Three stage surge protector for data and power signals

Protect your weather station investment with the Lightning Arrestor. This compact transient overvoltage suppressor is designed for weather stations in areas with an elevated risk of lightning strike.

Superior Protection

A nearby lightning strike may induce a high voltage surge which the internal suppressor of your weather instrument may not be able to withstand, causing significant damage to the weather station. The Lightning Arrestor offers three-stage protection against surge currents up to 10 kA entering through the power and signal cables.

Powerful Technology

The Lightning Arrestor has four channels, two of which are dedicated to power lines and two for data lines. Each channel uses a three-stage protection scheme as follows: first there are discharge tubes, then voltage dependent resistors (VDR), and finally transient zener diodes. Between each stage, there are either series inductors or resistors.

Both differential and common mode protection is provided for each channel: across the wire pairs, against the operating voltage ground, and against the earth.

The Lightning Arrestor also includes noise filtering against HF and RF interference. Housed in a IP66-rated enclosure, it mounts below the weather sensor transmitter with an adjustable mounting clamp.

Order Information

Part Number 8355 includes:

- Lightning Arrestor with weatherproof connectors
- Adjustable mast mounting clamp

(Please refer to Specifications and Mounting Diagram on back)
Specifications

Maximum Characteristics

Input voltage (across channel line pair and from line to GND, terminals #3)
- Power channels: max. ±43 V
- Data channels: max. ±13 V

Input common mode voltage any line to earth
- Max. ±72 V

Throughput current
- Power lines: max. 1.5 A
- Data lines: max. 0.16 A

Throughput resistance (per line)
- Power lines: 0.3 ohms
- Data lines: 15 ohms

Turn-on voltage
- Power channels: max. ±60 V
- Data channels: max. ±16 V

Surge current
- To earth: max. 10 kA
- Differential: max. 5 kA

EMC surge tolerance
- EN 61000-4-5, (4 kV, 2kA)
- IEEE C62.45 (6 kV, 3 kA)

General

Operating and storage temperature -52 to +70 °C (-60 to +158 °F)

Installation and maintenance work temperature -40 to +70 °C (-40 to +158 °F)

Environmental protection class IP66 (NEMA 4X)

Housing

Dimensions: (w x h x d) 130 x 94 x 58 mm (5.12” x 3.70” x 2.28”)
- With cable glands and mounting assembly: 130 x 120 x 69 mm (5.12” x 3.70” x 2.28”)
- Material: polycarbonate, stainless steel

The Lightning Arrestor is compatible with all Orion, Magellan MX, and Pulsar Weather Stations from Columbia Weather Systems.