

Electrical Characteristics Of Metallized Polypropylene Film Capacitor With General Technical Data– Comparative Study

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ABSTRACT:- On invention plastic films it became a revolution by replacing electrolytic capacitor by metallized plastic film capacitors. Metallized polypropylene film (MPPF) provide high insulation voltage, this feature makes MPPF ideal for applications in high voltage engineering (HVE). The principal objective of the paper is to do about a brief study on Metallized Polypropylene film capacitors by comparative study with other metallized plastic films. By graphical study on effects of temperature and humidity across capacitive tolerance ($\Delta C/C$) and electrical characteristics of plastic films and proving how polypropylene films are ideal for making capacitors by studying ESR and dissipation factor by taking general technical data of metallized polypropylene films and values are tabulated. A final purpose of this paper is given to create a method of analysis that how the effect of climatic conditions doesn't make much impact on characteristics of MPPF. Therefore very ideal for precision applications.

Index words :- metallized terephthalate (MKT), metallized polypropylene (MKP), metallized polyethylene naphthalate (MKN), electrical series resistance (ESR).

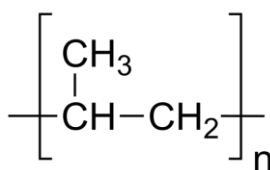
INTRODUCTION

Polypropylene (PP) is a common polymeric material frequently used in diverse industrial applications because of its excellent mechanical properties.

- a) Light weight
- b) low cost and
- c) easy recyclability

Capacitor using it as a dielectric, particularly a biaxially oriented polypropylene film excellent in heat resistance and dielectric properties, less in insulation defects and excellent in the impregnation of an insulating oil into the clearances between film layers and swelling resistance when immersed in the insulating oil, and a capacitor excellent in dielectric properties, corona resistance, long-term thermal durability and electric current resistance, using the film as dielectric.

Structure of polypropylene



Polypropylene film capacitors are film capacitors with dielectric made of the thermoplastic, non-polar, organic and partially crystalline polymer material

Polypropylene (PP), trade name Treofan, from the family of polyolefins. Polypropylene film is the most-used dielectric film in industrial capacitors and also in power capacitor types. Predictable linear and low capacitance change with operating temperature.

APPLICATION

Suitable for use in situations where failure of the capacitor could lead to danger of electric shock. Suitable for applications in Class-1 frequency-determining circuits and precision analog applications. Very narrow capacitances. Extremely low dissipation factor. Low moisture absorption, therefore suitable for "naked" designs with no coating. High insulation resistance. Usable in high power applications such as snubber or IGBT. Used also in AC power applications, such as in motors or power factor correction. Very low dielectric losses. High frequency and high power applications such as induction heating. Widely used for safety/EMI suppression, including connection to power supply mains.

GENERAL TECHNICAL DATA

- **Dielectric:** polypropylene film.
- **Plates:** metal layer deposited by evaporation under vacuum.
- **Winding:** Non-inductive type.
- **Leads:** Tin-plated copper wire.
- **Plastic case:** PBT material solvent resistant & flame retardant according to UL94V0.
- **Filling:** Epoxy Resin with flame retardant according to UL94V0.
- **Marking:** Company logo, capacitor type, capacitance, tolerance, capacitor class, rated voltage, approvals climatic category, passive flammability category, date code.
- **Operating temperature range:** - 40 to +110 Climatic category: 40/110/56 IEC 60068-1
- **Related documents:** IEC-60384-14, EN-60384-14, UL-60384-14, CSA-60384-14.

RELIABILITY TEST METHOD & PERFORMANCE:

Damp heat steady state Test condition <i>Temperature: 40±2°C</i> <i>Relative humidity: 93%±2%</i> <i>Test duration: 56 days</i>	Performance <i>Dielectric strength:</i> No dielectric breakdown or flashover at 1500Vac/1 min. <i>Capacitance change:</i> ≤5% <i>Insulation resistance:</i> ≥50% of initial limit
Endurance Test condition <i>Temperature: 110°C±2C</i> <i>Test duration: 1000 h</i> <i>Voltage applied: 1.7VR+1000Vac 0.1s/h</i>	Performance <i>Dielectric strength:</i> No dielectric breakdown or flashover at 1500Vac/1 min. <i>Capacitance change:</i> ≤10% <i>Insulation resistance:</i> ≥50% of initial limit
Resistance to soldering heat Test condition <i>Solder bath temperature: 260°C±5°C</i> <i>Dipping time: 10s±1s</i>	Performance <i>Capacitance change:</i> ≤2%

