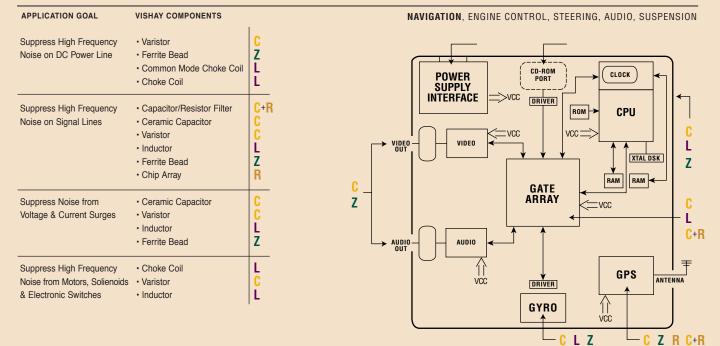
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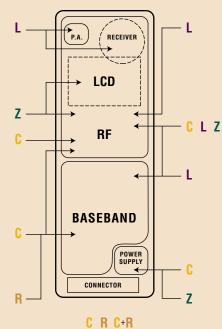
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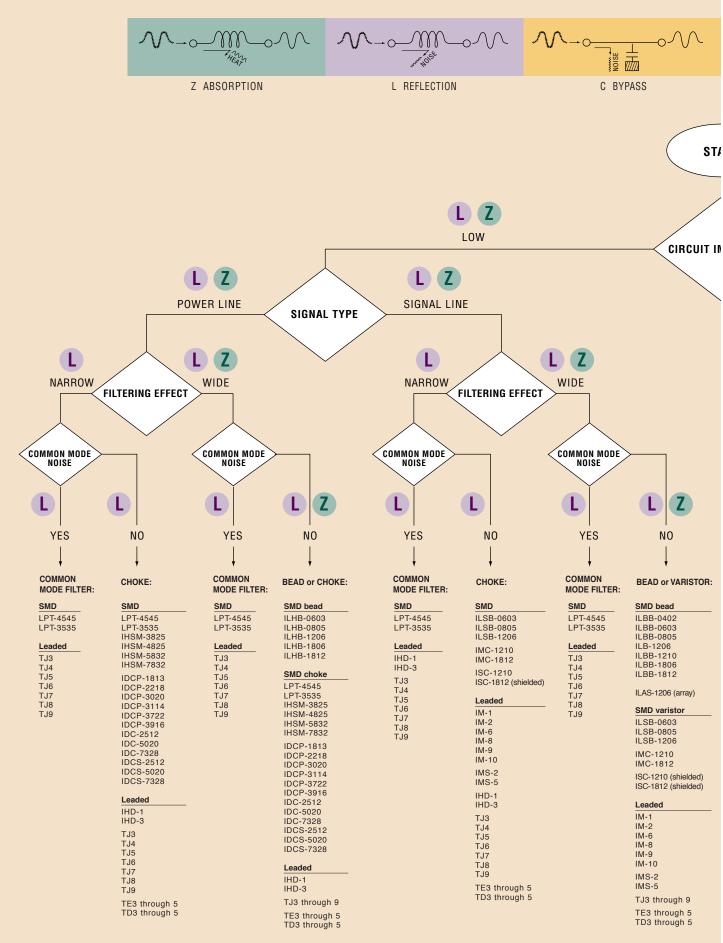


