



## Film Capacitors

### EMI Suppression Capacitors (MKP)

**Series/Type:** B32921C/D ... B32928C/D

**Date:** December 2012

### Typical applications

- X2 class for interference suppression
- "Across the line" applications

### Climatic

- Max. operating temperature: 110 °C
- Climatic category (IEC 60068-1): 40/105/56

### Construction

- Dielectric: polypropylene (MKP)
- Plastic case (UL 94 V-0)
- Epoxy resin sealing (UL 94 V-0)

### Features

- Very small dimensions
- Self-healing properties
- RoHS-compatible
- Halogen-free capacitors available on request

### Terminals

- Parallel wire leads, lead-free tinned
- Special lead lengths available on request

### Marking

Manufacturer's logo, lot number, date code, rated capacitance (coded), cap. tolerance (code letter), rated AC voltage, series number, sub-class (X2), dielectric code (MKP), climatic category, passive flammability category, approvals.

### Delivery mode

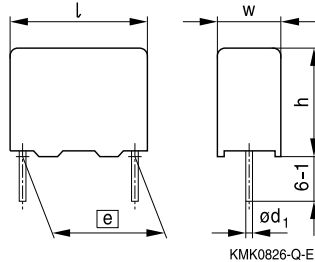
Bulk (untaped)

Taped (Ammo pack or reel)

For taping details, refer to chapter

"Taping and packing"

### Dimensional drawing

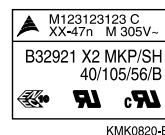


Dimensions in mm

| Lead spacing<br>$e \pm 0.4$ | Lead diameter<br>$d_1$ | Type   |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| 10                          | 0.6                    | B32921 |
| 15                          | 0.8                    | B32922 |
| 22.5                        | 0.8                    | B32923 |
| 27.5                        | 0.8                    | B32924 |
| 37.5                        | 1.0                    | B32926 |
| 52.5                        | 1.2                    | B32928 |

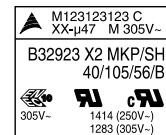
### Marking Examples

$e = 10$  mm



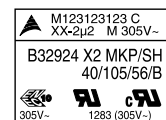
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$e \geq 15$  mm/ $C_R \leq 1 \mu F$







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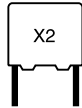
$e = 22.5, 27.5,$   
37 mm/ $C_R > 1 \mu F$



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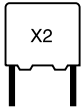
### Approvals

| Approval marks  | Standards                 | Certificate                       |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | EN 60384-14, IEC 60384-14 | 40010694                          |
|  | UL 1414 / UL 1283         | E97863 / E157153                  |
|  | CSA C22.2 No.1 / No. 8    | E97863 / E157153 (approved by UL) |
|  | CQC (GB/T 14472-1998)     | CQC06001015331 / CQC06001016454   |



**Overview of available types**

| Lead spacing      | 10 mm  | 15 mm  | 22.5 mm | 27.5 mm | 37.5 mm | 52.5 mm |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Type              | B32921 | B32922 | B32923  | B32924  | B32926  | B32928  |
| $C_R$ ( $\mu F$ ) |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.010             |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.022             |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.033             |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.047             |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.068             |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.10              |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.15              |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.22              |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.33              |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.47              |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 0.68              |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 1.0               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 1.5               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 2.2               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 3.3               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 3.9               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 4.7               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 5.6               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 6.8               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 8.2               |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 10                |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 15                |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 20                |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 25                |        |        |         |         |         |         |
| 30                |        |        |         |         |         |         |


