

# Surge Protective Devices



## SPD50K Series

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## Safety Information

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### Important Information

**Read these instructions carefully and look at the equipment to become familiar with the device before trying to install, operate, service or maintain it. The following special messages may appear throughout this bulletin or on the equipment to warn of potential hazards or to call attention to information that clarifies or simplifies a procedure.**



The addition of either symbol to a “Danger” or “Warning” safety label indicates that an electrical hazard exists which will result in personal injury if the instructions are not followed.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

### **DANGER**

**DANGER** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **will result in** death or serious injury.

### **WARNING**

**WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could result in** death or serious injury.

### **CAUTION**

**CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **could result in** minor or moderate injury.

### **NOTICE**

NOTICE is used to address practices not related to physical injury. The safety alert symbol shall not be used with this signal word.

### Please Note

Electrical equipment should be installed, operated, serviced, and maintained only by qualified personnel. No responsibility is assumed by Appleton Grp LLC d/b/a Appleton Group for any consequences arising out of the use of this material.

A qualified person is one who has skills and knowledge related to the construction, installation, and operation of electrical equipment and has received safety training to recognize and avoid the hazards involved.

## Precautions

### DANGER

#### HAZARD OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, EXPLOSION, OR ARC FLASH

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- Always use a properly rated voltage sensing device to confirm power is off.
- Replace all devices, doors and covers before turning on power to this equipment.
- This equipment must be effectively grounded per all applicable codes. Use an equipment-grounding conductor to connect this equipment to the power system ground.
- Confirm the SPD voltage rating on the module or nameplate label is not less than operating voltage the operating voltage.

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**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including DINP, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer, and DIDP which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to: [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

### NOTICE

#### LOSS OF BRANCH CIRCUIT POWER / LOSS OF SURGE SUPPRESSION

- Perform periodic inspection of the surge protective device status indicator lights as part of the preventative maintenance schedule.
- Promptly replace the surge protective device when an alarm state exists.
- Use multiple surge protective devices to achieve redundancy for critical applications.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in equipment damage.**

At end-of-life conditions, Surge Protective Devices (SPDs) can lose their ability to suppress power system transient voltage spikes and attempt to draw excessive current from the line. This SPD is equipped with overcurrent and overtemperature components that will automatically disconnect the surge suppression elements from the mains should the surge suppression elements reach end of life. Tripping of the branch circuit breaker or fuse feeding the SPD can occur. Mitigate the tripping of the branch circuit breaker or fuse feeding the SPD by coordinating the surge suppression elements with the branch circuits.

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- Do not energize the surge protective device until the electrical system is completely installed, inspected and tested.
- Ensure all conductors are connected.
- Verify the voltage rating of the device and system prior to energizing.
- Perform high-potential insulation testing, or any other tests where surge protective device components will be subjected to voltages higher than their rated turn-on voltage, with the neutral and surge protective device disconnected from the power source

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## Introduction

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Proper installation is imperative to maximize the SolaHD SPD50K's effectiveness and performance. Follow the steps outlined in this instruction manual to ensure proper installation. Read the entire instruction manual before beginning the installation. These instructions are not intended to replace national or local electrical codes. Check all applicable electrical codes to verify compliance. Installation of these surge suppressors must only be performed by qualified electrical personnel.

## Unpacking and Preliminary Inspection

Inspect the shipping container for damage before unpacking the device. Remove the packing material and further inspect the device for shipping damage. If any damage is found, immediately file a claim with the shipping company.

## Parts List

- 1 - SPD50K Surge Protective Device (SPD) including 3 ft (approximately 1m) conductors
- 1 - 3/4 in. conduit nut
- 1 - L bracket mounting kit with two pan head screws

## Storage

The device should be stored in a clean, dry environment. Storage temperature is -67 °F to +149 °F (-55°C to +65°C). All of the packaging materials should be left intact until the device is ready for installation.

## Identification Nameplate

The identification nameplate is located on the side of the unit.

**Figure 1: SPD 50K Identification Nameplate**

SolaHD	
MODEL: SPD50K-_____	CW
VOLTAGE: _____ V	50-60Hz
MAX RATED AMBIENT AIR TEMP: _____	UL 1449-4
MFG DATE: _____	MCOV: _____
ENC TYPE: 1, 12, 4X	In: _____
SPD TYPE: 1	VOLTAGE
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">           UL HOLOGRAM         </div>	PROTECTION RATING
	L-N _____
	L-G _____
	N-G _____
E335146 44BV	L-L _____
Suitable For Use on a Circuit Capable of Delivering Not More Than 200,000 rms symmetrical Amperes.	

