

# Film Capacitors for Power Applications

# Company Introduction

Illinois Capacitor is a leading manufacturer of miniature capacitors for electronics, energy and other markets. These products include: Aluminum Electrolytics, Film, Polymers, Supercapacitors and Supercapacitor Modules.

As of February 2015, Cornell Dubilier acquired Illinois Capacitor to bring two of the world's leading manufacturers of capacitors together.

# Why Choose Power Films?

## Reliability

Designed for high reliability, long life

Enhanced environmental testing 100% with full traceability

## Flexibility

High level of production automation

Flexibility with reduced set-up times

## Knowledge & Skills

All products based on own research, design, testing and experience

## Service

Short delivery time, local stock for popular parts



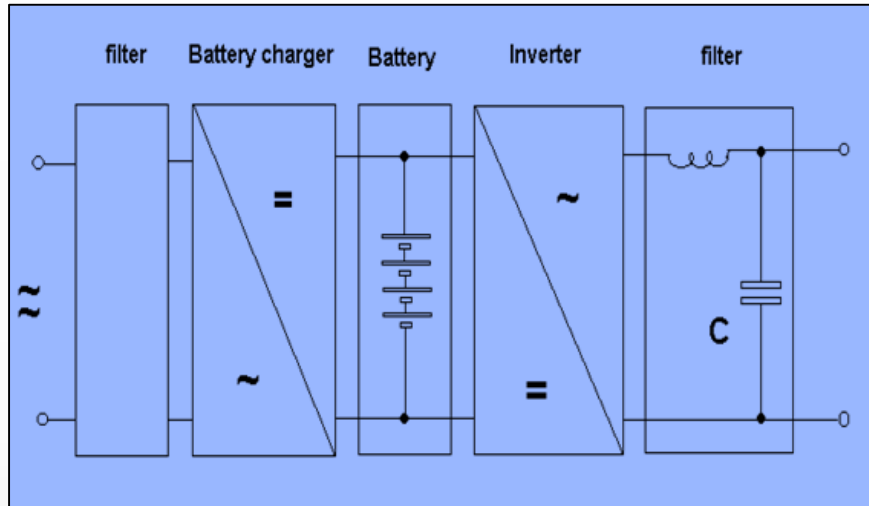
# Applications - Circuits

SERIES→ APPLICATION ↓	P W S	P P R	P P B	D C B	P H C	P H B	P M C	M H B A	M H B S	P P S	P P A	P S B	R S B	P M B	R M B	M A R	M A B
DC LINK				X	O	O	O	X	X							O	O
SNUBBER CIRCUITS	O	X	X							O	X	X	X	X	X		
IGBT CLAMPER		O	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
HIGH Irms OPERATION	O	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
HIGH PULSE	X	X	X							O	X	X	X	X	X		
HIGH FREQUENCY RIPPLE FILTER		O	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	X	O
HIGH FREQUENCY OPERATION	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O
MOTOR RUN								O	O	O	O	O	O			O	X
GERNERAL PURPOSE AC OPERATION		O	O					X	X	X	O	O	O			X	X
RESONANT CIRCUITS	O	O	O			O	O	O	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	

