

# CVX050/100 surge protective device installation and operation



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Introduction

This manual describes how to install a CVX050 or CVX100 surge protective device (SPD) in parallel (shunt) across the electrical supply of the following types of electrical systems:


- Single-phase
- Split-phase
- Three-phase wye (star)
- Three-phase delta (no neutral)
- Direct current (DC)

The SPD is designed to be installed on service entrance, branch panels, and/or individual equipment disconnects, and functions to protect sensitive electronic equipment from damaging voltage transients. The connecting wires do not carry supply current. Instead, they carry only short-duration currents that are associated with a transient event.

These instructions do not cover all details, variations, or combinations of the equipment, its storage, delivery, installation, checkout, safe operation, or maintenance. If you require further information regarding a particular application or installation that is not covered in this manual, please contact Eaton’s Power Quality Technical Support at 1-800-809-2772.

Safety precautions

A licensed/qualified electrician must complete all instructions described in this manual in accordance with the U.S. National Electrical Code®, state and local codes, or other applicable country codes. All electrical codes supersede these instructions.



**WARNING**


**IMPROPER INSTALLATION CAN CAUSE DEATH, INJURY, AND/OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE. FOLLOW ALL WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS. COMPLETELY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INSTALL OR OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT.**

**IMPROPER WIRING COULD CAUSE DEATH, INJURY, AND/OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE. ONLY LICENSED/QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS WHO ARE TRAINED IN THE INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES ARE TO INSTALL THIS EQUIPMENT.**

**USE APPROPRIATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR ARC FLASH PROTECTION.**

**DURING NORMAL OPERATION, HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT INSIDE THE SPD.**

**WHEN INSTALLING THE SPD, FOLLOW ALL SAFE WORK PRACTICES TO AVOID ELECTRICAL SHOCK.**



**CAUTION**

**DO NOT PERFORM A HIGH-POT TEST WITH THE SPD CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. FAILURE TO DISCONNECT THE SPD DURING A HIGHPOT TEST WILL RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE SPD.**

**AFTER INSTALLATION, THIS DEVICE IS NOT REPAIRABLE AND CONTAINS NO SERVICEABLE PARTS. IF THE UNIT SHOULD MALFUNCTION OR NEEDS TO BE REPLACED, CONTACT A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN OR EATON CARE AT 877-ETN-CARE (877-386-2273).**

Table 1. Catalog numbering system

CVX 050 - 480Y		
Per phase peak surge current (kA)	Configuration and voltage ranges (Vac)	# of Wires
50 = 50	230L = Single-phase—200, 208, 220, 230, 240, 277	2W
100 = 100 ①	480L = Single-phase—480	2W
	240S = Split-phase—100/200, 110/220, 120/240, single-phase 120	3W 2W
	240H = Three-phase high leg delta—120/240	4W+G
	208Y = Three-phase wye (star)—100/174, 110/190, 120/208, 127/220	4W+G
	480Y = Three-phase wye (star)—220/380, 230/400, 240/415, 277/480	4W+G
	600Y = Three-phase wye (star)—305/525, 347/600	4W+G
	240D = Three-phase delta—200, 208, 220, 230, 240	3W+G
	480D = Three-phase delta—380, 400, 415, 440, 480	3W+G
	600D = Three-phase delta—525, 600 (600D available in 50 kA only)	3W+G
	048DC = Direct current—48 Vdc ①	
	125DC = Direct current—125 Vdc ①	

① DC models only available in 50 kA.

In this example, Catalog Number CVX050-480Y identifies a CVX model with the following features and ratings:

- Surge current rating of 50 kA peak per phase
- Three-phase wye wiring configuration
- Voltage range of 220/380 through 277/480 Vac

Installation

Refer to **Table 1** and look at the label on the SPD to verify that the SPD’s voltage rating and wiring configuration matches that of the electrical system. Use a voltmeter to measure the system’s line voltage to ensure that the correct model of SPD is being installed. Damage to the SPD may result if it is connected to an electrical system of a higher voltage or different wiring configuration.

