SCA-3008 simmer module

User manual



Overview / Applications

SCA-3008 simmer supply is a device that triggers and maintains low-current discharge in the flashlamp in order to increase lifetime and operation stability of the lamp.

Input voltage -230V AC, max. output voltage -300V, max. output current -800mA, max. output power -100W. High output power and output voltage available allow SCA-3008 to drive a pretty long flashlamp or two standard flashlamps connected in series.

SCA-3008 may be used in systems with serial triggering as well as in systems with external and parallel triggering.

Cooling

Simmer module contains a fan for active cooling, no additional cooling is required.

Appearance



MAINS:

Blue wires (2pcs) – 230V AC 50/60Hz input

INTERFACE / OUTPUT:



| PIN (color) | DESIGNATION | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---------------|--|
| 1, 2 | N/C | - |
| 3 (<mark>red</mark> wire with blue mark) | HV Trigger | Positive of trigger transformer primary winding |
| 4 (violet) | Sensor Return | Return of Simmer Sensor signal |
| 5 (yellow) | Simmer Sensor | <i>Simmer Sensor</i> circuit is closed while simmer current flows through flashlamp and is opened when simmer current is absent |
| 6 (orange) | Enable | Once +5V TTL signal is applied to this pin simmer supply tries to strike and maintain low-current discharge (simmer) in the flashlamp. If flashlamp triggering is failed simmer supply module tries to trigger it again with approx. 3Hz repetition rate. If simmer discharge isn't established in approx. 4s, simmer module stops operations, to continue it must be disabled, then enabled again. After successful triggering the simmer supply will maintain flashlamp current till 5V are removed from <i>PIN6</i> . |
| 7 (green/yellow) | Case Ground | Connected to the external enclosure of simmer module |
| 8 (blue) | HV Return | Flashlamp cathode (-), Negative of trigger transformer primary winding |
| 9 (white) | Enable return | Return of <i>Enable</i> signal |
| 10 (red) | HV | Flashlamp anode (+) |

INTERFACE CIRCUITS:





Grounding policy HV Return is not connected to the Case ground. In the case of need the customer can interconnect them by himself. Other grounding policies are available on request. **Warning!** This equipment produces high voltages that can be very dangerous. Be careful around the device.

- Disconnect the module from the mains before making or changing electrical or mechanical connections.
- SCA-3008 is a built-in module. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that personnel are prevented from accidentally contacting the SCA-3008. Casual contact could be fatal!

Operations

- 1. Connect trigger transformer and flashlamp to SCA-3008 simmer supply
- 2. *Disable* simmer supply (*PIN6* of *INTERFACE*)
- 3. Apply 230VAC power to the module
- 4. *Enable* simmer supply (set +5V TTL on *PIN6* of *INTERFACE*)
- 5. Wait 5-10 seconds for *Simmer Sensor*. If it fails shut down your system

To power down SCA-3008

1. Remove 230VAC power from the module or DISABLE it.

Faults / protections

There are next protections available:

- 1. From short-circuit at the output simmer module considers short-circuit at the output as one of normal regimes of operations
- 2. Trigger timeout after simmer module is enabled it tries to trigger flashlamp. If triggering fails in approx. 4s, simmer module stops automatically. To continue it must be disabled, then enabled again

Warning

Simmer module isn't protected from voltage of reverse polarity applied to the output which would appear as a result of transient process after the flash. The cause of oscillation is inductance of wires and flashlamp itself and cannot be completely eliminated. To suppress pulses of reverse polarity, recuperative diodes must be included in schematics of your discharge circuit. Please consult us if you have further questions.

Specification

| INPUT | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Input voltage | 230 V AC, 50/60 Hz |
| Maximum input current | 0.5 A |
| Fuse | 1 A |
| SIMMER PARAMETERS | |
| Output current | 500 mA is set by default (other on request) * |
| Output voltage | Is set automatically in accordance with current set point and V/A curve of your flashlamp |
| Max. output voltage | 300 V * |
| Max. output power | > 100 W * |
| Open circuit voltage | 1400 V (1500V on request) |
| TRIGGERING PARAMETERS | |
| Trigger voltage | 1 kV (other on request) |
| Trigger pulse energy | ~150 mJ |
| Restrike rate | ~3 Hz |
| Protections | Short circuit at the outputOpen circuit (trigger timeout) |
| Cooling | Integrated fan, No additional cooling is required |
| Environment: | |
| Operation temperature | -20 +45 °C |
| Storage temperature | -40 +85 °C |
| Humidity | 90%, non-condensing |
| Size (LxWxH) | 178x81x57 mm |
| Weight | 0.5 kg |

(*) The performance of simmer module is limited with maximum output current, or with maximum output voltage, or with maximum output power. In other words, maximum output voltage and maximum output current cannot be achieved at the same time because of maximum output power limitation.

Dimensions