X = Recommended

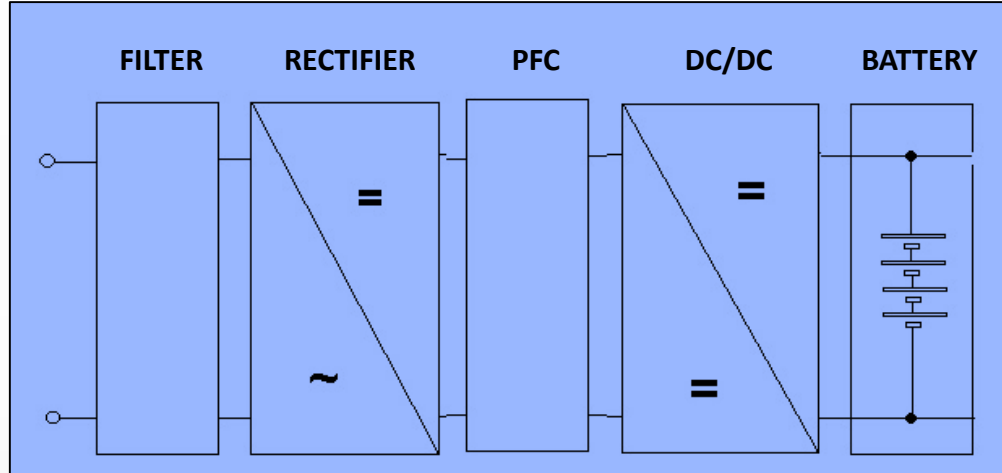
O = Possible Choice

# Applications - UPS



Application	Series
Output harmonics filtering	<a href="#">PHB</a> , <a href="#">MHBS</a>
Snubber for IGBT protection / lug type	<a href="#">PMB/RMB</a>
Snubber for IGBT protection / pin type	<a href="#">PPR</a> , <a href="#">PPB</a> , <a href="#">PSB/RSB</a>
DC link	<a href="#">MHBS</a> , <a href="#">DCB</a>

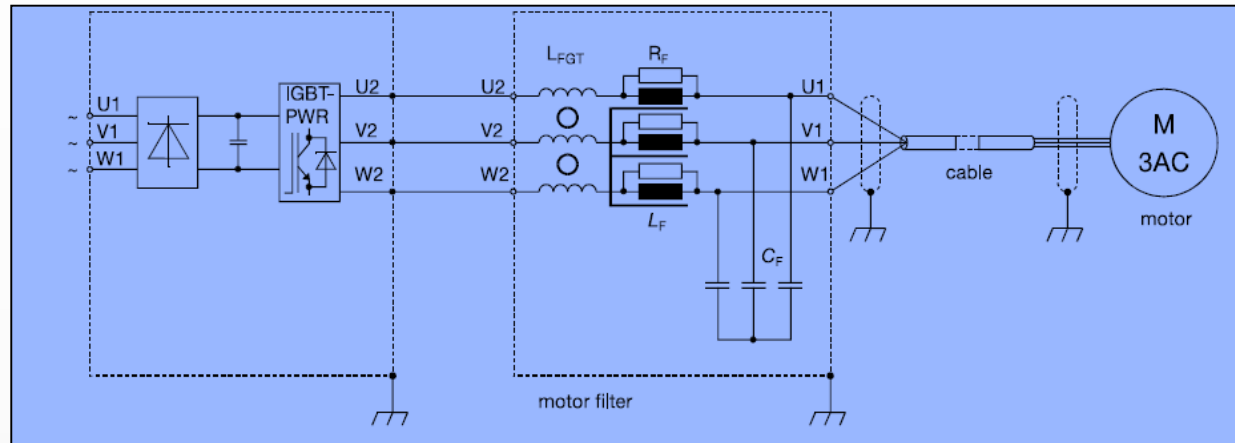
# Applications - Battery Charger



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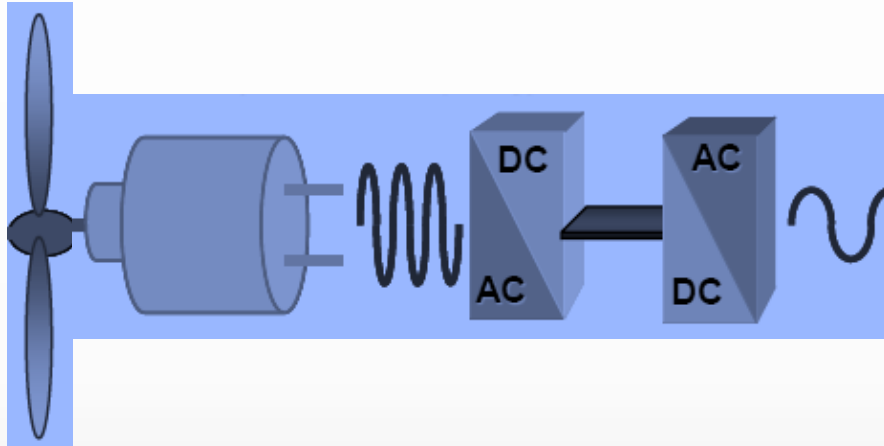