**IMPORTANT:** Verify the SPD is properly rated for installation on your distribution system. Confirm the surge protective device voltage rating on the nameplate label exceeds the voltage of the distribution system (operating system voltage) it will be installed in.

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For any questions, contact SolaHD Technical Support. See the last page of this manual for contact information.

## SPD Location Considerations

### Environment

The device is designed to operate in an ambient temperature range of -40 °F to +140 °F (-40°C to +60°C) with a relative humidity of 0 to 95% non-condensing. This device has a Type 4X housing.

### Audible Noise

The device background noise is negligible and does not restrict the location of the installation.

### Mounting

The device has been designed to be DIN-rail, bracket or surface mounted.

### Service Clearance

The service clearance should meet all applicable code requirements.

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## Equipment Performance

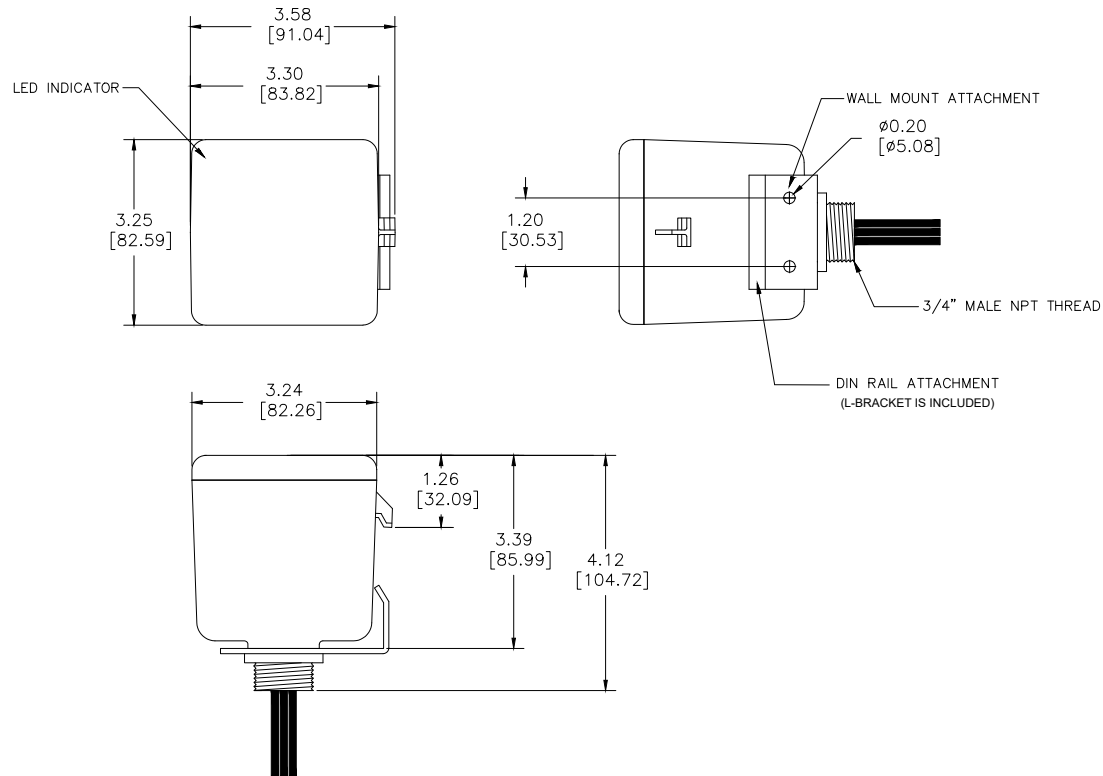
To obtain optimum surge suppression, locate the SPD as close as possible to the circuitry being surge-limited to minimize the wire length. Minimizing the wire length reduces the impedance between the circuitry and the SPD.

Refer to the Voltage Protection Rating (VPR) values on the SPD nameplate. These VPR values were obtained by testing the SPD with six-inch long leads (per UL1449). For every additional foot of wire beyond six inches, the effective VPR increases by approximately 160 volts.