**B32921C/D ... B32928C/D**
**X2 / 305 V AC**
**Ordering codes and packing units**

| Lead spacing<br>mm | C <sub>R</sub><br>μF | Max. dimensions<br>w × h × l<br>mm | Ordering code<br>(composition see<br>below) | Ammo<br>pack<br>pcs./MOQ | Reel<br>pcs./<br>MOQ | Untaped<br>pcs./<br>MOQ |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 10                 | 0.010                | 4.0 × 9.0 × 13.0                   | B32921C3103+*** ◆                           | 4000                     | 6800                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.022                | 4.0 × 9.0 × 13.0                   | B32921C3223+*** ◆                           | 4000                     | 6800                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.033                | 4.0 × 9.0 × 13.0                   | B32921C3333+*** ◆                           | 4000                     | 6800                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.047                | 5.0 × 11.0 × 13.0                  | B32921C3473+*** ◆                           | 3320                     | 5200                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.068                | 6.0 × 12.0 × 13.0                  | B32921C3683+***                             | 2720                     | 4400                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.10                 | 6.0 × 12.0 × 13.0                  | B32921C3104M***                             | 2720                     | 4400                 | 4000                    |
| 15                 | 0.033                | 5.0 × 10.5 × 18.0                  | B32922C3333K***                             | 4680                     | 5200                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.047                | 5.0 × 10.5 × 18.0                  | B32922C3473K***                             | 4680                     | 5200                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.068                | 5.0 × 10.5 × 18.0                  | B32922C3683K*** ◆                           | 4680                     | 5200                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.10                 | 5.0 × 10.5 × 18.0                  | B32922C3104+*** ◆                           | 4680                     | 5200                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.15                 | 6.0 × 12.0 × 18.0                  | B32922C3154+*** ◆                           | 3840                     | 4400                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.22                 | 7.0 × 12.5 × 18.0                  | B32922C3224+*** ◆                           | 3320                     | 3600                 | 4000                    |
|                    | 0.33                 | 8.0 × 14.0 × 18.0                  | B32922C3334M*** ◆                           | 2920                     | 3000                 | 2000                    |
|                    | 0.33                 | 8.5 × 14.5 × 18.0                  | B32922D3334K***                             | 2720                     | 2800                 | 2000                    |
|                    | 0.47                 | 9.0 × 17.5 × 18.0                  | B32922C3474+*** ◆                           | 2560                     | 2800                 | 2000                    |
| 0.68               | 11.0 × 18.5 × 18.0   | B32922C3684+*** ◆                  | —   | 2200                     | 1000                 |                         |
| 22.5               | 0.22                 | 6.0 × 15.0 × 26.5                  | B32923C3224+***                             | 2720                     | 2800                 | 2880                    |
|                    | 0.33                 | 6.0 × 15.0 × 26.5                  | B32923C3334M***                             | 2720                     | 2800                 | 2880                    |
|                    | 0.33                 | 7.0 × 16.0 × 26.5                  | B32923D3334K***                             | 2320                     | 2400                 | 2520                    |
|                    | 0.47                 | 8.5 × 16.5 × 26.5                  | B32923C3474+***                             | 1920                     | 2000                 | 2040                    |
|                    | 0.68                 | 10.5 × 16.5 × 26.5                 | B32923C3684+***                             | 1560                     | 1600                 | 2160                    |
|                    | 1.0                  | 11.0 × 20.5 × 26.5                 | B32923C3105+*** ◆                           | 1480                     | 1400                 | 2040                    |
|                    | 1.5                  | 12.0 × 22.0 × 26.5                 | B32923C3155M***                             | —                        | —                    | 1800                    |
|                    | 2.2                  | 14.5 × 29.5 × 26.5                 | B32923C3225+***                             | —                        | —                    | 1040                    |

**◆ Preferred type**

MOQ = Minimum Order Quantity, consisting of 4 packing units.

For new design, please refer to the B3292xE/F data sheet.

Further intermediate capacitance values on request.

**Composition of ordering code**

+ = Capacitance tolerance code:

M = ±20%

K = ±10%

\*\*\* = Packaging code:

289 = Ammo pack

189 = Reel

000 = Untaped (lead length 6 – 1 mm)

(Closer tolerances on request)