# Applications - Motor Control



Application	Series examples
DC-link, smoothing	<a href="#">MHBS</a> , <a href="#">DCB</a> , <a href="#">MHBA</a>
Filtering	<a href="#">PHB</a> , <a href="#">MHBA</a> , <a href="#">MHBS</a> , <a href="#">MAB</a>
Clamper, Snubber for IGBT protection - lug type	<a href="#">PMB/RMB</a>
Clamper, Snubber for IGBT protection - pin type	<a href="#">PPR</a> , <a href="#">PPB</a> , <a href="#">PSB/RSB</a> , <a href="#">PWS</a> , <a href="#">PPA</a>
AC fan capacitor	<a href="#">MAB</a> , <a href="#">MAR</a>

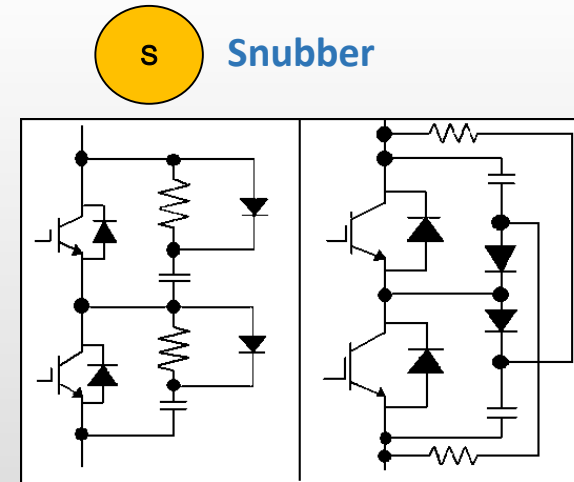
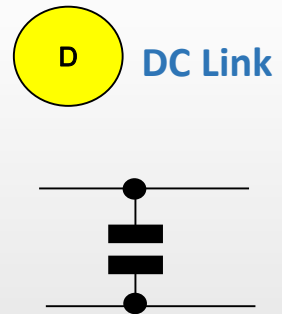
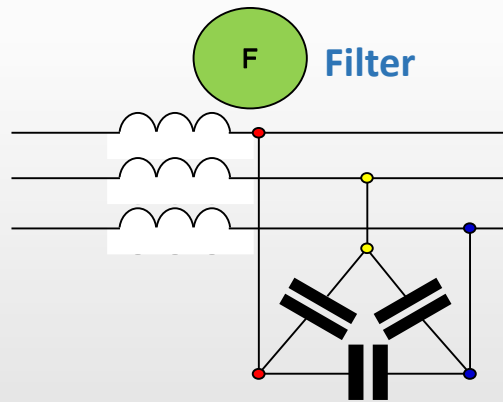
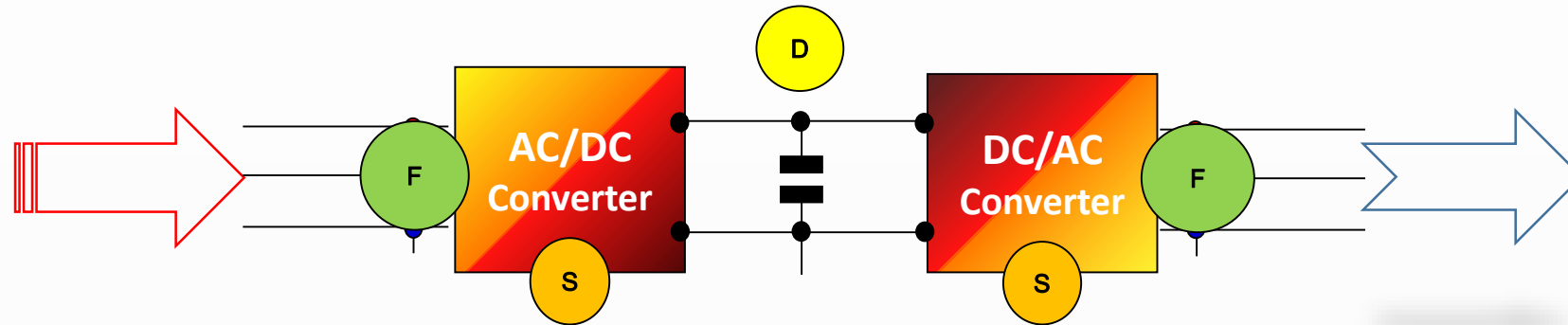
# Applications - Wind & Solar