## Technical Data Sheet

Performance Specifications		Diagnostic Monitoring	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50kA per phase</li><li>• UL 1449 tested Inominal: 20kA</li><li>• UL 1449 tested SCCR: 200kA</li><li>• Individually fused &amp; thermally protected MOVs</li><li>• Repetitive impulse: 5000 - 3kA - 8 x 20<math>\mu</math>s; 1000 - 10kA - 8 x 20<math>\mu</math>s</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green LED visible = okay, Green LED off, with power present = replace SPD</li><li>• Every MOV is monitored as opposed to 'power is present'</li></ul>	
Physical Specifications		Features	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relative humidity range: 0 - 95% non-condensing</li><li>• Operating frequency: 47 - 63 Hz</li><li>• Operating temperature: -40° C (-40° F) to +85° C (185° F)</li><li>• Response time: &lt; 1 nanosecond</li><li>• Solid state bi-directional operation</li><li>• NEMA 4X polycarbonate enclosure—UL746C(f1), UL 94-5VA</li><li>• Pre-wired with 3 feet (0.9 meter) of #10 AWG conductor</li><li>• Typical connection: 30A breaker</li><li>• Weight: 1.60 lbs (0.73 kg)</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standard, 35 mm DIN-Rail or Bracket (flat surface) Mount Installation</li></ul>	
Quality, Standards & Validation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cULus Listed</li><li>• Type 1: UL 1449, CSA 22.2 No. 269.1</li><li>• ANSI/IEEE C62.41.1-2002, C62.41.2-2002, C62.45-2002, C62.62-2010 and C62.72-2016</li><li>• RoHS compliant</li></ul>			

## Dimensions (in./mm)



## Electrical

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- Confirm the surge protective device voltage rating on the module or nameplate label is not less than the operating voltage.

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## Voltage Rating

Prior to mounting the SPD, verify that the device has the same voltage rating as the power distribution system in which it is installed. Compare the nameplate voltage or model number on the SPD with the nameplate of the electrical distribution equipment.

The specifier or user of the device should be familiar with the configuration and arrangement of the power distribution system in which the SPD is to be installed. The system configuration of any power distribution system is based strictly on how the secondary windings of the transformer supplying the service entrance main or load are configured. This includes whether or not the transformer windings are referenced to ground via a grounding conductor. The system configuration is not based on how any specific load or equipment is connected to a particular power distribution system. See Table 1 for the service voltage of each SPD.

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Table 1: Model SPD50K Service Voltages

**SPD**  
Surge Protective Device

**50K**  
50kA Rating Per Phase



**Voltage Codes**  
 10S – 120V/240V  
 10Y – 208Y/120V  
 27Y – 480Y/277V  
 24D – 240V Delta  
 48D – 480V Delta  
 34Y – 600Y/347V  
 60D – 600V Delta

Model	System Configuration	Reference Diagram	UL 1449 Test Data						
			L-N	L-L	N-G	L-G	I <sub>n</sub>	SCCR	MCOV
<b>2 POLE</b>									
SPD50K10S	120/240V		700	1200	600	1200	20kA	200kA	150
<b>WYE</b>									
SPD50K10Y	208Y/120V		700	1200	600	1200	20kA	200kA	150
SPD50K27Y	480Y/277V		1200	2000	1000	1800	20kA	200kA	320
SPD50K34Y	600Y/347V		1500	2500	1200	2500	20kA	200kA	420
<b>DELTA</b>									
SPD50K24D*	240V Delta		-	1500	-	1200	20kA	200kA	320
SPD50K48D*	480V Delta		-	3000	-	1800	20kA	200kA	552
SPD50K60D*	600V Delta		-	2500	-	2500	20kA	200kA	690

\* Does not include N-G protection



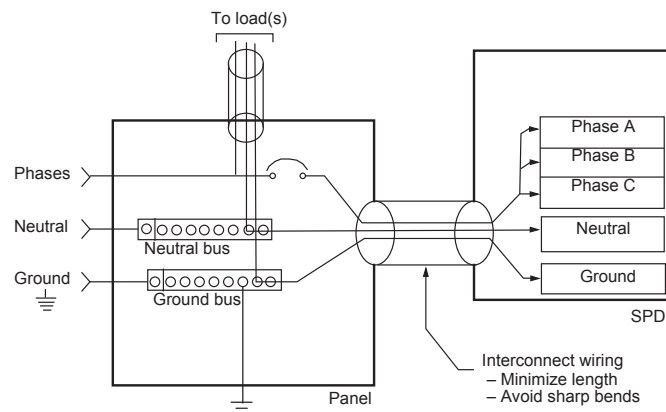
## Location of Surge Protective Device (SPD)

UL 1449 Type 1 SPDs have been designed and approved for line side applications prior to the main service disconnect without supplemental overcurrent protection. Type 2 SPDs must be installed on the load side of the main Overcurrent Protective Device (OCPD). All installations should either provide or include a disconnecting means.