Mounting

The SPD can be mounted directly to the electrical panel or mounted to a wall using the enclosure’s internal mounting holes or optional external mounting feet.

**IMPORTANT**

**CHOOSE A MOUNTING LOCATION FOR THE SPD THAT PROVIDES THE SHORTEST AND STRAIGHTEST POSSIBLE WIRING (LEAD LENGTH) FROM THE SPD TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM CONNECTIONS. EXCESSIVE LEAD LENGTH AND SHARP BENDS WILL DEGRADE SPD PERFORMANCE.**

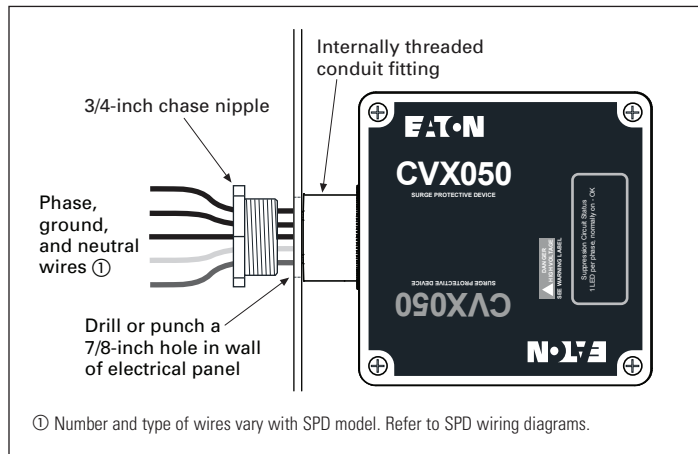
**IF THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM USES AN ISOLATED GROUND, THE SPD MUST BE ISOLATED FROM GROUND USING INSULATED CONDUIT FITTINGS.**

**WHEN USING CONDUIT, AVOID USING 90° ELBOWS AND KEEP THE CONDUIT RUN AS SHORT AND STRAIGHT AS POSSIBLE.**

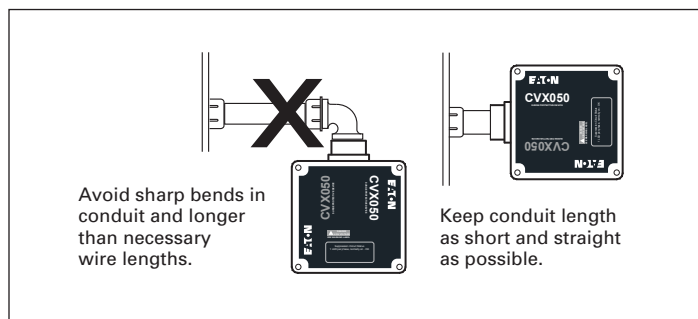
### Conduit installation

Mount the SPD directly to the electrical panel using a 3/4-inch chase nipple as shown in **Figure 1**.

When mounting the SPD outdoors, use weatherproof conduit and fittings to maintain the enclosure's NEMA® 4X rating. See **Figure 2**.