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS TEST CONDITIONS

- **Capacitance range:** 1000pF ~ 1.0μF
- **Capacitance tolerances:** (measured at 1KHZ) ±10%(K); ±20%(M)
- **Rated Voltage:** 300Vac/1000Vdc; 50/60Hz
- **Dissipation Factor:** tgδ 10⁻⁴ at +25°C±5°C ≤ 30 (20 D typical) at 1 kHz

Insulation Resistance:

Test conditions

- **Temperature:** 25°C ±5°C
- **Voltage charge:** 100 Vdc
- **Charge time:** 1 Min.

Performance

- **C ≤ 0.33uf:** ≥1×10⁵ MΩ (typical value 5×10⁵ MΩ)
- **C > 0.33uF:** ≥30000 s (typical value 150000 s)
- **Test Voltage:** at 25°C ±5°C 2500VAC for . (Between terminal) 1 sec+ 5000Vdc for 1sec

CHARACTERISTICS OF PPF WHICH MADE IT IDEAL WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER PLASTIC FILMS

Dielectric		PP	PET	PEN
Dielectric constant(εr)		2.2	3.2	3.0
C drift with time(i_r=Δc/c)	%	3	3	2
C Temperature coefficient	10 ⁻⁶	-250	+600	+200
C humiditycoefficient βc(50...95%)	10 ⁻⁶ /%r.h	40..100	500..700	700..900
Dissipation factor(1 kHz)		0.0005	0.0050	0.0040
Time constant	s	100000	25000	25000
Dielectric absorption	%	.05	0.2	1.2

Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

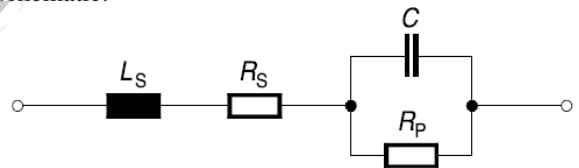
Polypropylene (PP)

Polyethylene naphthalate (PEN)

ELECTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

Any real capacitor can be modelled in following schematic:



Ls– series inductance

Rs– series resistance, due to contacts

C– capacitance

Rp –parallel resistance,due to insulation resistance

Ls, C, Rs are the magnitudes that vary in frequency domain

Rp is the magnitude of insulation resistance measured in DC

CAPACITANCE

RATED CAPACITANCE/MEASURING CONDITIONS

Rated capacitance is the value of capacitor for which it is designed and indicated on it.

Capacitance is measured by standards IEC 60068-1

Measuring conditions	Standard conditions	Referee conditions
Temperature	15...35°C	(23±1)°C
Relative humidity	45...75%	(50±2)%
Ambient atmospheric pressure	86...106kPa	86...106kPa
Frequency	1kHz	1 kHz
Voltage	0.03*Vr(max. 5V)	0.03*Vr(max. 5V)

Prior to being measured capacitor should be maintained at standard temperature and humidity until entire capacitor maintain constant values.

VARIATION OF CAPACITANCE WITH TEMPERATURE

Capacitance will undergo reversible change within a range of temperatures between the upper and lower category temperatures. The gradient of the capacitance/temperature curve is given by the temperature coefficient Δc of the capacitance, which is defined as the average capacitance change, in relation to the capacitance measured at $(20 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$, occurring within the temperature range T_1 to T_2 . It is expressed in units of $10^{-6}/\text{K}$.

C1 Capacitance measured at temperature T_1

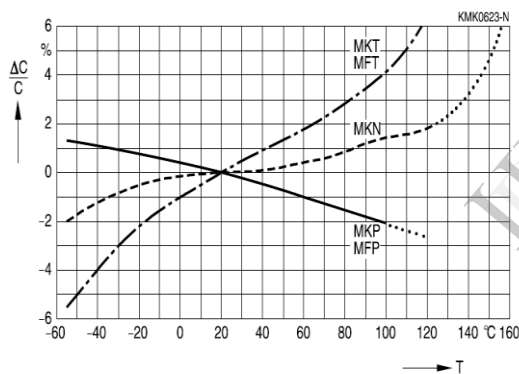
C2 Capacitance measured at temperature T_2

C3 Reference capacitance measured at $(20 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$

The temperature coefficient is essentially determined by the properties of the dielectric, the capacitor construction and the manufacturing parameters. Polypropylene capacitors have negative temperature coefficients, polyester capacitors have positive temperature coefficients.