Type 1 SPDs can also be used in Type 2 applications (load side of OCPD). When used on the load side, they must be installed per local codes.

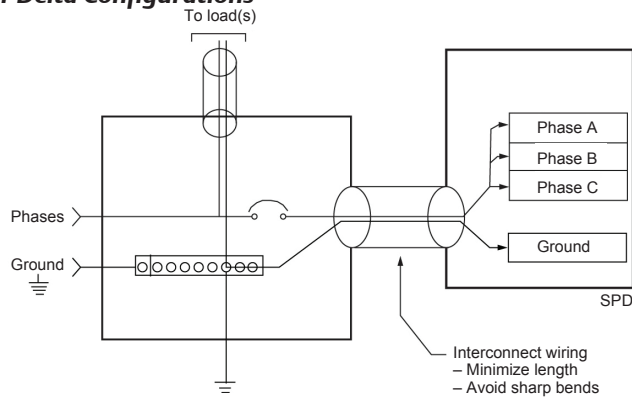
Locate the SPD as close as possible to the circuit mains being surge-limited to minimize the wire length and optimize SPD performance. Avoid long wire runs so that the device will perform as intended. To reduce the impedance that the wire displays to surge currents, the phase, neutral, and ground conductors (wye configurations), or phase and ground conductors (delta configurations), must be routed within the same conduit and tightly bundled or twisted together to optimize device performance. Avoid sharp bends in the conductors. See Figures 2 and 3.

**Figure 2: SPD Wiring for Wye Configuration**



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**Figure 3: SPD Wiring for Delta Configurations**



## System Grounding

### ⚠ CAUTION

#### SPD DAMAGE AND POWER SYSTEM OVER VOLTAGE

- Ungrounded power systems are inherently unstable and can produce excessively high line-to-ground voltages during certain fault conditions. During these fault conditions any electrical equipment, including an SPD, may be subjected to voltages which exceed their designed ratings. This information is being provided to the user so that an informed decision can be made before installing any electrical equipment on an ungrounded power system.
- Resistance-grounded power systems must be maintained in a over-damped state to limit voltage overshoot and duration during operation.
- Verification and adjustment of correct power system damping should be done following power system modifications and periodically, as part normal system maintenance.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in injury or equipment damage.**

### NOTICE

#### LOSS OF SURGE SUPPRESSION

- Verify that the service entrance equipment is bonded to ground in accordance with all applicable codes.

**Failure to follow these instructions can result in equipment damage.**

The SPD50K has SPD elements connected from phase to ground. It is critical that there be a robust and effective connection to the building grounding structure. The grounding connection must utilize an equipment grounding conductor run with the phase and neutral connection of the power system. Do not connect the SPD to a separate isolated ground. For proper voltage suppression by the SPD50K, use a single-point ground system where the service entrance grounding electrode system is connected to, and bonded to, all other available electrodes, building steel, metal water pipes, driven rods, etc. (for reference, see NEC Art 250). The ground impedance measurement of the electrical system must be as low as possible and in compliance with all applicable codes for sensitive electronic and computer systems.

## NOTICE

### INADEQUATE RACEWAY ELECTRICAL CONTINUITY

- Install an insulated grounding conductor inside a metallic raceway when the raceway is used as an additional grounding conductor. Size the conductor in accordance with all applicable codes.
- Maintain adequate electrical continuity at all raceway connections.
- Do not use isolating bushings to interrupt a metallic raceway run.
- Do not use a separate isolated ground for the surge protective device.
- Verify proper equipment connections to the grounding system.
- Verify ground grid continuity by inspections and testing as part of a comprehensive electrical maintenance program.

