RS-485 Port Protection
Evaluation Board 1

Introduction
This Evaluation Board serves as an aid in evaluating circuit protection on RS-485 serial device ports, using two Bourns* TBU® High-Speed Protectors (HSP), two fast-acting GDTs and two TVS diodes to meet the required industry standards on RS-485 port interfaces. The recommended Bourns* TBU® device solution, with a low capacitance GDT1, offers enhanced high-speed performance features over competing technologies, which can help the design engineer increase the surge and transient protection level on RS-485 ports and place the entire circuit protection solution into a smaller reduced PCB area. Bourns has developed an RS-485 Evaluation Board (measuring 45 mm x 21 mm x 1.2 mm) manufactured using FR4 PCB with nickel gold plating on the top and bottom sides.

How to Connect the Evaluation Board for Test Set-up
- Connect IN1 and IN2 to the exposed lines.
- Connect OUT1 and OUT2 to the RS-485 IC device.

Table 1 | RS-485 Evaluation Board Bill of Materials

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<td>TBU-CA065-200-WH</td>
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<td>Single Bidirectional Line TVS 12 V SMB</td>
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* The default configuration of this board uses 2 GDTs (GDT1, GDT2) and discrete SMB TVS diodes (TVS1, TVS2). The board allows different configurations:
  - 2 single 2031 GDTs (GDT1 and GDT2) may be replaced by a dual 2030 GDT (GDT3)
  - 2 SMB TVS diodes (TVS1 and TVS2) may be replaced with a) 2 SOT23 TVS diodes (TVS3, TVS4) or b) a single TVS diode array (TVS5)
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Performance Graphs

Figure 3  Power Cross 120 Vrms

Figure 4  Slew Rate 1 KV/µs

Figure 5  Slew Rate 5 KV/µs

Reference

For more information on implementing advanced circuit protection technologies for RS-485 ports, please review the Bourns® RS-485 application note:


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