Dielectric		PP	PET	PEN
C temperature coefficient Δc	$10^{-6}/\text{K}$	-250	+600	+200

Reversible changes of capacitance with temperature are usually expressed as $\Delta C/C$ shows typical temperature characteristics of different capacitor styles.



Relative capacitance change $\Delta C/C$ vs. temperature T (typical values)

VARIATION OF CAPACITANCE WITH HUMIDITY

The capacitance of a plastic film capacitor will undergo a reversible change of value in relation to any change in the ambient humidity. Depending on the type of capacitor design, both the dielectric and the effective air gap between the films will react to changes in the ambient humidity, which will thus affect the measured capacitance. The humidity coefficient Δc is defined as the relative capacitance change determined for a 1% change in humidity (at constant temperature).

$$\beta_c = 2 * (C_2 - C_1) / ((C_2 + C_1) * (F_2 - F_1))$$

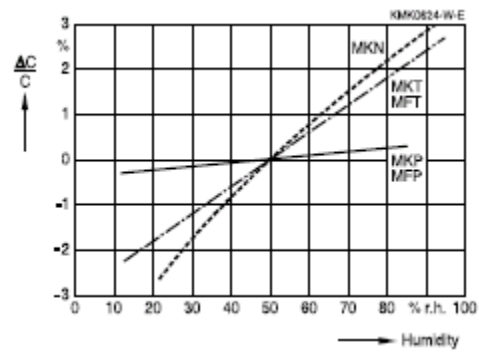
C1 Capacitance at relative humidity F_1

C2 Capacitance at relative humidity F_2

The values of Δc given in table are valid for a

relative humidity range of 50% to 95%. At relative humidity below 30%, the humidity coefficient is relatively low. Wide variations are to be expected at relative humidity above 85%.

Figure shows typical capacitance/humidity characteristics of different capacitor styles.

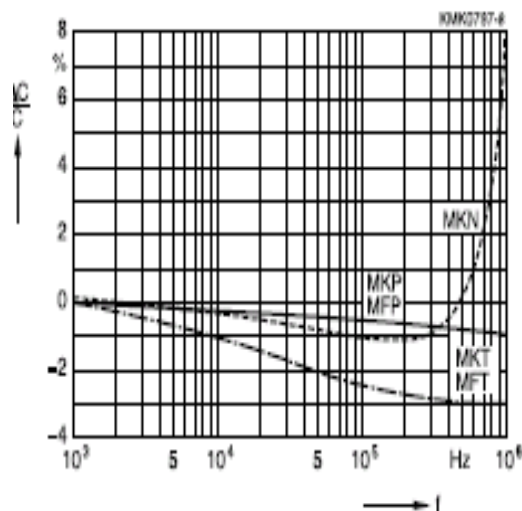


Relative capacitance change $\Delta C/C$ vs. relative humidity (typical values)

VARIATION OF CAPACITANCE WITH FREQUENCY

As figure shows, in polypropylene capacitors (PP MKP, MFP), the capacitance remains virtually unaffected by frequency up to 1 MHz. In polyester capacitors (PET MKT) and especially in PEN capacitors (polyethylene naphthalate, MKN), the effect of frequency is more noticeable.

Dielectric		PP	PET	PEN
C humidity coefficient β_c	10/% r.h	40...100	500...700	700...900



Relative capacitance change $\Delta C/C$ vs. frequency f (typical example) Additionally, in the vicinity of the natural resonant frequency of the capacitors, self-inductance leads to an additional decrease of impedance.