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## Wiring and Installation

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## Parts List

- 1 - SPD50K suppressor including 3' (~1m) conductors
- 1 - 3/4" conduit nut
- 1 - L bracket mounting kit; includes two pan head screws
- 1 - Instructions

<b>Table 2: Wire Color</b>	
<b>Wye and Delta Systems</b>	
Wire	Color
Phase 1-3	Black
Neutral	White
Ground	Green
<b>Delta Systems</b>	
Wire	Color
Phase 1-3	Black
Ground	Green

Follow steps 1 through 9 to make wiring connections:

1. Turn off all power supplying this equipment before working on or inside any enclosure containing this equipment.

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2. Confirm SPD is rated for your system by comparing voltage measurements to the Line Voltage (L-L, L-N) on the product label.
3. Identify proper location for the SPD. Locate as close as possible to the mains of the panel being surge-limited so the wires are as short as possible. Mount unit securely. See Figure 5.
  - **Note:** The SPD must be installed in an accessible location.
4. Mount SPD. For weather resistant applications additional sealing, O-ring is required (not included). See Figure 4 and 5.

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- For outdoor installation use and appropriate weather sealing at the nipple (o-ring, sealing conduit, etc).

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5. Install in accordance with national and local electrical codes and match the branch circuit Overcurrent Protection Device (OCPD) to the wire size.
6. For all wires Twist conductors 1/2 turn or more for every twelve inches of length.
7. Do not loop or coil wires. Be sure to maintain adequate wire bending space per NEC. Trim excessive wire length.
8. Use on solidly grounded systems unless the SPD model is designed for installation on ungrounded/HRG systems.
9. Energize and confirm proper operation of green LED indicator.

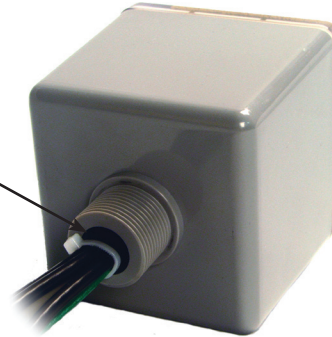
**Figure 4: Nipple**

Sealing gasket:

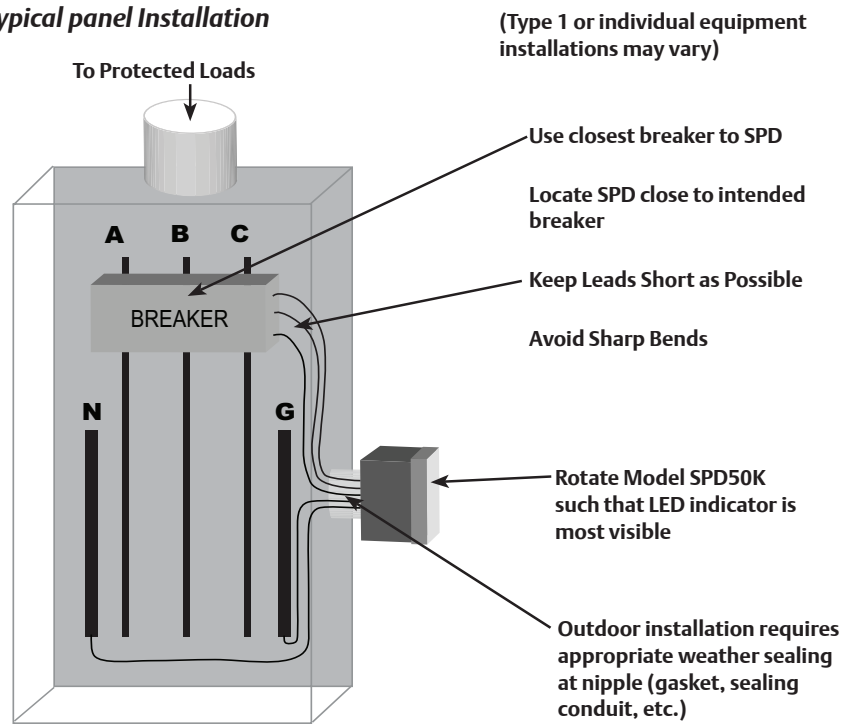
Two choices

1) At 3/4 in. nom. thread: ID is 1.05 in.