**Figure 1. 3/4-inch chase nipple mounting**

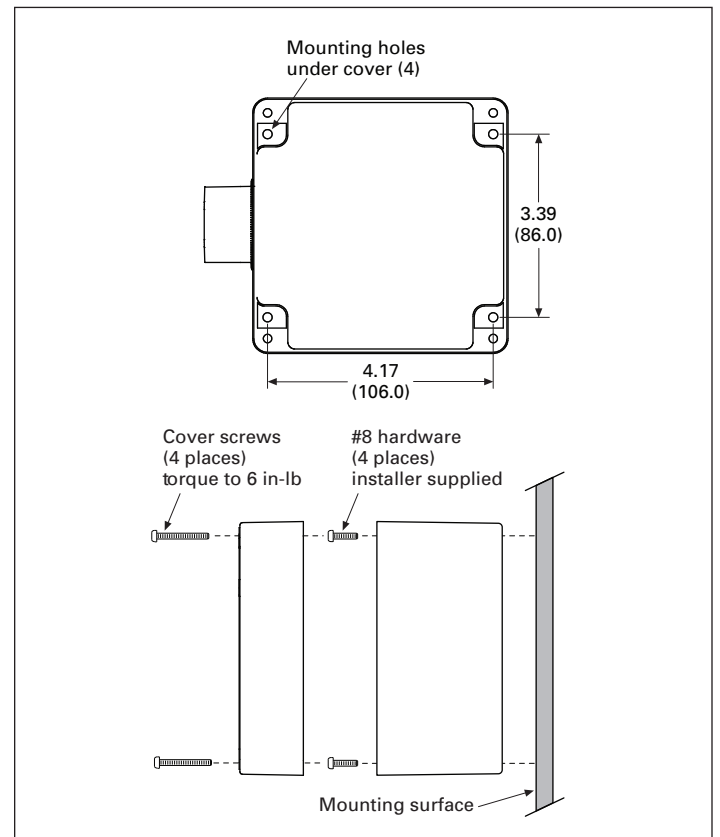


**Figure 2. Conduit installation**

### Wall mounting

Mount the SPD directly on a wall using the SPD's internal mounting holes as follows:

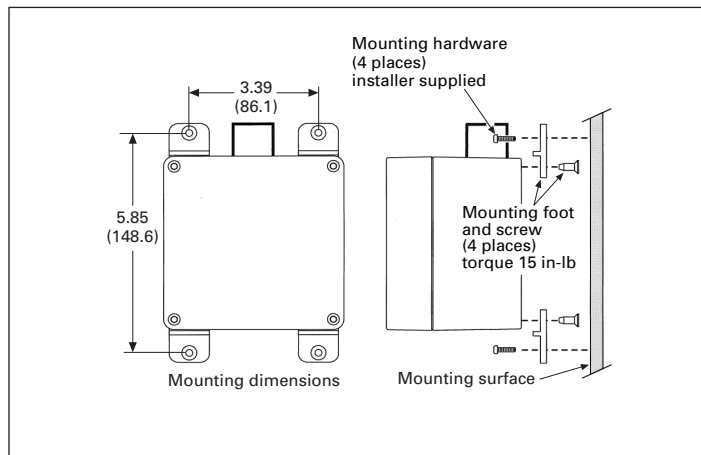
1. Gain access to the internal mounting holes by first removing the SPD's four front cover screws, and then removing the front cover. See **Figure 3**.
2. Place the SPD against the wall and mark the locations of the four mounting holes.
3. Attach the SPD to the wall using #8 hardware.
4. Reinstall the front cover.



**Figure 3. Wall mounting using internal mounting holes**

### External mounting feet (optional)

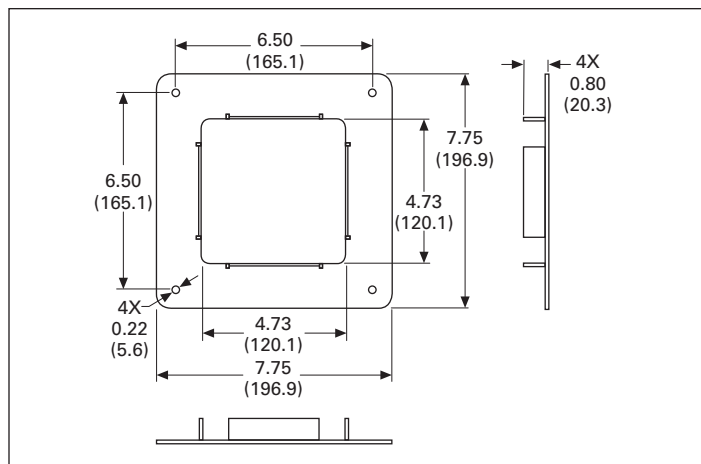
Optional external mounting feet with screws (catalog number MNTGFTX) can be used to mount the SPD to a wall without removing the front cover as shown in **Figure 4**.



