



Features

- Formerly a JENSEN DEVICES product
- Fast switching rate
- High energy, low loss capability
- Wide operating temperature range
- Long service life
- High insulation resistance
- RoHS compliant*

Applications

- Igniters for Xenon discharge lamps
- Electronic igniters for gas heating and gas domestic appliances, e.g., cookers
- Ignition of ultra-high pressure gas discharge lamps for data and video projectors

Sparctube® Switching Spark Gap ST-0840 Series

Description

Bourns® Sparctube® Switching Spark Gap Series is a range of switching spark gaps designed specifically for voltage controlled switching of capacitive discharge circuits where a high energy, low loss, fast rate of switching is required. This series is ideally suited for applications where a capacitive discharge is utilized with a transformer to obtain pulses of very high voltage levels in the order of several thousand volts.

Characteristics

Initial Values:

Static Breakdown Voltage @ 800 V/s ¹

First Ignition Values	< 950 V
Following Ignition Values	740 V to 940 V

Electrical Life:

Minimum Number of Switching Cycles	2x10 ⁵
Peak Current	Approx. 450 A
Maximum Switching Frequency	500 Hz
Breakdown Characteristics @ 1000 V Limit	
First Ignition Values	≤ 1000 V
Delay Time	< 60 ms
Following Ignition Values	720 V to 960 V

General Data:

Breakdown Time	< 50 ns
Insulation Resistance @100 Vdc	> 100 megohms
Maximum Static Breakdown Voltage @ 100 V/ms	1300 V
Share of Early Ignition Values (< 720 V)	< 1 %
Residual Voltage @ 50 ns	< 300 V
Capacitance	< 1 pF
Operating Temperature Range ²	-40 °C to +170 °C
Storage Temperature Range	-65 °C to +125 °C
Weight	Approx. 2.3 g
Testing	100 %
Robustness of Terminations	IEC 60068-2-21 ³

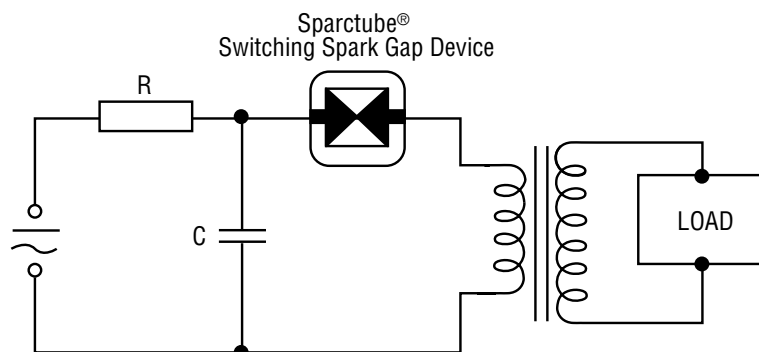
Notes:

¹ At delivery AQL 0.65 Level II, DIN ISO 2859.

² Distribution of switchings: maximum 20 % above +125 °C and 20 % below +20°C.

³ Test Ua1 (tensile), Ua2 (thrust), Ub (bending) and Uc (torsion).

Basic Application Circuit



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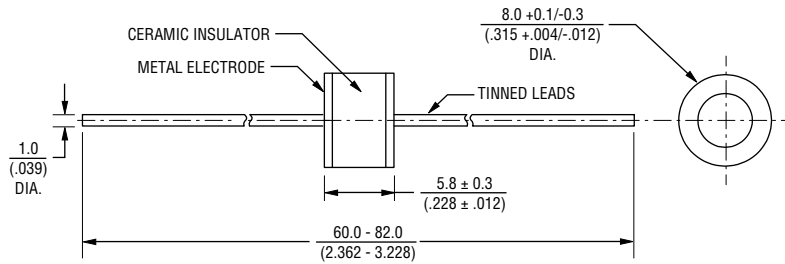
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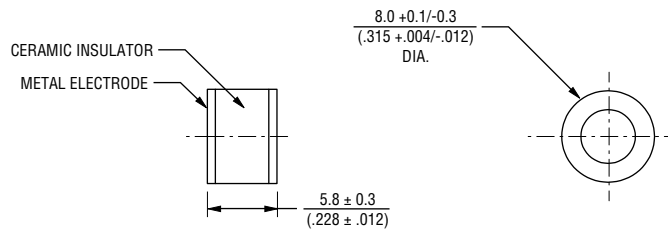
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Product Dimensions

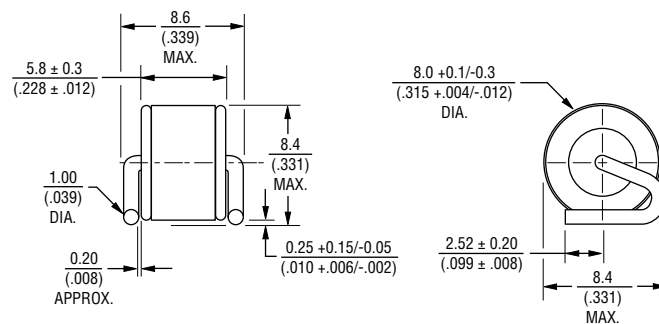
ST-0840-BLx



ST-0840-BCx



ST-0840-BBx



DIMENSIONS: $\frac{\text{MM}}{(\text{INCHES})}$

How to Order

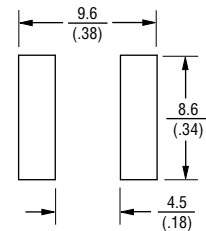
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Series Designator
Switching Voltage
0840 = 840 V
Tolerance
B = 12 %
Lead Shape
B = Bent Leads
C = No Leads*
L = Straight Leads
Packaging
B = Bulk
T = Tape & Reel*
Standard or Modified Product Indicator
STD = Standard
*Leadless version available in bulk packaging only.