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Output harmonics filtering	<a href="#">PHB</a> , <a href="#">MHBS</a> , <a href="#">PSB/RSB</a>
Snubber for IGBT protection / lug type	<a href="#">PMB/RMB</a>
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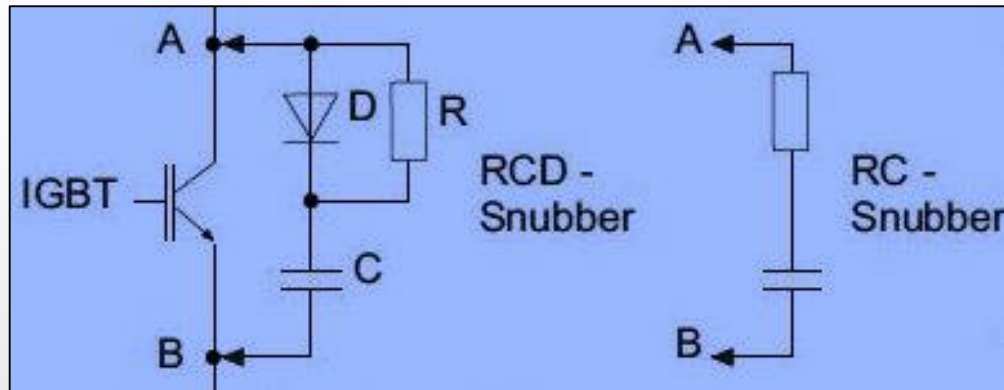


# Power Conversion

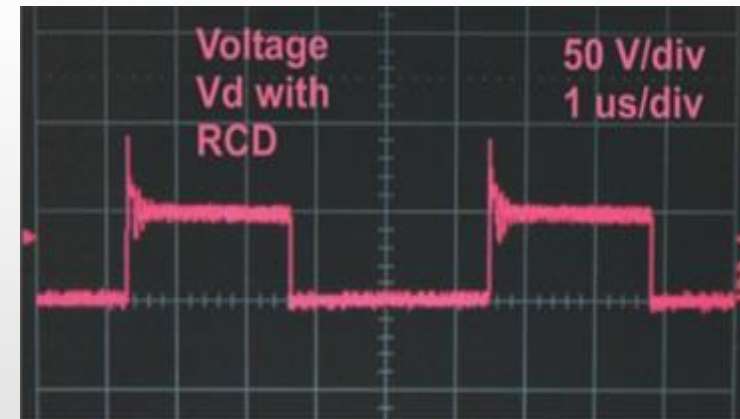
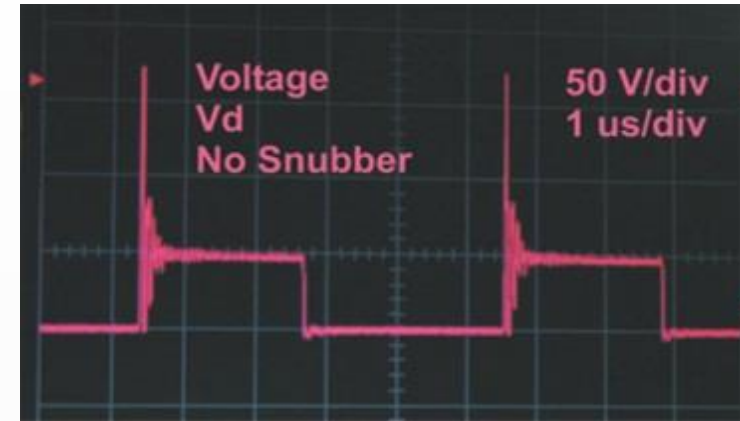


# Snubber

Circuit connected across a switching device to protect and improve the operation by eliminating or reducing voltage or current spikes and ringing caused by the parasitic inductances.