**Figure 4. Wall mounting using external mounting feet**

### Flush mount plate (optional)

Optional flush mounting plate (catalog number FLUSHMNTPLATE12) can be used when mounting the SPD flush with a wall.



**Figure 5. Optional flush mount plate**

### Wiring for AC units

#### IMPORTANT

**BE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ELECTRICAL CODES WHEN MAKING WIRING CONNECTIONS.**

**WHEN CONNECTING THE WIRES FROM THE SPD TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, CUT THE WIRES AS NECESSARY TO KEEP THEM AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.**

**TO MAXIMIZE THE SPD'S PERFORMANCE, TWIST AND BIND THE WIRES TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE IMPEDANCE OF THE WIRE (ONE TWIST/INCH).**

**IF THE SYSTEM UTILIZES AN ISOLATED GROUND, THE SPD'S GROUND WIRE MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE SYSTEM'S ISOLATED GROUND BUS.**

1. Locate the electrical system's applicable wiring diagram in **Figure 6** through **Figure 11**. Reference this wiring diagram as necessary in Steps 2, 3, and 4.
2. Connect the SPD's ground wire (green) to the system's ground connection.
3. Connect the SPD's neutral wire (white) to the system's neutral connection (not required for three-phase delta systems—240D, 480D, 600D).
4. Connect the SPD's phase A, B, and C wires (black) to the system's corresponding phase A, B, and C connections according to applicable national, state, and local electrical codes.

## SPD wiring diagrams

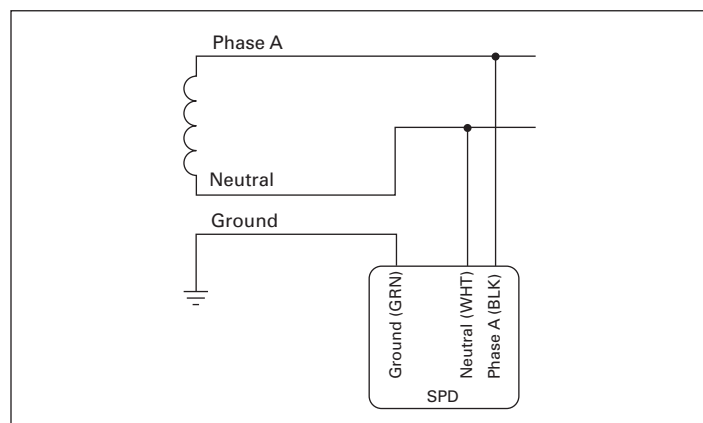


Figure 6. Single-phase (230L, 480L)

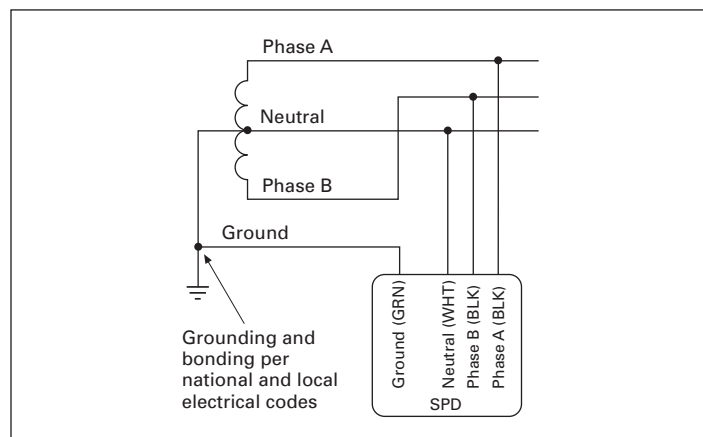


Figure 7. Split-phase (240S)