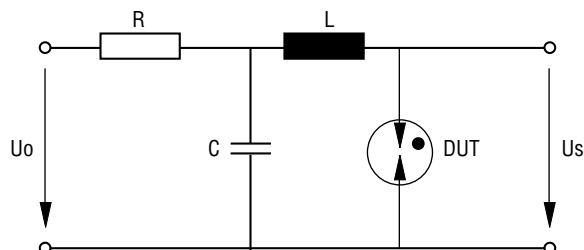
Typical Part Marking

B ST 0840 wwyy "wwyy" = Week and year of production

Recommended Pad Layout



Test Circuit



Uo 1000-1500 V
R See Note
C 100 nF
L 0.5 μ H
DUT Device Under Test
Us Breakdown Voltages

NOTE: Uo and R are set to provide suitable conditions for different measurements.

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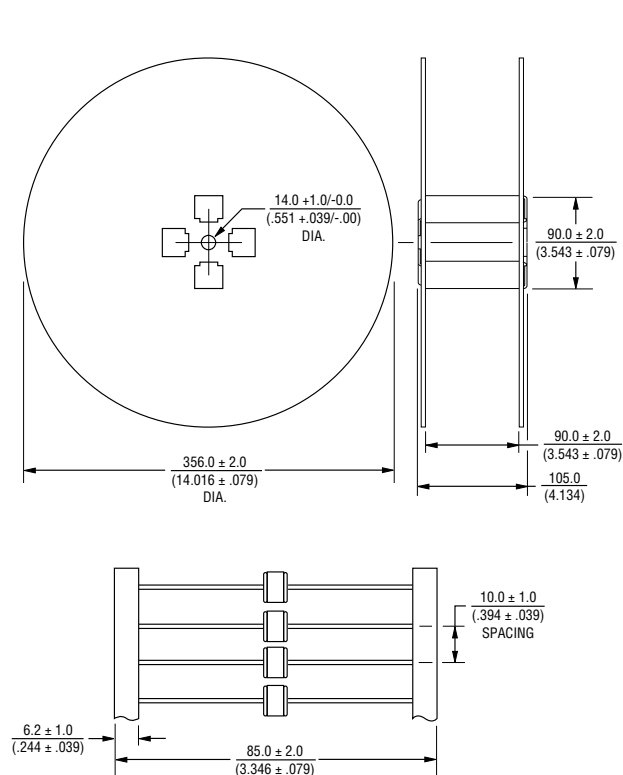
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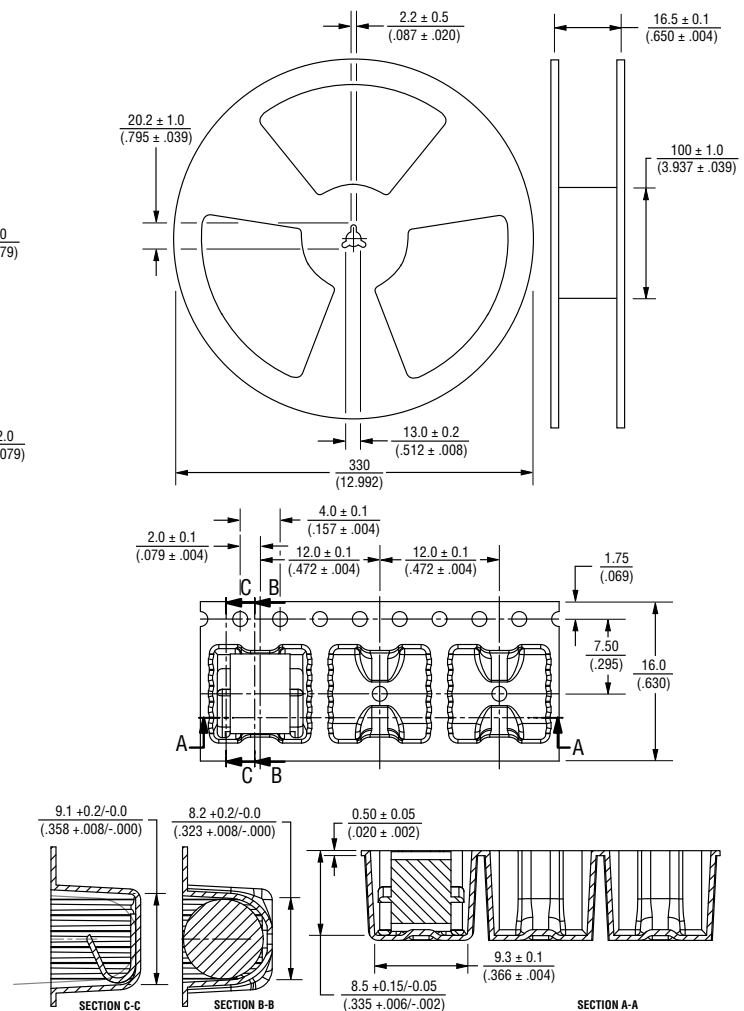
Models ST-0840-BBB, ST-0840-BLB and ST-0840-BCB* ship standard bulk pack, 1,000 pcs./bag. The optional tape and reel packaging contains 1,000 pcs./reel for Model ST-0840-BLT; 500 pcs./reel for Model ST-0840-BBT.

* Available in bulk packaging only.

ST-0840-BLT



ST-0840-BBT



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