Most common circuits used are the RC- and RCD- snubbers



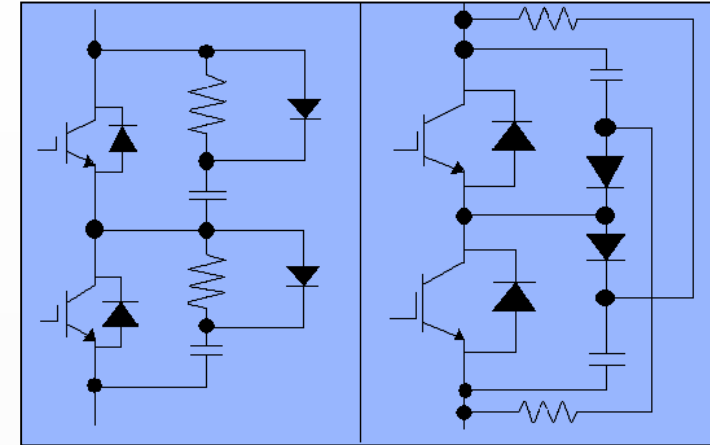
# Snubber / Clamper

IGBT applications have different kinds of snubber circuits for protection against dangerous transients.

Important characteristics for snubber capacitors are:

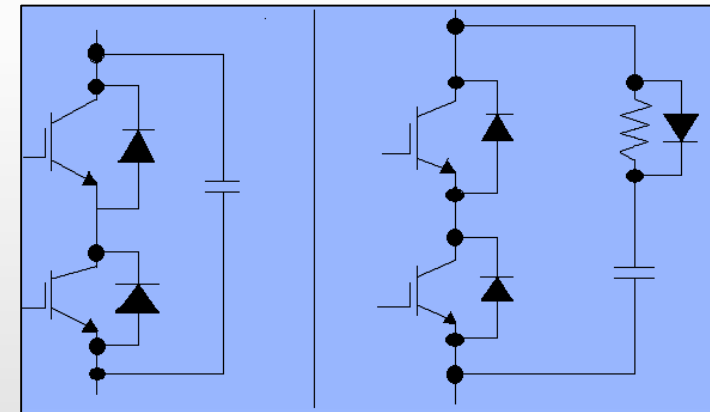
- Low ESL, ESR
- $DV/DT$
- Peak current,  $I_{rms}$
- Power dissipation capability
- High reliability, long life

Capacitors should be placed close to the switch to keep the circuit inductances low. Lug terminals available for direct mounting on IGBT modules.



RCD








CLAMPING



DC-COUPLING

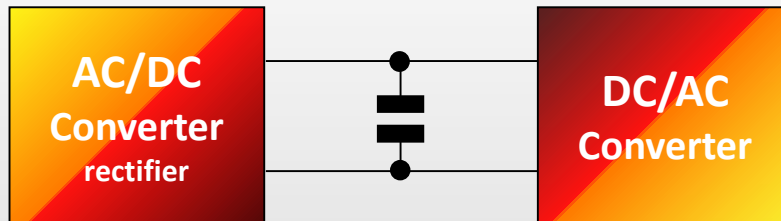
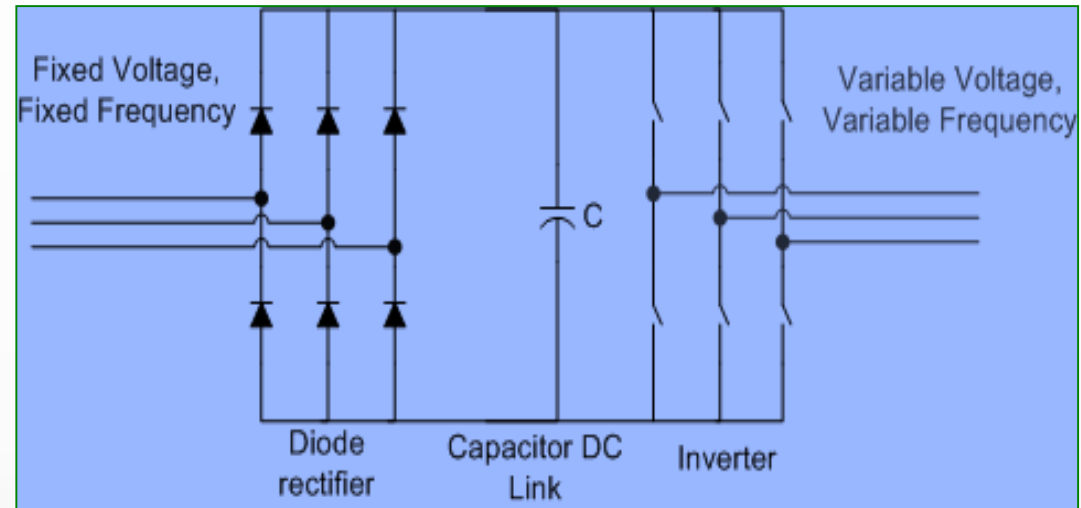
RCD