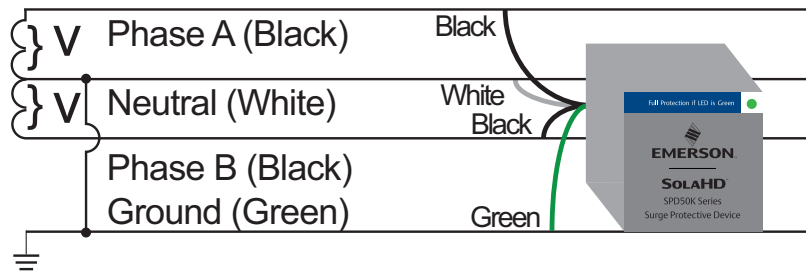
2) At 0.14 in. high 'base step': ID is 1.25 in.



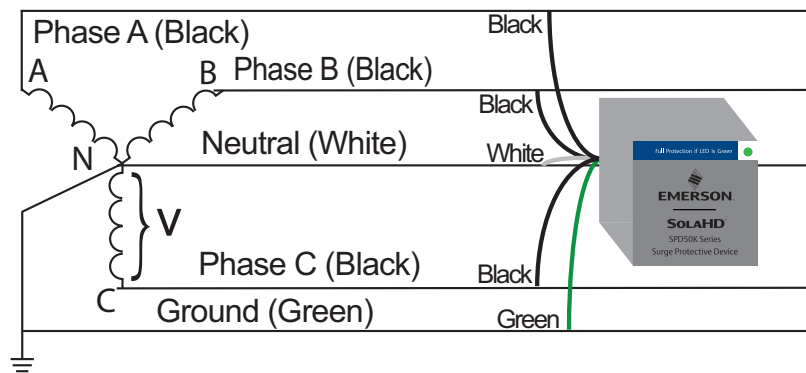
**Figure 5: Typical panel Installation**



**Figure 6: Single-Phase, Three-Wire Installation**

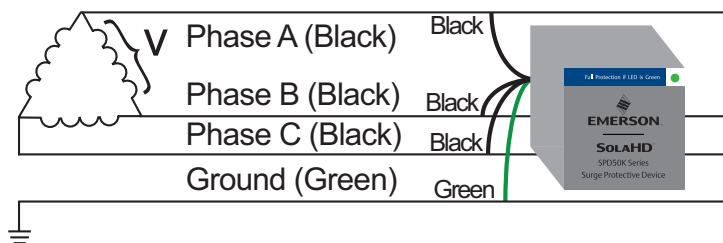


**Figure 7: Three-Phase, Three- or Four-Wire, Grounded WYE Installation<sup>1</sup>**



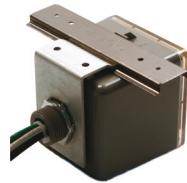
**Note 1:** The neutral conductor is not present on three-wire Wye grounded power systems.

**Figure 8: Three-Phase, Three-Wire, Delta Installation**



**Figure 9: Mounting the SPD50K**

- 3/4" pipe nipple (conduit nut included)
- With L-bracket mounting kit accessory
  - Standard 35mm DIN-Rail (not included)
- L-bracket tightens onto DIN-Rail
  - Standard flat mounting surface
- Attach L-bracket to surface via mounting holes



DIN-Rail Mount  
(rail not incl.)



Bracket Mount  
for flat surfaces



Std. 3/4"-14  
Nipple

## Surface-Mount Installation

**Note:** Mount the unit as close as possible to the protected panel.

1. Make perforations on the wall according to the screw holes located on the enclosure. (Rotate dimensions 90° as appropriate depending on orientation).
2. Configure the electrical conductor and conduit connection consistent with the installation instructions in this manual.

## Operation

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## LED Status Indicators

Diagnostic LEDs are located on the front of the SPD50K device. They operate as follows:

- Verify that all phase voltages are present. If the LED is not illuminated, the device may not be installed correctly. Check the power supply and service voltage. Upon energizing the SPD, check the LED status. If LED is illuminated, surge suppression is operating.
- If one LED is illuminated, there is a loss of surge suppression.
- If an inoperative condition occurs the device must be replaced by a qualified electrical personnel.

**Figure 10: Diagnostic Operation**



Indicator LED is GREEN = OK

Indicator LED OFF = loss of surge suppression, replace as required.



## Preventive Maintenance

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Inspect the SPD periodically to maintain system performance and continued transient voltage surge suppression. During this inspection, check the state of the display LED status indicators.

## Technical Support

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