**Ordering codes and packing units**

| Lead spacing<br>mm | C <sub>R</sub><br>μF | Max. dimensions<br>w × h × l<br>mm | Ordering code<br>(composition see<br>below) | Ammo<br>pack<br>pcs./MOQ | Reel<br>pcs./<br>MOQ | Untaped<br>pcs./<br>MOQ |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 27.5               | 0.68                 | 11.0 × 19.0 × 31.5                 | B32924C3684+***                             | –                        | 1400                 | 1280                    |
|                    | 1.0                  | 11.0 × 19.0 × 31.5                 | B32924C3105+***                             | –                        | 1400                 | 1280                    |
|                    | 1.5                  | 12.5 × 21.5 × 31.5                 | B32924C3155+*** ◆                           | –                        | 1200                 | 1120                    |
|                    | 2.2                  | 14.0 × 24.5 × 31.5                 | B32924C3225+***                             | –                        | –                    | 1040                    |
|                    | 3.3                  | 16.0 × 32.0 × 31.5                 | B32924D3335K***                             | –                        | –                    | 880                     |
|                    | 3.3                  | 18.0 × 27.5 × 31.5                 | B32924C3335M***                             | –                        | –                    | 800                     |
|                    | 4.7                  | 18.0 × 33.0 × 31.5                 | B32924C3475M***                             | –                        | –                    | 800                     |
|                    | 4.7                  | 21.0 × 31.0 × 31.5                 | B32924D3475K***                             | –                        | –                    | 720                     |
|                    | 5.6                  | 22.0 × 36.5 × 31.5                 | B32924C3565+***                             | –                        | –                    | 784                     |
| 37.5               | 2.2                  | 14.0 × 25.0 × 41.5                 | B32926C3225+***                             | –                        | –                    | 1380                    |
|                    | 3.3                  | 16.0 × 28.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3335+***                             | –                        | –                    | 800                     |
|                    | 3.9                  | 16.0 × 28.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3395+***                             | –                        | –                    | 800                     |
|                    | 4.7                  | 18.0 × 32.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3475+***                             | –                        | –                    | 720                     |
|                    | 5.6                  | 18.0 × 32.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3565+***                             | –                        | –                    | 720                     |
|                    | 6.8                  | 20.0 × 39.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3685+***                             | –                        | –                    | 640                     |
|                    | 8.2                  | 20.0 × 39.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3825+***                             | –                        | –                    | 640                     |
|                    | 10                   | 28.0 × 42.5 × 41.5                 | B32926C3106+***                             | –                        | –                    | 440                     |
|                    | 15                   | 30.0 × 45.0 × 42.0                 | B32926C3156M***                             | –                        | –                    | 200                     |
|                    | 15                   | 33.0 × 48.0 × 42.0                 | B32926D3156+***                             | –                        | –                    | 180                     |
| 52.5               | 20                   | 30.0 × 45.0 × 57.5                 | B32928C3206+***                             | –                        | –                    | 280                     |
|                    | 25                   | 35.0 × 50.0 × 57.5                 | B32928C3256+***                             | –                        | –                    | 108                     |
|                    | 30                   | 35.0 × 50.0 × 57.5                 | B32928C3306M***                             | –                        | –                    | 108                     |

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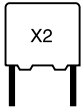
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For the following types the safety approvals are pending:

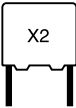
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**Technical data**

|  |   |                                       |                                  |                   |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Max. operating temperature $T_{op,max}$  | +110 °C   |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Dissipation factor $\tan \delta$ (in $10^{-3}$ )<br>at 20 °C (upper limit values)  |   | $C_R \leq 0.1 \mu F$                  | $0.1 \mu F < C_R \leq 2.2 \mu F$ | $C_R > 2.2 \mu F$ |
|  | at 1 kHz  | 1.0                                   | 1.0                              | 2.0               |
|  | 100 kHz   | 5.0                                   | –                                | –                 |
| Insulation resistance $R_{ins}$<br>or time constant $\tau = C_R \cdot R_{ins}$<br>at 20 °C, rel. humidity $\leq 65\%$<br>(minimum as-delivered values) | $C_R \leq 0.33 \mu F$   | $C_R > 0.33 \mu F$                    |                                  |                   |
|  | 100 000 M $\Omega$  | 30 000 s                              |                                  |                   |
| DC test voltage  | 2121 V, 2 s   |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Passive flammability category<br>to IEC 40 (CO) 752  | B   |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Maximum continuous DC voltage $V_{DC}$   | 630 V   |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Maximum continuous AC voltage $V_{AC}$   | 310 V (50/60 Hz)  |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Rated AC voltage (IEC 60384-14)  | 305 V (50/60 Hz)  |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Operating AC voltage $V_{op}$ at high<br>temperature   | $T_A \leq 110 \text{ °C}$   | $V_{op} = V_{AC}$ (continuously)      |                                  |                   |
|  | $T_A \leq 110 \text{ °C}$   | $V_{op} = 1.25 \cdot V_{AC}$ (1000 h) |                                  |                   |
| Damp heat test   | 56 days / 40 °C / 93% relative humidity   |                                       |                                  |                   |
| Limit values after damp heat test  | Capacitance change $ \Delta C/C  \leq 5\%$  |                                       |                                  |                   |
|  | Dissipation factor change $\Delta \tan \delta \leq 0.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ (at 1 kHz)        |                                       |                                  |                   |
|  | Insulation resistance $R_{ins} \leq 1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ (at 10 kHz)                      |                                       |                                  |                   |
|  | or time constant $\tau = C_R \cdot R_{ins} \geq 50\%$ of minimum<br>as-delivered values |                                       |                                  |                   |