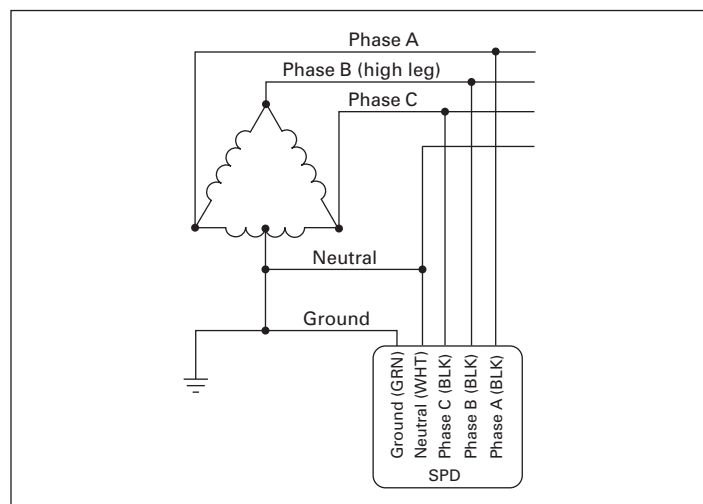


Figure 8. High leg (240H)

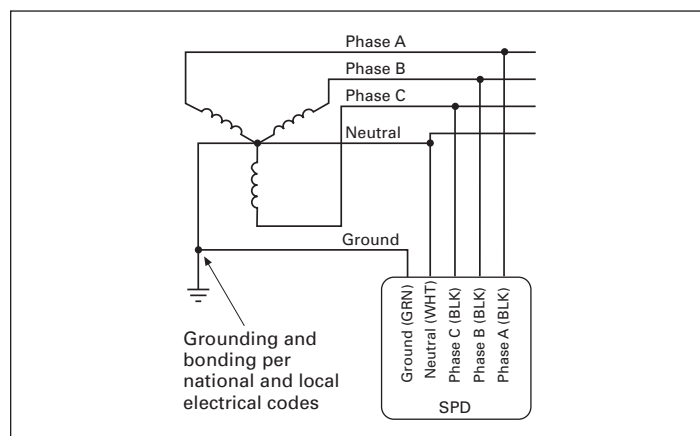


Figure 9. Three-phase wye (star) (208Y, 480Y, 600Y)

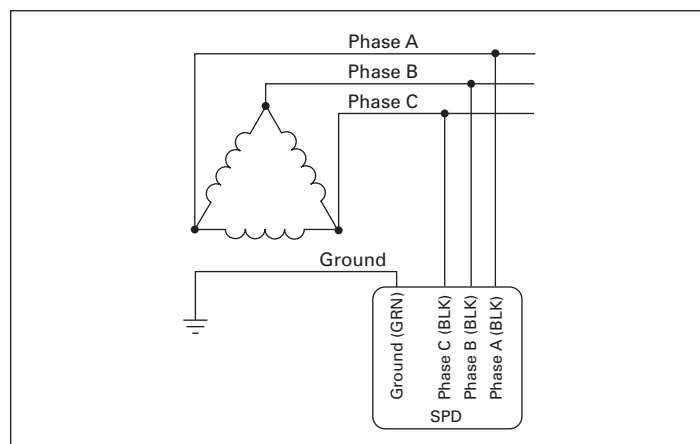


Figure 10. Three-phase delta (no neutral) (240D, 480D, 600D)

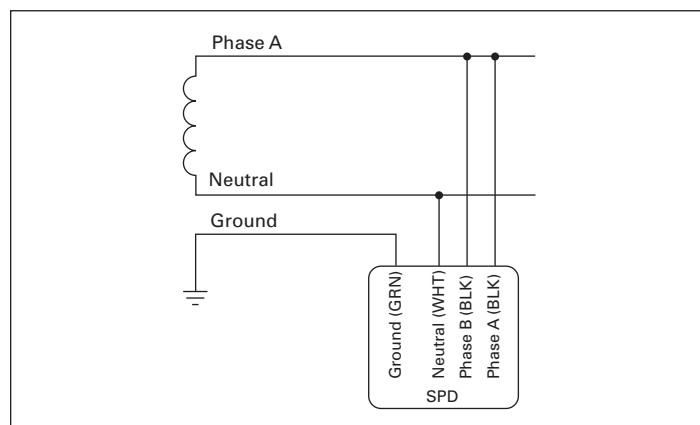


Figure 11. Single-phase 120 V (240S)

