

Switching Gas Discharge Tubes

Gas Plasma Voltage Dependent Switches

RoHS LT Series

The LT Series is a 2-terminal bi-directional, voltage triggered switch is designed for ignition circuits used in high pressure HID lighting. Switching voltages for the devices are fixed depending on the part number selected. The gas plasma trigger technology offers very fast switching speeds, resulting in significantly better di/dt values when compared to silicon based SIDAC devices. Due to the high switching voltage of the devices, step-up transformer sizes and specifications can be reduced saving cost, size and weight.

Features

- RoHS compliant
- Ceramic chamber for ultimate reliability.
- Very high switching speed once switching voltage has been reached, resulting in high di/dt to be generated enabling the best performance to be extracted from ignition transformers.
- Tape and reel to EIA 481-1

Applications

- For switching stored electrical energy (such as capacitive discharge) at predetermined voltages.
- Designed for ignition circuits used in high pressure HID lighting.





LT xxx SM





Dimensions in mm

Mechanical Specifications:

Weight (ballast ciruit only)	: 1.42g (0.049oz.)
Materials:	Electrode Base: Copper alloy
	Electrode Plating material: Bright Sn
	Body: Ceramic
Device Marking:	Littelfuse 'LF marking, voltage and product code (red print)

ORDERING INFORMATION



A= Axial lead, tape and Reel SM= Surface Mount



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Device Ratings and Specifications

Part Number	v _{BO} ⁽¹⁾ (V)	V _S (V)	v _T @5A (V)	I _{DRM} ⁽²⁾ (A)	I _{BO} ⁽³⁾ (mA)	C _O ⁽⁴⁾ (pF)	V _{BO} to V _T (nS)
LT230	195 –265	184 – 276	15	1.0	50	2.0	25
LT800	680 – 920	640 - 960	15	1.0	50	2.0	25

Electrical Life:

Switching Cycles ⁽⁵⁾	400,000
Peak Discharge Current ⁽⁵⁾	400 A
Maximum Ratings:	
Max Switching Frequency	100 Hz
Storage Temperature T _{STG}	40 - +150°C
Operating Temperature	40 - +150°C
Notes: (1) Measured on recommended test circuit (fig 1.)	
(2) Measured @100 Volts DC	

- (3) Current required for transition to on-state
- (4) Measured @1 MHz, zero Volt bias
- (5) Measured on recommended test circuit (fig 2.)

Definitions:

VBO - Breakover Voltage

 V_S – Switching Voltage

VT @ 5A-Nominal Off-state Voltage at 5A

IDRM - Off-state Current

IBO - Nominal Breakover Current

Co - Max Capacitance

 $\textbf{V_{BO}}$ to $\textbf{V_T}$ – Max switching time from \textbf{V}_{BO} to \textbf{V}_{T}



Fig 1. Recommended breakover voltage test circuit (Discharge current = 10-20mA, sensitivity of Peak Voltage Detect = 10-30mA)



Fig 2. Recommended Life Circuit