### Pulse handling capability

"dV/dt" represents the maximum permissible voltage change per unit of time for non-sinusoidal voltages, expressed in V/ $\mu$ s.

"k<sub>0</sub>" represents the maximum permissible pulse characteristic of the waveform applied to the capacitor, expressed in V<sup>2</sup>/ $\mu$ s.

Note:

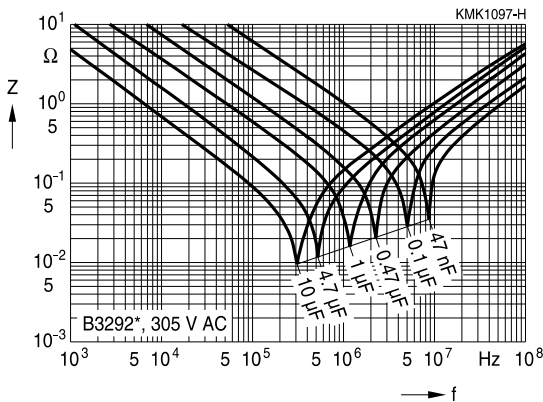
The values of dV/dt and k<sub>0</sub> provided below must not be exceeded in order to avoid damaging the capacitor.

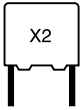
### dV/dt and k<sub>0</sub> values

| Lead spacing                               | 10 mm  | 15 mm  | 22.5 mm | 27.5 mm | 37.5 mm | 52.5 mm |
|--|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| dV/dt in V/ $\mu$ s                        | 475    | 340    | 170     | 120     | 80      | 50      |
| k <sub>0</sub> in V <sup>2</sup> / $\mu$ s | 408500 | 292400 | 146200  | 103200  | 68800   | 43200   |

### Impedance Z versus frequency f

(typical values)





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## Mounting guidelines

### 1 Soldering

#### 1.1 Solderability of leads

The solderability of terminal leads is tested to IEC 60068-2-20, test Ta, method 1.

Before a solderability test is carried out, terminals are subjected to accelerated ageing (to IEC 60068-2-2, test Ba: 4 h exposure to dry heat at 155 °C). Since the ageing temperature is far higher than the upper category temperature of the capacitors, the terminal wires should be cut off from the capacitor before the ageing procedure to prevent the solderability being impaired by the products of any capacitor decomposition that might occur.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Solder bath temperature | 235 ±5 °C   |
| Soldering time          | 2.0 ±0.5 s  |
| Immersion depth         | 2.0 +0/-0.5 mm from capacitor body or seating plane             |
| Evaluation criteria:    |   |
| Visual inspection       | Wetting of wire surface by new solder ≥90%, free-flowing solder |

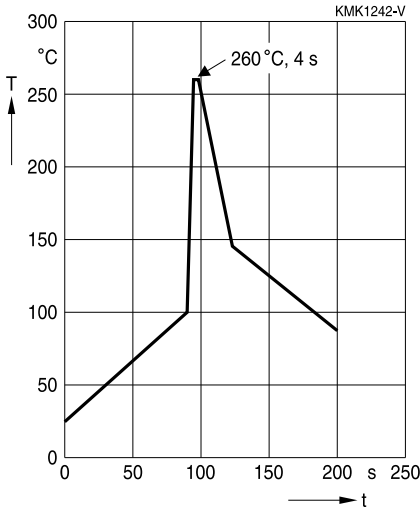
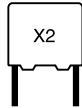
#### 1.2 Resistance to soldering heat

Resistance to soldering heat is tested to IEC 60068-2-20, test Tb, method 1A.