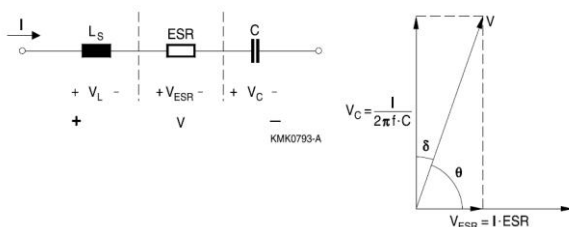
VARIATION OF CAPACITANCE WITH TIME

In addition to the changes described, the capacitance of a capacitor is also subjected to irreversible changes known as drift $\Delta C/C$. The values stated for capacitance drift (see table below) are maximum values and refer to a two-year period and a temperature up to 40 °C. Here the reversible effects of temperature changes (βc and changes in relative humidity (αc) are not taken into consideration.

Drift is stabilized over time and thus provides the long-term stability of capacitance. However, it may exceed the specified values if a capacitor is subjected to frequent, large temperature changes in the vicinity of the upper category temperature and relative humidity limits.

ESR AND DISSIPATION FACTOR

Under an AC voltage signal of specified frequency, the equivalent circuit diagram can be simplified to a series connection of the capacitance C , an **equivalent series resistance (ESR)** and the series inductance L_S . Simplified capacitor model for AC. Complex voltage calculation. For frequencies well below the natural resonant frequency (L_S, V_L), due to the ESR the phase shift between voltage and current is slightly less than 90°. The difference between the phase angle θ and 90° is the defect angle δ , which is measured through the **dissipation factor $\tan \delta$** , i.e. the ratio of the equivalent series resistance ESR to the capacitive reactance $X_C = 1/2\pi f C$.



It can easily be deduced that the dissipation factor is also the ratio of effective power (i.e. power dissipation) to reactive power. Power dissipation can be expressed as a function of the voltage V_{ESR} across the equivalent series resistance ESR, or the current I through it:

$$\tan \delta = ESR \cdot 2\pi f \cdot C$$

$$P = V_{ESR}^2 / ESR = ESR \cdot I^2$$

Since

$$V_{ESR}^2 = (ESR^2 / ESR^2 + (1/2\pi f \cdot C)^2) \cdot V^2$$

and since for film capacitors $\tan \delta = 2\pi f \cdot C \cdot ESR \ll 0.1$

$$V_{ESR}^2 = ESR^2 \cdot (2\pi f \cdot C)^2 \cdot V^2$$

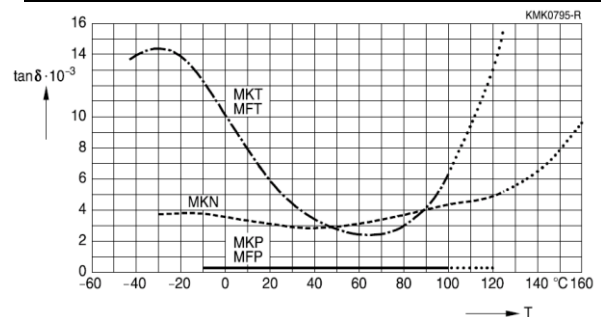
the power can be expressed as

$$P = 2\pi f \cdot C \cdot \tan \delta \cdot V^2 \quad \text{or} \quad P = (2\pi f \cdot C)^2 \cdot ESR \cdot V^2$$

Both ESR and $\tan \delta$ are important because they dictate the **power dissipation** of a capacitor and thus its **self-heating**.

Variation of dissipation factor with temperature, humidity and voltage The dissipation factor of capacitors with a polypropylene dielectric is largely unaffected by temperature, whereas polyester capacitors show a characteristic dissipation factor minimum at approx. 80 °C (at 1 kHz).

Dielectric	PP	PET	PEN
Capacitance drift \dot{r} (typical values)	3%	3%	2%



Dissipation factor $\tan \delta$ vs. temperature T for $f = 1$ kHz (typical values)

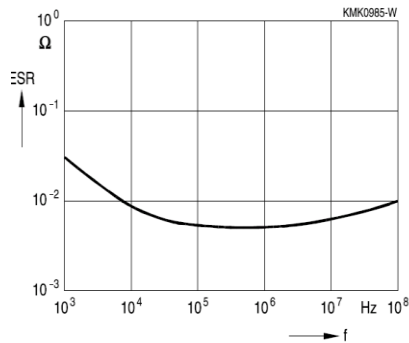
Variation of ESR with frequency

From the definition of $\tan \delta$, ESR can be expressed as:

$$ESR = \tan \delta / 2\pi f \cdot C$$

Thus ESR comprises all the phenomena that can contribute as resistivity, which have been described for the dissipation factor. Figure shows a general frequency response for a film capacitor:

At very low frequencies, leakage is prevalent (range not represented). At low frequencies, ESR is dominated by the dielectric losses, decreasing roughly as f^{-1} . At medium to high frequencies, losses in the conductors are dominant and ESR becomes relatively constant. At very high frequencies (>10 MHz) ESR increases by f due to the skin effect.