# Snubber and Pulse Capacitors

	SERIES	C (μF)	WVDC	dv / dt (V / μs)	APPLICATIONS
	PPR	0.0022 – 15	250 – 2000Vdc (175 – 700Vac)	105 – 7000	Snubber High pulse High frequency
	PPB	0.001 – 6.8	250 – 2000Vdc (160 – 700Vac)	170 – 9000	Snubber/High pulse High frequency High performance
	PPS	0.0068 – 10	700 – 3000Vdc (420 – 750Vac)	90 – 1500	Switching/snubber Medium-high pulse High current
	PPA	0.0047 – 6.8	700 – 3000Vdc (420 – 750Vac)	300 – 5250	Snubber/pulse High pulse High current
	PSB RSB	0.0047 – 12	700 – 3000Vdc (420 – 750Vac)	285 – 6300	Snubber/pulse High pulse High current
	PMB RMB	0.047 – 12	700 – 3000Vdc (420 – 750Vac)	285 – 2500	Snubber/pulse High pulse High current
	PWS	0.001 – 0.56	630 – 2000Vdc (300 – 500Vac)	1800 – 27k	Snubber High frequency High pluse

# DC Link

Supporting DC-bus to maintain required ripple current by discharging the DC-link capacitors



Typical rated voltages for capacitors are 450Vdc; 700 Vdc; 900 Vdc; 1100 Vdc and 1300 Vdc

# DC-Link Capacitor

DC-link capacitors provide a low impedance path for ripple current.

Low inductance in DC-bus is important for high inverter efficiency.

The right capacitor reduces inductances which reduces spikes in power switching. Internal ESL and mechanical construction must be considered.




LOWER INDUCTANCE = LOWER LOSSES

## Some benefits of film capacitor in DC-link application

- High voltage and current ratings,
- Good overvoltage performance
- Low ESR, low ESL and low dissipation factor
- Tight C tolerances,
- Low drift of parameters, good long term stability,
- High insulation resistance, low leakage current
- Long expected life, high reliability, wide temperature range
- Increased safety by self healing