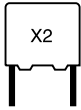
Conditions:

| Series   | Solder bath temperature | Soldering time   |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| MKT boxed (except 2.5 × 6.5 × 7.2 mm)<br>coated<br>uncoated (lead spacing > 10 mm) | 260 ±5 °C               | 10 ±1 s  |
| MFP<br>MKP (lead spacing > 7.5 mm)   |                         |  |
| MKT boxed (case 2.5 × 6.5 × 7.2 mm)  |                         | 5 ±1 s   |
| MKP (lead spacing ≤ 7.5 mm)  |                         | < 4 s  |
| MKT uncoated (lead spacing ≤ 10 mm)<br>insulated (B32559)                          |                         | recommended soldering profile for MKT uncoated (lead spacing ≤ 10 mm) and insulated (B32559) |





|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Immersion depth      | 2.0 +0/−0.5 mm from capacitor body or seating plane                                 |
| Shield               | Heat-absorbing board, (1.5 ±0.5) mm thick, between capacitor body and liquid solder |
| Evaluation criteria: |   |
| Visual inspection    | No visible damage   |
| $\Delta C/C_0$       | 2% for MKT/MKP/MFP<br>5% for EMI suppression capacitors                             |
| $\tan \delta$        | As specified in sectional specification   |



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### 1.3 General notes on soldering

Permissible heat exposure loads on film capacitors are primarily characterized by the upper category temperature  $T_{max}$ . Long exposure to temperatures above this type-related temperature limit can lead to changes in the plastic dielectric and thus change irreversibly a capacitor's electrical characteristics. For short exposures (as in practical soldering processes) the heat load (and thus the possible effects on a capacitor) will also depend on other factors like:

- Pre-heating temperature and time
- Forced cooling immediately after soldering
- Terminal characteristics:
  - diameter, length, thermal resistance, special configurations (e.g. crimping)
- Height of capacitor above solder bath
- Shadowing by neighboring components
- Additional heating due to heat dissipation by neighboring components
- Use of solder-resist coatings

The overheating associated with some of these factors can usually be reduced by suitable countermeasures. For example, if a pre-heating step cannot be avoided, an additional or reinforced cooling process may possibly have to be included.

EPCOS recommends the following conditions:

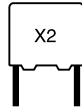
- Pre-heating with a maximum temperature of 110 °C
- Temperature inside the capacitor should not exceed the following limits:
  - MKP/MFP 110 °C
  - MKT 160 °C
- When SMD components are used together with leaded ones, the leaded film capacitors should not pass into the SMD adhesive curing oven. The leaded components should be assembled after the SMD curing step.
- Leaded film capacitors are not suitable for reflow soldering.

#### Uncoated capacitors

For uncoated MKT capacitors with lead spacings  $\leq 10$  mm (B32560/B32561) the following measures are recommended:

- pre-heating to not more than 110 °C in the preheater phase
- rapid cooling after soldering

Application note for X1 / X2 EMI capacitors



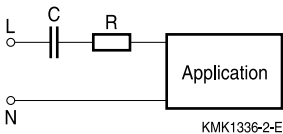
## Application note for the different possible X1 / X2 positions

### In series with the powerline (i.e. capacitive power supply)

Typical Applications:

- Power meters
- ECUs for white goods and household appliances
- Different sensor applications
- Severe ambient conditions

#### Basic circuit



#### Required features

- High capacitance stability over the lifetime
- Narrow tolerances for a controlled current supply