ESR vs. frequency for an MKT capacitor

ESR variations with temperature and humidity follow those of dissipation factor

Insulation resistance

Measuring conditions

The insulation resistance R_{ins} of a capacitor is a measure of its resistivity in DC. Under a stationary DC voltage, a leakage current flows through the dielectric and over the capacitor surfaces. R_{ins} is measured by determining the ratio of the applied DC voltage to the resulting leakage current flowing through the capacitor, once the initial charging current has ceased (typically after a period of 1 min \square 5 s). The measuring voltage depends on the rated voltage. It is specified in IEC 60384-1.

The specified measuring temperature is 20 °C. At other temperatures, a correction shall be made to the measured value to obtain the equivalent value for 20 °C by multiplying the measured result by the appropriate correction factor.

Measuring temperature in °C	Correction factor (average values) according to the sectional specification		
	MKT, MFT	MKN	MKP, MFP
15	0.79	0.79	0.75
20	1.00	1.00	1.00
23	1.15	1.15	1.25
27	1.38	1.38	1.50
30	1.59	1.59	1.75
35	2.00	2.00	2.00

In case of doubt a reference measurement at 20 °C and (50 \pm 2)% relative humidity is decisive.

In the data sheets for the individual types, the insulation resistance R_{ins} is given as a minimum as-delivered value and as a limit value attained after the "damp heat, steady-state" test.

For capacitors with capacitance ratings $>0.33 \mu\text{F}$ the insulation is given in terms of a **time constant**.

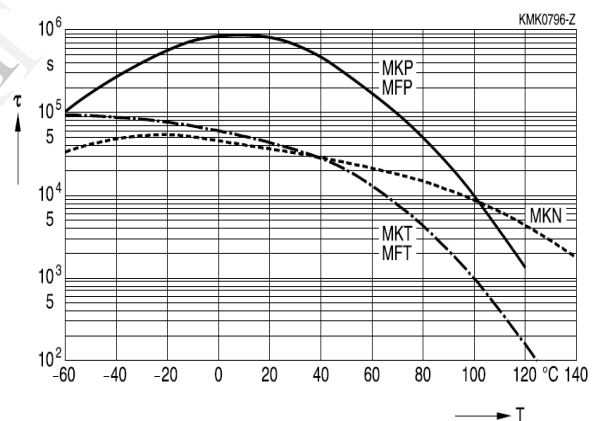
$$\tau = R_{ins} \cdot CR \text{ (in s)}$$

Factors affecting insulation resistance

As could already be deduced from the correction factor table, the insulation resistance is affected by temperature.

Figure shows the typical behavior of individual types

Rated voltage VR of capacitor	Measuring voltage
$10\text{V} \leq VR < 100\text{V}$	$(10 \pm 1)\text{V}$
$100\text{V} \leq VR < 500\text{V}$	$(100 \pm 15)\text{V}$
$500\text{V} \leq VR$	$(500 \pm 50)\text{V}$



Insulation as self-discharge time constant $\tau (= R_{ins} \cdot CR)$ in s ($\text{M}\Omega \cdot \mu\text{F}$) vs. temperature T (typical values)

Insulation resistance is also affected significantly by humidity (as humidity increases, insulation resistance decreases).

