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 .......................................................... \(< 750 \text{ V} \)  
  - Following Ignition Values .................................................. \(620 \text{ V} \pm 12 \% \)

**Electrical Life:**
- Minimum Number of Switching Cycles .................................. \(2 \times 10^5 \)
- Peak Current (Approx.) .......................................................... 750 A
- Maximum Switching Frequency ............................................ 200 Hz

**Breakdown Characteristics @ 750 V Limit**
- First Ignition Values .......................................................... \(\leq 750 \text{ V} \)
- Delay Time .............................................................................. \(< 90 \text{ ms} \)
- Following Ignition Values .................................................. \(620 \text{ V} \pm 15 \% \)

**General Data:**
- Breakdown Time .................................................................. \(< 50 \text{ ns} \)
- Insulation Resistance @100 Vdc ............................................. \(> 100 \text{ megohms} \)
- Share of Early Ignition Values (< 527 V) ............................... \(< 1 \% \)
- Capacitance ........................................................................... \(< 1 \text{ pF} \)
- Operating Temperature Range ............................................ \(-40 \text{ °C} \) to \(+160 \text{ °C} \)
- Storage Temperature Range ................................................. \(-65 \text{ °C} \) to \(+125 \text{ °C} \)
- 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

![Basic Application Circuit](image)

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Sparctube® Switching Spark Gap ST-0620 Series

Product Dimensions

ST-0620-BLx

How to Order

ST - 0620 - B x x - STD

Typical Part Marking

ST 0620 wwy ...... "wwy" = Week and year of production

Recommended Pad Layout

Test Circuit

Uo........750 V
R...........See Note
C...........470 nF
L...........0.5 μH
DUT.......Device Under Test
Us.........Breakdown Voltages

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

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* Available in bulk packaging only.

ST-0620-BLT

ST-0620-BBT

Dimensions: MM (INCHES)

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