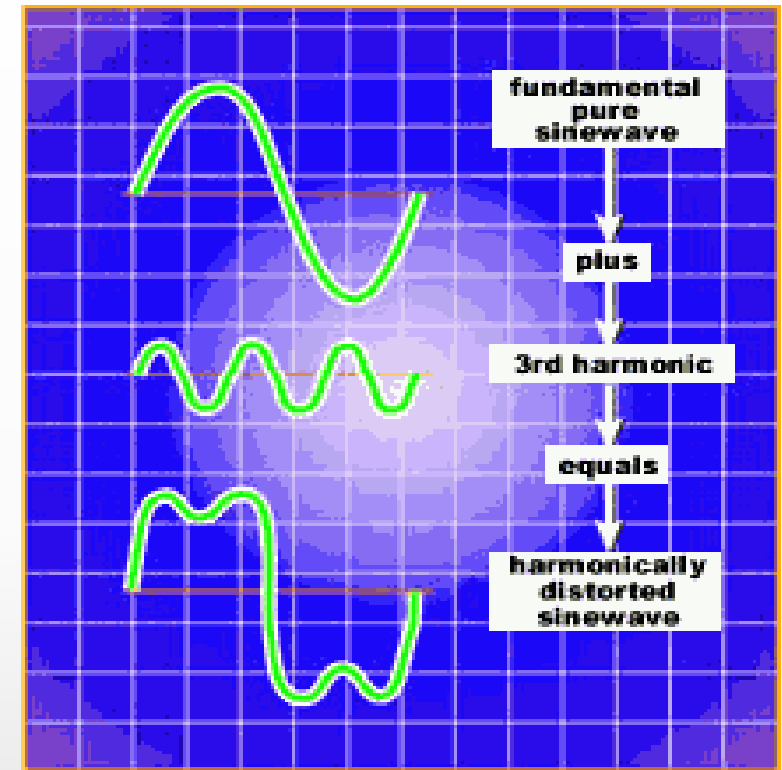
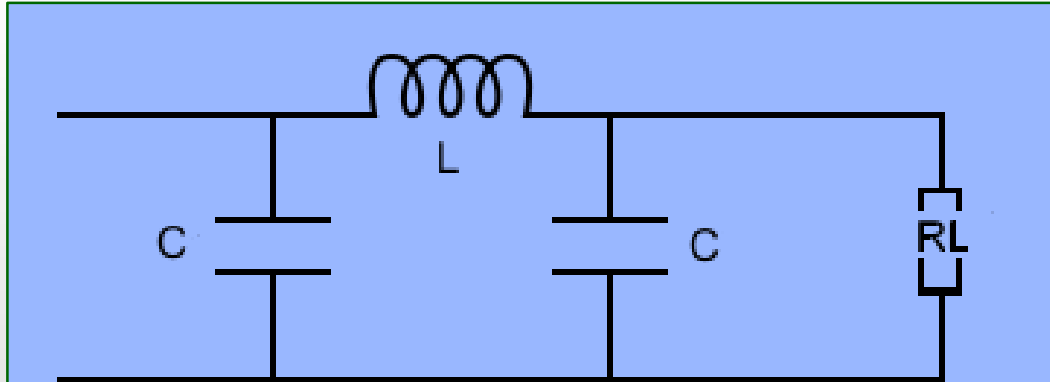
# DC-Link Capacitors

	SERIES	C (μF)	WVDC	dv / dt (V / μs)	APPLICATIONS
	MHBA	1 – 75	370 – 800Vdc (160 – 400Vac)	25 – 120	Switching / DC-Link High frequency/current AC applicators
	MHBS	0.68 – 100	575 – 1275Vdc (240 – 440Vac)	12.5 – 61	Switching / DC-Link High frequency/current AC applicators
	DCB	7.5 – 125	450 – 1100Vdc	7 – 20	DC-Link Medium-high frequency Medium-high current







# Filtering/Smoothing

Filtering circuits are used to remove or limit unwanted or undesired frequencies from the signal.

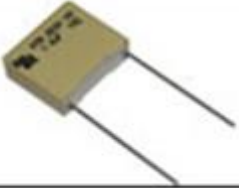

Example to reduce the distortion of the harmonic components on the fundamental frequency.



# Filtering & Switching Polypropylene Capacitors

	SERIES	C (μF)	WVDC	dv / dt (V / μs)	APPLICATIONS
	PHC	0.1 – 60	250 – 850Vdc (160 – 500Vac)	15 – 375	Switching High frequency High current
	PHB	0.1 – 75	250 – 850Vdc (160 – 500Vac)	15 – 375	Switching High frequency High current
	PMC	1.2 – 75	250 – 700Vdc (160 – 400Vac)	15 – 70	Switching High frequency High current
	MHBA	1 – 75	370 – 800Vdc (160 ÷ 400Vac)	25 – 120	Switching / DC-Link High freq/current AC applications
	MHBS	0.68 – 100	575 ÷ 1275Vdc (240 ÷ 440Vac)	12.5 – 61	Switching / DC-Link High freq/current AC applications
	PPS	0.0068 – 10	700 ÷ 3000Vdc (420 ÷ 750Vac)	90 – 1500	Switching/snubber Medium-high pulse High current