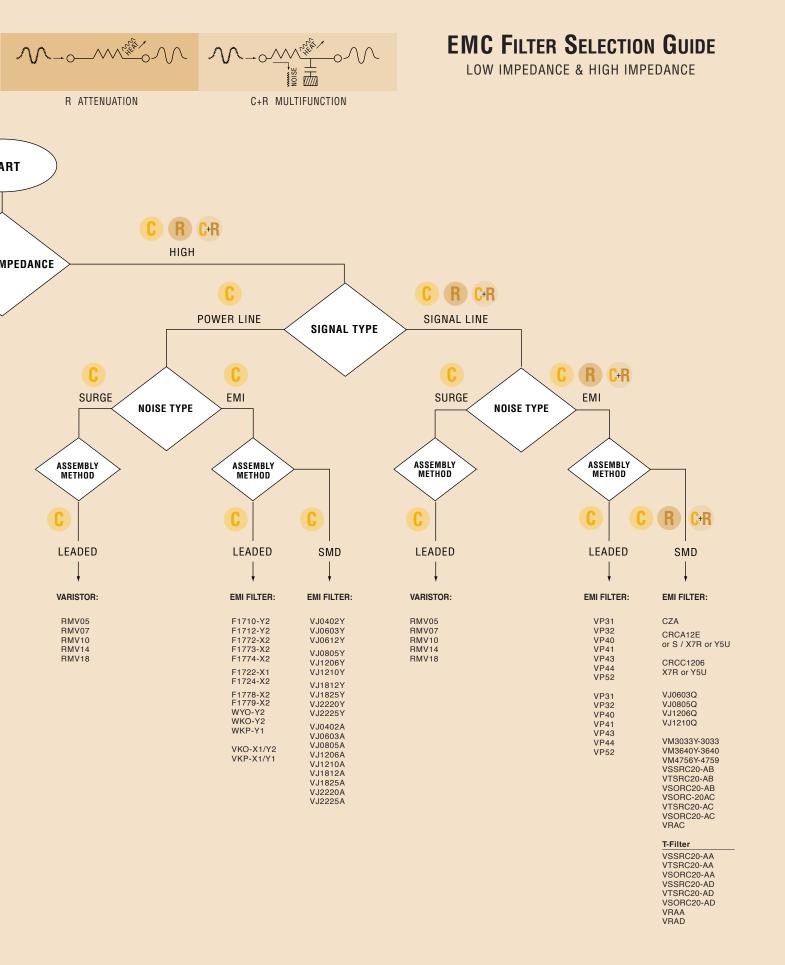
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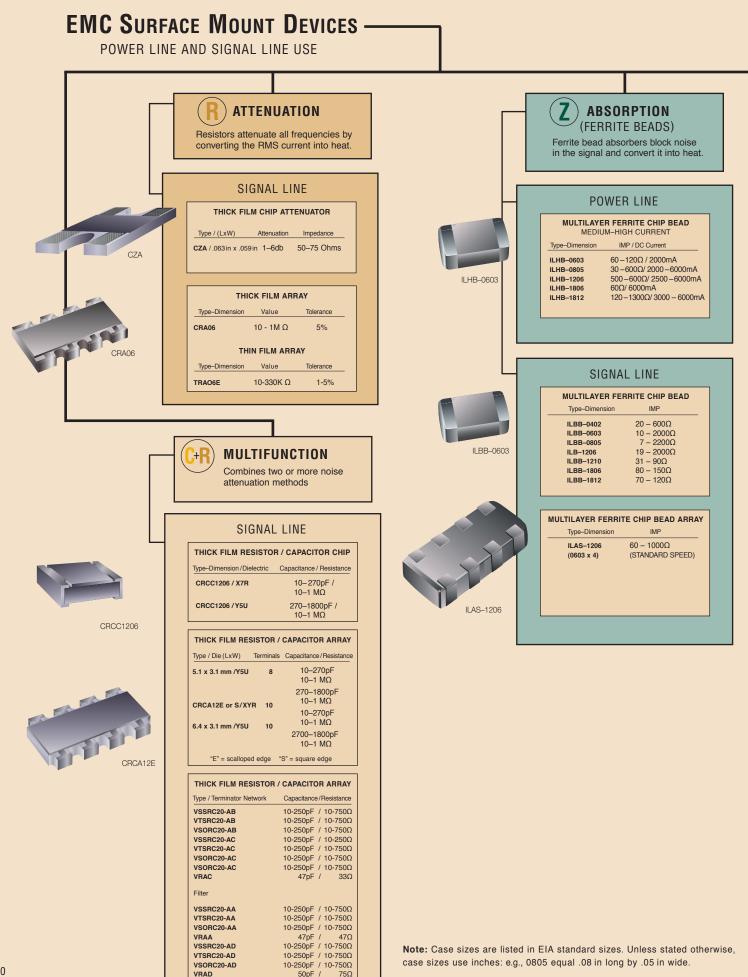
**TELECOMMUNICATION** 