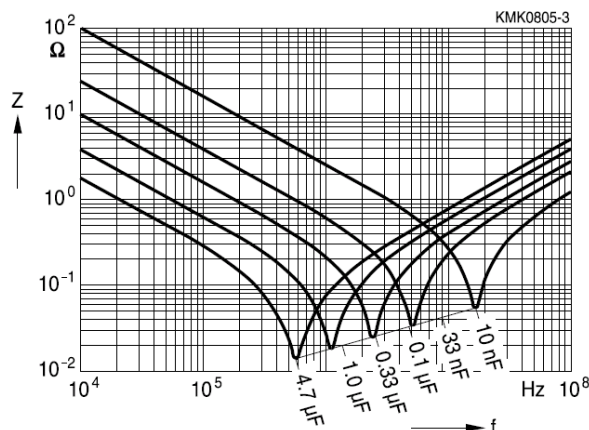
Self-inductance

The self-inductance or series inductance LS of a film capacitor is due to the magnetic field created by the current in the film metallization and the connections. It is thus determined by the winding structure, the geometric design and the length and thickness of the contact paths. As far as possible, all capacitors described in this data book are constructed with low inductance bifilar electrode current paths or extended foil contacts, and thus feature very low inductance. A general rule for deducing LS states that the maximum value is 1 nH per mm of lead length and capacitor length. LS can also be calculated from the resonant frequency.

Impedance, resonant frequency

The impedance Z represents the component's opposition to current flow and is both resistive and reactive in nature. It is thus of particular importance in AC and ripple current filtering. From the capacitor model in figure, Z is defined as the magnitude of the vectorial sum of ESR and the total reactance (inductive reactance minus capacitive reactance):

$$Z = (ESR^2 + (2\pi f \cdot L_s - 1/2\pi f \cdot C)^2)^{1/2}$$

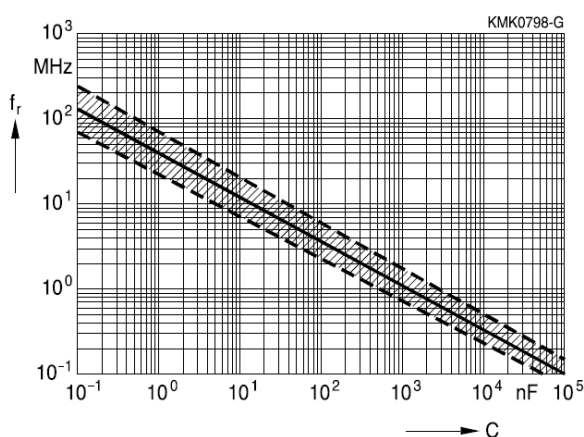


Typical impedance characteristics of film capacitors

At low frequencies, the capacitive reactance $X_C = 1/2\pi f C$ prevails, whereas at very high frequencies the inductive reactance $X_L = 2\pi f L_s$ is dominant. When capacitive reactance equals inductive reactance, natural resonance occurs. At this point the reactances cancel each other out and impedance equals ESR. The natural resonant frequency therefore given by:

$$f_{res} = 1/2\pi \sqrt{C \cdot L_s}$$

The frequency range of natural resonance (also termed self resonance) as a function of capacitance can be read off the following diagram



Resonant frequency f_r versus capacitance C (typical values)

RESULT

The temperature and frequency dependencies of electrical parameters for polypropylene film capacitors are very low, the PP capacitors have a linear, negative temperature coefficient of capacitance of $\pm 2.5\%$ within their temperature range. Therefore, polypropylene film capacitors are suitable for applications in first class frequency-determining circuits, filters, oscillator circuits, audio circuits, and

timers. They are also useful for compensation of inductive coils in precision filter applications, and for high-frequency applications.

In addition, PP film capacitors have the lowest dielectric absorption capacity, it makes them suitable for applications such as VCO timing capacitors, sample-and-hold and audio circuits. They are available for these precision applications in very narrow capacitance tolerances.

The dissipation factor of PP film capacitors is smaller than that of other film capacitors. Due to the low and very stable dissipation factor over a wide temperature and frequency range, even at very high frequencies, and their high dielectric strength of 650 V/ μ m, PP film capacitors can be used in metalized and in film/foil versions as capacitors for pulse applications, such as CRT-scan deflection circuits, or as so-called "snubber" capacitors, or in IGBT applications. In addition, polypropylene film capacitors are used in AC power applications, such as motor run capacitors or PFC capacitors.

Conclusion

During a few decades, polypropylene all-film power capacitors impregnated with fluids made from biodegradable and non-toxic vegetable oils are of interest among researchers world-wide. There are four electrical properties of model capacitors which are taken into considerations; capacitance, withstand voltage.

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