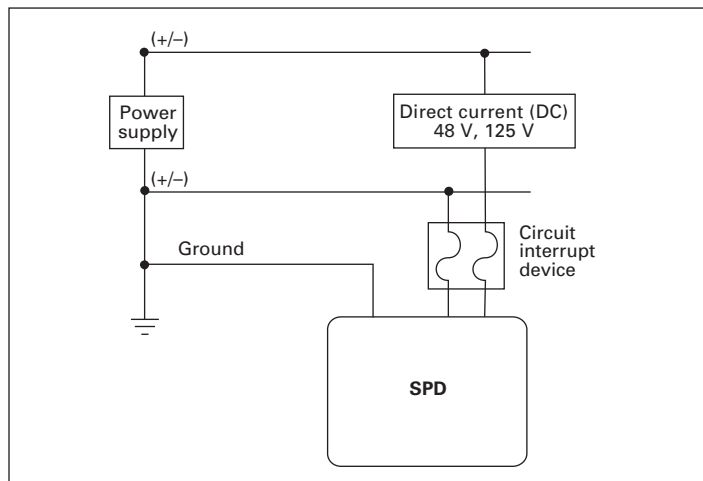


Figure 12. Before installation as SPD

*Before installation as SPD***Step A**

Verify system voltage does not exceed maximum suggested operating voltage listed in table.

- All voltage measurements should be completed with a DC voltmeter
- **Do not install suppressor if measured voltage exceeds maximum suggested operating limits**

Table 2. Maximum suggested operating voltages and wire colors

Model number	Line-to-line	Line-to-ground	(+/-) Wire color	Ground wire color
CVX050-048DC	130	65	Black	Green
CVX100-125DC	288	144	Black	Green

**Step B**

Choose suppressor installation location so leads are kept as short and straight as possible. **Suppressor must be connected to electrical system via one of the following circuit interrupt devices:**

- 1–two-pole/single-throw 30 A circuit breaker

**Note:** Pre-existing breakers of rated load size may be utilized if provisions for multi-conductor connections are made according to NEC 110.14A.

- 2–single-pole/single-throw 30 A circuit breakers
- 2–30 A Class RK5 fuse(s) (such as Bussmann FRN-R-30 for less than 125 Vdc)

**Note:** For isolated ground, suppressor GROUND wire is bonded to shell internally. If system utilizes isolated ground, then suppressor shell must be isolated from ground via insulated conduit fitting and ground wire must be connected to isolated ground bus.

*Before installation as secondary surge arrestor***Step A**

Follow Step A as above.

**Step B**

No circuit interrupt device is required.

*Installation instructions as SPD***Step 1**

Remove power from electrical system before installing suppressor.

**Step 2**

Mechanically mount suppressor:

- Suppressor to be installed through panel knockout and via suppressor optional (these are not on this unit) mounting feet. Place suppressor against mounting surface and mark feet positions if applicable. Complete conduit connection installation. Screw box to surface with appropriate screws
- Ensure weatherproof conduit and fittings are used to maintain NEMA 4 rating
- Suppressor to be mounted for shortest and straightest possible wire installation from suppressor to system bus. Excessive wire length and sharp bends degrade suppressor performance; therefore, avoid excessive wire length and sharp bends when at all possible
- If installing on a system other than electrical panel, mount in close proximity to system being protected using necessary means for mounting

**Note:** A circuit interrupt device is still required when installing suppressor on a system other than electrical panel.

- Suppressor contains no position-oriented components and can be mounted upside down or sideways. (Cover may be rotated only 180 degrees to improve label readability. Take care to support cover to prevent damage to indicator light circuit board and wiring.)