| APPLICATION GOAL   | VISHAY COMPONENTS   |                    |  |
|--|---|--------------------|--|
| Suppress Line Noise from<br>AM/FM, CB, TV/VCR                                  | Ceramic Capacitor Ferrite Inductor Common Mode Choke Coil             | C<br>Z<br>L        |  |
| Suppress Transmitter Noise<br>(Low & High)                                     | Capacitor/Resistor Filter Ceramic Capacitor Chip Capacitor Attenuator | C+R<br>C<br>C<br>R |  |
| Suppress High Frequency<br>Digital Signal Noise                                | Line Filter Feed Through Capacitor Ferrite Chip Beads Chip Array      | C<br>C<br>Z<br>R   |  |
| Suppress Line & Power<br>Supply Noise from Surges<br>of Voltage and/or Current | Varistor Chip Capacitor Disc Capacitor Common Mode Choke Coil         | C<br>C<br>C<br>L   |  |
| Suppress Static Discharge<br>Noise   | Capacitor   | C                  |  |

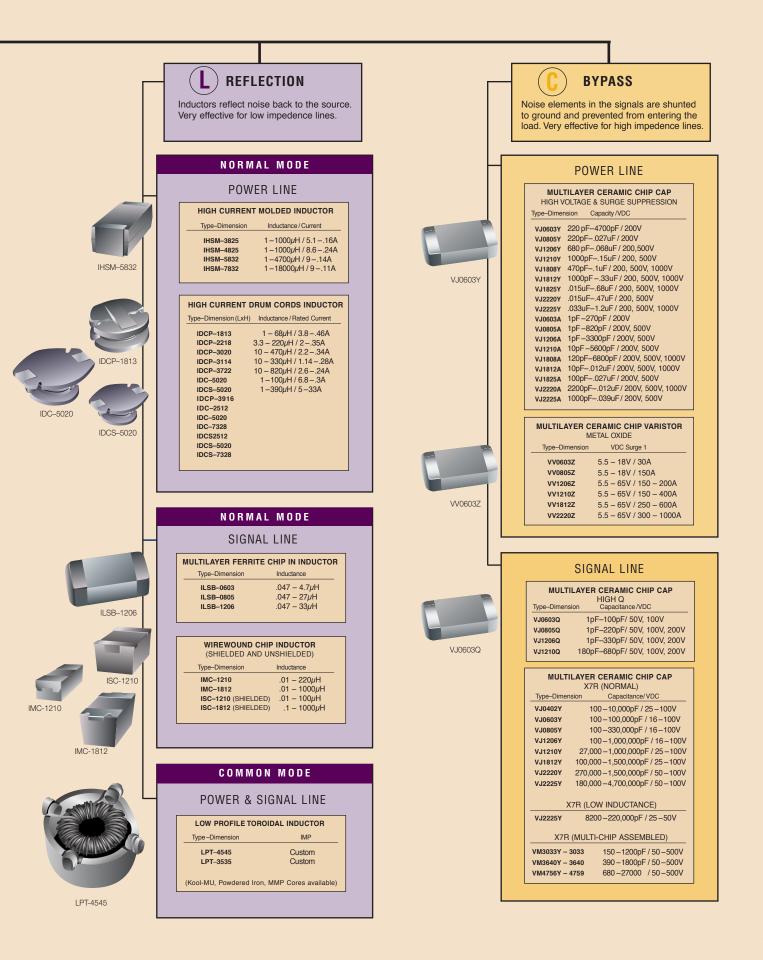


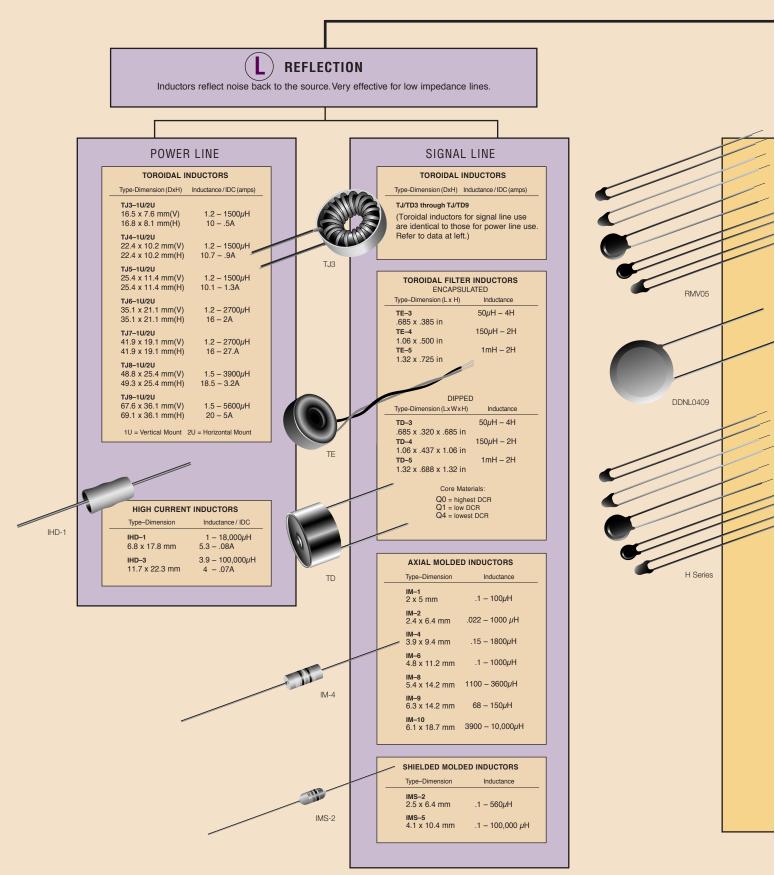




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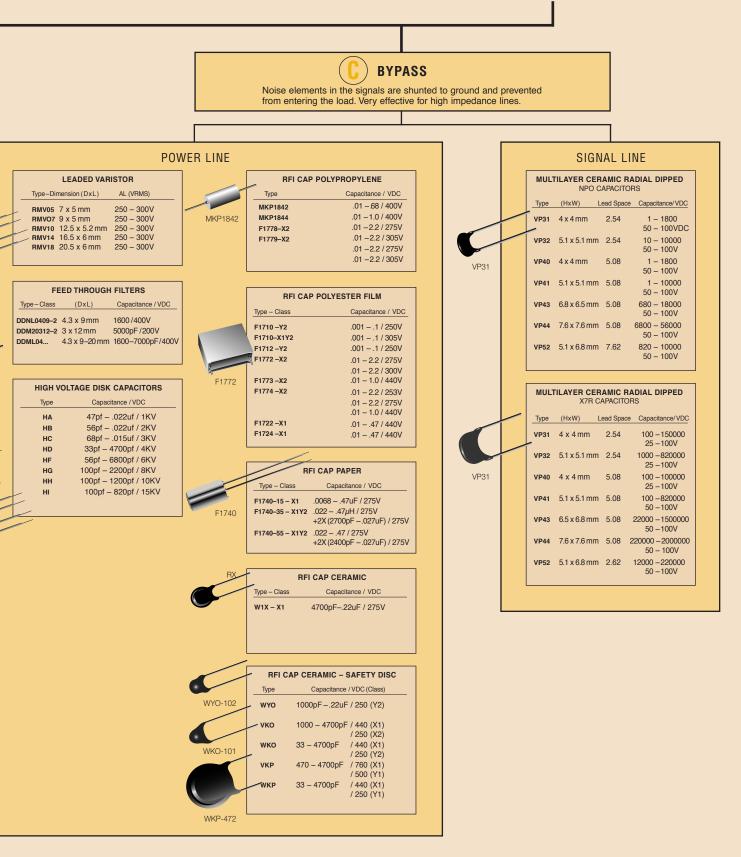
# ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY





# **EMC** Leaded Devices

POWER LINE AND SIGNAL LINE USE



Note: Case sizes are listed in EIA standard sizes. Unless stated otherwise, case sizes use inches: e.g., 0805 equals .08 in long by .05 in wide.

# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**AF** Audio Frequency. Components of signal or noise having frequencies in the 15Hz–20kHz range.

ANSI American National Standards Institute

**ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992** Recommendation for limits of maximum human exposure to radiated fields.

**Case Size** The physical size of a component. Vishay sizes are usually included in the part number. "0805" means the device is .08" long and .05" wide. The case size is usually followed by the parts value.

**Capacitor** A passive component whose reactance,  $X_c = \frac{1}{2}\pi f$ , decreases with frequency at 20 dB/decade.

**Capacitors, Feed Through** Single-stage capacitors that are bulkhead mounted to provide low insertion inductance.

CCIR International Radio Consultative Committee

**CE Mark** ( European product compliance (conformity) mark

**Certification** (FCC) A procedure that requires submittal of a written application to the FCC that includes an application form 731, fee, complete technical description of the product and a measurement report showing compliance with the FCC technical standards.

**Characteristic Impedance** The equivalent circuit of a transmission line, Z<sub>0</sub>, defining if lossy and reactive properties:

For ELF/VLF:  $Z_0 = \sqrt{R/G}$  ohms For frequencies > 10 kHz:  $Z_0 = \sqrt{L/C}$  ohms

**Chip Bead** A generic term for a ferrite component ("bead") that is produced in a surface mount package. A chip bead already has an internal conductor *inside*, so no additional parts are necessary to make the component work.

**Common Mode** When applied to two or more wires, all currents flowing therein which are in phase.

**DC Current Rating** The maximum amount of direct current that can safely pass through the component.

**DC/DC Converters** These devices are used in DC power-distribution, and convert DC voltage from one level to another DC level.

**Differential Mode** On a wire pair when the currents are of opposite polarity.

**EMC** Electro-Magnetic Compatibility. The practice of building electronic devices so that they do not create (or are susceptible to) EMI/RFI.

**EMI** When an electrical disturbance from natural phenomena or an electrical/electronics device or system causes an undesired response in another.

**ESD** An electrostatic discharge with a fast risetime, intensive discharges from humans, clothing, furniture and other charged dielectric sources.

**FCC** Federal Communications Commission. Mission: to manage the spectrum and provide leadership in order to create new opportunities for competitive technologies and services for the American public. Website: http://www.fcc.gov.com

**Ferrites** Powdered magnetic (permeable) material in the form of beads, rods and blocks used to absorb EMI on wires and cables. Ferrites convert the associated EMI magnetic-flux density into heat.

**Ferrite Beads** A ferrite core with a conductor passing through the ferrite (as opposed to wrapping the wire aroune the ferrite). These devices resemble a bead in a necklace. Ferrite beads are also available in a surface mount package.

Harmonic An integer multiple of the fundamental frequency.

HF High frequency: frequency ranging from 3 MHz to 30 MHz.

IEC International Electrotechnical Commission

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

IEEE/EMC The EMC Society (professional group) within the IEEE.

**Impedance** The vector sum of resistance and reactance at any specified frequency, where the reactance corresponds to that of an inductor or capacitor, as applicable.

**Inductor** A passive component whose reactance,  $X_L = \frac{1}{2}\pi f$ , increases with frequency at 20 dB/decade.

**Inductors and Coils** Discrete devices used to pass low-frequency and reject high-frequency EMI. Often used in filters, safety-ground lines with ferrites and oscillator tank circuits.

I/O input/output (port or cable)

**LF** Low frequency: frequency ranging from 30 kHz to 300 kHz. This includes many navigation bands, including Loran.

**Maximum DC Resistance** The maximum value of resistance (how much opposition there is to current flow) that will be exhibited by the device.