# Polyester Capacitors

	SERIES	C (μF)	WVDC	dv / dt (V / μs)	APPLICATIONS
	MTB	0.001 – 150	63 – 1000Vdc (40 – 400Vac)	0.8 – 80	General purpose DC applications
	MWS	0.0015 – 0,56	2.5 – 10kVdc (500 – 1600Vac)	70 – 1200	High voltage DC applications

# Motor Run Capacitors

**MAB series is a box style motor run capacitor for AC motor run and general AC applications.**

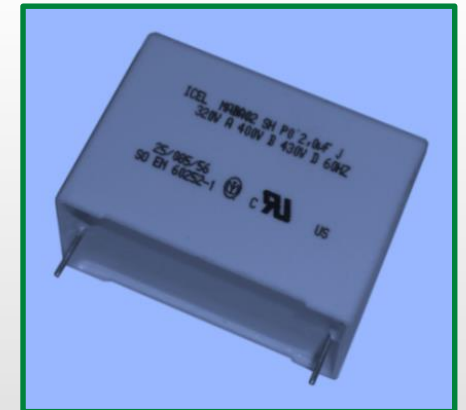
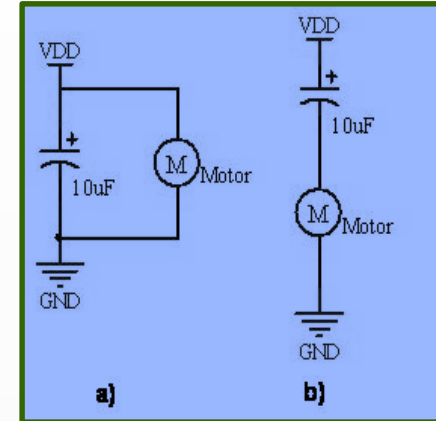
## Also for filtering applications

## 160 to 600Vac

## 0.1 to 33uF

**Expected life up to 30,000h EN60252-1 Class A**

**MABA01 and MABA02 series EN60252-1 approved  
UL - CSA (construction only) approvals upon request**



# QPC – Motor Run Capacitors

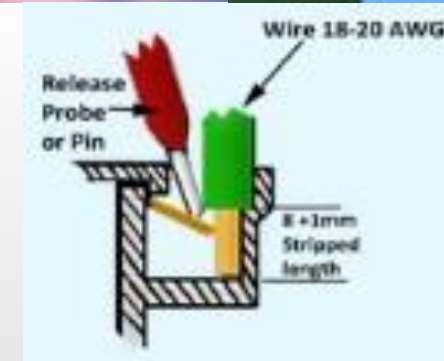
QPC series is a quick release Motor Run capacitor.

This series offers quick installation with durability and reliability.

Capacitance range from 0.4 to 10 $\mu$ F

Voltage range from 250 to 450VAC

UL approved AC Motor Run Capacitor.





# Film Capacitor Life Expectancy

$$L_2 = L_1 \left( \frac{V_r}{V_o} \right)^7 2^X$$

Where

$$X = \frac{T_m - (T_a + \Delta T)}{10}$$

T<sub>a</sub> = Ambient Temperature

T<sub>m</sub> = Maximum temp rating of capacitor

ΔT = Temperature Rise from Ripple Current

V<sub>r</sub> = Maximum voltage rating of capacitor

V<sub>o</sub> = Operating voltage of application

L<sub>1</sub> = Load Life Rating

L<sub>2</sub> = Projected Life at Operating Conditions

Life Calculators available at  
[www.illinoiscapacitor.com](http://www.illinoiscapacitor.com)

**NOTE :** The operating conditions affect the life of a film capacitor in a very similar manner to aluminum electrolytic capacitors. Voltage derating has a greater effect on the life as compared to an aluminum electrolytic capacitor.

# Conclusion

**Illinois Capacitor has a wide range of board level Power Capacitors. With short lead time and high quality capacitors, we will be able to support any of your requirements.**

**For engineering support call your local representative or our Applications Engineering Department at (847)-675-1760**

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