**⚠ WARNING**

**COVER WILL NOT SEAL WHEN ROTATED ONLY 90 DEGREES. THIS INVALIDATES NEMA 4 RATING AND MAY CREATE SAFETY HAZARD.**

### Step 3

Wire suppressor into electrical system:

- Cut wire(s) as short as possible for optimum suppressor performance
- Connect GROUND (green) wire to system ground busbar. Refer to NOTE for systems utilizing isolated ground
- Connect black wire(s) to “+” and “–” (no polarity required)

### Step 4

Apply power to system. Indicator light should glow. If light does not glow, remove power and contact supplier.

### Installation instructions as secondary surge arrestor

#### Step 1

Follow Steps 1 through 4 above, only circuit interrupt device not required.

## Specifications

Description	Specification
Peak kA per phase	CVX050 = 50 kA; CVX100 = 100 kA ①
Peak kA per mode	50
Nominal discharge current	20 kA (480L, 600D, 600Y = 10 kA)
Single-phase voltages	200, 208, 220, 230, 240, 277, 480
Split-phase voltages	100/200, 110/220, 120/240, 120
Wye system voltages	1100/175, 110/190, 120/208, 127/220, 220/380, 230/400, 240/415, 277/480, 305/525, 347/60
Delta system voltages	200, 208, 220, 230, 240, 380, 400, 415, 440, 480, 525, 600
Direct current (DC) voltages	48 V, 125 V
Input power frequency	47 to 420 Hz (50/60 Hz typical)
Protection modes	Single-phase L-N, N-G, L-G Split phase L-N, N-G, L-G, L-L Wye L-N, N-G, L-G, L-L Delta L-G, L-L Direct current (DC) ① L-L, L-G
Ports	1
Specific energy	100 kJ/ohm
Operating temperature	–13 to +140 °F (–25 to +60 °C)
Weight	≈ 2.0 lb (1.0 kg)
Certification/listing	UL® 1449 4th Edition Type 1 and Type 2 SPD, CSA® Type 1 and Type 2 SPD
UL 96A Compliant	Yes
NFPA 780 Compliant	Yes
ROHS Compliant	Yes
Wire Length and AWG	Factory prewired with 16 inches of 10 AWG wire

① DC models only available in 50 kA.

## Operation

### Power up and system checkout

Apply system power. One LED should light for each phase voltage being monitored (see **Figure 13**). Single-phase electrical systems will light only one LED, split-phase systems light two LEDs, while three-phase systems light all three.

If the connected LEDs do not light, remove power, check connections, and test again. If the LEDs still do not light, contact your supplier.

### Routine operation

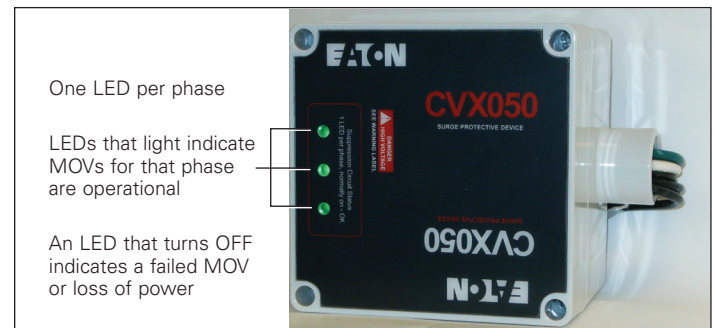
After system power has been applied, the SPD automatically begins to protect downstream electrical devices from damaging voltage transients and surges.

With all phase voltages present, if an LED turns OFF, the SPD has disconnected itself from that phase of the electrical system because one of its thermally protected MOVs has failed. If a thermally protected MOV fails, power will be maintained to the load; however, the load is now **unprotected**.

The CVX050/100 is **not repairable** and contains no user serviceable parts. If the unit fails, as shown by at least one of the LEDs turning OFF, the unit must be replaced. Please contact your distributor as the SPD may be under warranty.

## ⚠ WARNING

**DO NOT USE THE SUPPRESSION CIRCUIT STATUS LEDES AS AN INDICATION OF THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF SYSTEM PHASE VOLTAGES.**



**Figure 13. Suppression circuit status LEDs**



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