MOV Metal-Oxide Varistor

**Radio Frequency** In the ANS/IEEE, Standard 1001984, the term is commonly used to cover the frequency range from 10 kHz to 1000 GHz.

**RFI** Radio Frequency Interference. Exists when either the transmitter or receiver has an antenna, causing undesired interference with other equipment or systems.

**SMD** Surface Mount Device. An electronic component without wiretype external leads; the solder terminals are built as an integral part of the component.

Surge A sudden voltage increase on the power mains.

Transformer A device for changing the voltage of electrical energy.

| EQUIPMENT                                 | INFORMATION                  | JAPAN                                   | UNITED STATES                        | EUROPE                 |
|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Generic Standard                          | IEC61000-6-3<br>IEC61000-6-4 |   |                                      | EN50081-1<br>EN50081-2 |
| ITE (Information technology*)             | CISPR Pub. 22                | VCCI Electrical Appliance<br>Regulation | FCC Part 15<br>Subpart B             | EN55022                |
| ISM (microwaves)                          | CISPR Pub. 11                | Electrical Appliance Regulation         | ECC Part 18                          | EN55011                |
| Igniters (autos,<br>motorboats)           | CISPR Pub. 12                | JASO                                    | FCC Part 15<br>Subpart B             | Automotive Directive   |
| Radio, TV,<br>audio, VTR                  | CISPR Pub. 13                | Electrical Appliance Regulation         | FCC Part 15<br>Subpart B             | EN55013                |
| Household electrical, portable tools      | CISPR Pub. 14                | Electrical Appliance Regulation         |                                      | EN55014                |
| Fluorescent lamps,<br>luminary            | CISPR Pub. 15                | Electrical Appliance Regulation         |                                      | EN55015                |
| Transceiver                               | CCIR                         | Radio Act                               | FCC Part 15 Subpart C<br>FCC Part 22 | ETS300 Series          |
| Power supply<br>higher harmonte           | IEC555<br>IEC61000-3         | Industry Voluntary Regulation           |                                      | EN60555<br>EN61000-3   |
| Basic Standard                            | IEC61000-4                   | (JIS regulation pending)                |                                      | EN61000-4 Series       |
| Generic Standard                          | IEC61000-6-1<br>IEC61000-6-2 | (JIS regulation pending)                |                                      | EN50082-1<br>EN50082-2 |
| Industry process<br>measurement & control | IEC801 series                | Industry Voluntary Action               |                                      |                        |
| Radio, TV                                 | CISPR Pub. 20                | Industry Voluntary Action               |                                      | EN55020                |
| ITE (Information technology)              | CISPR Pub. 24                | Industry Voluntary Action               |                                      | EN55024                |

**EMI REGULATIONS** 

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# **NOISE DETECTION**

|                                    | CISPR PUB 22                       | VCCI                               |                             | FCC PART 15                        |                             | EN55022                     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ITEM MEASURED:                     | Radiated interference              | Radiated interference              | Mains interference voltage  | Radiated interference              | Mains interference voltage  | Mains interference voltage  |
| POLARIZATION &<br>MEASURING POINT: | Horizontal Pol.<br>/ Vertical Pol. | Horizontal Pol.<br>/ Vertical Pol. | AC Mains Ports              | Horizontal Pol.<br>/ Vertical Pol. | AC Mains Ports              | AC Mains Ports              |
| FREQUENCY (Hz):                    | 30M to 1GHz                        | 30M to 1GHz                        | 150k to 30MHz*              | 30M to 1GHz                        | 450k to 30MHz               | 150k to 30MHz               |
| DETECTION:                         | Quasi-Peak                         | Quasi-Peak                         | Quasi-Peak,<br>Mean         | Quasi-Peak,<br>Mean                | Quasi-Peak                  | Quasi-Peak,<br>Mean         |
| MEASURING<br>DEVICE:               | Antenna                            | Dipole<br>antenna                  | Artificial Mains<br>Network | Antenna                            | Artificial Mains<br>Network | Artificial Mains<br>Network |

\*for 150kHz to 526.5kHz, design targets only at this time

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