Introduction

The application range of pulse transformers is very broad. In most cases, a signal or a control pulse must be transmitted between electrically isolated circuits. This problem exists in the activation of thyristors and triacs, or in the operation of FETs or IGBTs in high-power switching circuits.

Another application involves electrical isolation in telephone switchboards and data transfer systems.

High Insulation Rating

When used in power electronics, the secondary side of pulse transformers is normally at a high voltage potential. This requires a high insulation strength for pulse transformers.

Complying with VDE 110 b, Part 1, the following test voltages between the primary and the secondary circuits are required for transformers of Protection Class I and choke coils, as a function of the working voltage:

Working Voltage [V]	Test Voltage U _{isol} [V]
250 V	1500 V
500 V	2500 V
1000 V	3000 V

Test Voltage U_{isol}

The test voltages for TIMONTA pulse transformers depend on the type of winding and the coating on the coil wire. Exact information concerning each type is available in the technical specifications. The test voltage is in each case considerably higher than that prescribed by VDE 110 b.

Partial Discharge Voltage U

Partial discharges during normal operation have little effect on the operation of the circuit, but can accelerate the ageing of the pulse transformer.

The glow discharge and the intermittent voltages are at least 50% higher than the approved working voltages for all TIMONTA pulse transformers. This provides the best assurance against long-term damage.

Definition of the Rise Time T,

Over the almost straight-line in the lower 2/3 of the rise curve, i.e. in the area where the semiconductor is triggered with certainty, we draw a line and measure the time from 10% to 90% of the overall pulse height.



The measurement is made with the following circuit. The load resistance $\mathsf{R}_{_{\rm I}}$ is given for each type.



For a turns ratio of «1:1», the test voltage is 10 V; for «2:1» it is 20 V, and so on.

Trigger Current I

The maximum trigger current is a guide value. For a given current, the drop in voltage over the secondary winding resistance is smaller than one volt.

The Voltage-Time Integral U. • T.

The voltage-time integral is the product of the pulse height and width, measured at half pulse height. The voltage-time integral is measured on the secondary side during operation under no load.



The voltage-time integral $U_s \bullet T_w$ is measured according to the principle of the following circuit. The same voltages as used for measuring the rise time are used.





Primary and Secondary Inductances L_p, L_s

Primary and secondary inductances are measured with a low-power signal of 0.1 mA/10 kHz at 25°C. The tolerance is -30% / +50%. The measured value can also vary up to \pm 25% under temperature variation in the range 0°C to 70°C.

Coupling Capacity C_c

The coupling capacity is measured between the primary and one secondary winding. This value varies depending on the type of winding. Bifilar windings, designed for models with faster rise times, have higher coupling capacitances than the layer or selection windings.

In general, this value is not important with regards transmission properties. To guarantee effective interference protection from the control electronics, however, the smallest possible coupling capacity is desired.

Turn Ratio N

In the given turn ratios, the first figure always refers to the primary winding. Hence a «1:1» pulse transformer has the same number of winding on both the primary and the secondary windings. The turn ratio «3:1:1» stands for one primary and two secondary windings with a transformation ratio of three to one between the primary and the secondary windings.



On request, we can also supply pulse transformers with turn ratio not specified in our products lists.

UL-Approbation

The plastic cases and the potting resin of all TIMONTA pulse transformers are fire resistant in compliance with UL 94 V-0.

Abbreviations used in the technical data

∫Udt	Voltage time integral $(U_s \bullet T_w)$									
T,	Pulse rise time									
P _m	Power dissipation at ambient 50°C									
Р	Power dissipation at elevated temperature									
ϑа	Ambient temperature									
I,	Trigger current									
C _c	Coupling capacity									
R	Test load resistance (secondary)									
R _p	Primary resistance									
\mathbf{R}_{s}	Secondary resistance									
L _p	Primary inductance = $L_s x N^2$									
L _s	Secondary inductance									
$\mathbf{U}_{_{\mathrm{eff}}}$	Working voltage primary-secondary in $V_{_{RMS}}$									
$\mathbf{U}_{\mathrm{isol}}$	Test voltage									
Ν	Turns ratio									

Example of application



Power transistor in pulse operation

Code



Pulse Transformer for Conventional Board Assemblies

IT Series, Turns Ratio 1:1, 2:1 and 1:1:1

Voltage-time integral U _s x T _w :
Pulse rise time T _r :
Working voltage:
Partial discharge voltage:
Climatic category:
Plastic case:
Potting resin:

150 - 400 Vµs 0.05 - 1.5 µs $U_{eff} \le 600$ VAC $U_{e} \le 1.5 \times U_{eff}$ 25/100/21 acc. to IEC 60068-1 UL 94 V-0 UL 94 V-0



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Technical Data

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ITNA-0235-D103	200	0.9	100	0.1	1	1	20	3.5	0.5	35 - 3	1:1	2.8	Universal
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ITNA-0249-D104	300	1	100	0.1	0.7	0.7	20	3.5	0.7	49 - 3	1:1	3.5	Universal
ITRA-0249-D104	300	0.05	100	0.1	0.7	0.7	90	3.2	0.7	49 - 3	1:1	3.5	T _R ≤0.05 µs
ITNA-0239-D202	400	1	60	0.17	0.4	0.4	20	3.5	1.0	39 - 3	1:1	2.2	Universal
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Conventional Cases







Examples of applications



Firing of antiparallel Thyristors (SCR's) by means of unijunction and transistor amplifiers



Triac phase angle control

Pulse Transformers for SMD-Assemblies

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Case for SMD mounting







Case 39S

39-3S





Possible solder land pattern for SMD mounting