#### Recommended EPCOS product series

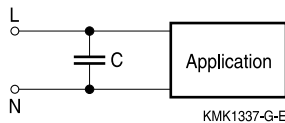
- B3293\* (305 V AC) heavy duty with EN approval for X2 (UL Q1/2010)
- B3292\*7 (305 V AC) improved standard series, approved as X2
- B3291\* (330 V AC), approved as X1
- B3265\* MKP series standard MKP capacitor without safety approvals
- B3267\*L MKP series standard MKP capacitor without safety approvals

### In parallel with the powerline

Typical Applications:

Standard X2 are used parallel over the mains for reducing electromagnetic interferences coming from the grid. For such purposes they must meet the applicable EMC directives and standards.

#### Basic circuit

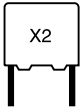


#### Required features

- Standard safety approvals (ENEC, UL, CSA, CQC)
- High pulse load capability
- Withstand surge voltages

#### Recommended EPCOS product series

- B3292\*C/D (305 V AC) standard series, approved as X2
- B3292\*E/F (305 V AC) miniaturized series (> 2.2  $\mu$ F), approved as X2
- B3291\* (330 V AC), approved as X1



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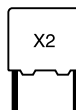
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### Cautions and warnings

- Do not exceed the upper category temperature (UCT).
- Do not apply any mechanical stress to the capacitor terminals.
- Avoid any compressive, tensile or flexural stress.
- Do not move the capacitor after it has been soldered to the PC board.
- Do not pick up the PC board by the soldered capacitor.
- Do not place the capacitor on a PC board whose PTH hole spacing differs from the specified lead spacing.
- Do not exceed the specified time or temperature limits during soldering.
- Avoid external energy inputs, such as fire or electricity.
- Avoid overload of the capacitors.

The table below summarizes the safety instructions that must always be observed. A detailed description can be found in the relevant sections of the chapters "General technical information" and "Mounting guidelines".

| Topic                   | Safety information  | Reference chapter<br>"General technical<br>information" |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Storage conditions      | Make sure that capacitors are stored within the specified range of time, temperature and humidity conditions.   | 4.5<br>"Storage conditions"                             |
| Flammability            | Avoid external energy, such as fire or electricity (passive flammability), avoid overload of the capacitors (active flammability) and consider the flammability of materials.   | 5.3<br>"Flammability"                                   |
| Resistance to vibration | Do not exceed the tested ability to withstand vibration. The capacitors are tested to IEC 60068-2-6.<br>EPCOS offers film capacitors specially designed for operation under more severe vibration regimes such as those found in automotive applications. Consult our catalog "Film Capacitors for Automotive Electronics". | 5.2<br>"Resistance to vibration"                        |



| Topic  | Safety information  | Reference chapter<br>"Mounting guidelines"         |
|--|---|--|
| Soldering                                      | Do not exceed the specified time or temperature limits during soldering.  | 1 "Soldering"                                      |
| Cleaning                                       | Use only suitable solvents for cleaning capacitors.   | 2 "Cleaning"                                       |
| Embedding of capacitors in finished assemblies | When embedding finished circuit assemblies in plastic resins, chemical and thermal influences must be taken into account.<br>Caution: Consult us first, if you also wish to embed other uncoated component types! | 3 "Embedding of capacitors in finished assemblies" |

### Design of EMI Capacitors

EPCOS EMI capacitors use polypropylene (PP) film metalized with a thin layer of Zinc (Zn). The following key points have made this design suitable to IEC/UL testing, holding a minimum size.

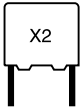
- Overvoltage AC capability with very high temperature Endurance test of IEC60384-14 (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2005-07) / UL60384-14 (1st edition, 2009-04) must be performed at  $1.25 \times V_R$  at maximum temperature, during 1000 hours, with a capacitance drift less than 10%.
- Higher breakdown voltage withstanding if compared to other film metallizations, like Aluminum. IEC60384-14 (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2005-07) / UL60384-14 (1st edition, 2009-04) establishes high voltage tests performed at  $4.3 \times V_R - 1$  minute, impulse testing at 2500 V for  $C = 1 \mu F$  and active flammability tests.
- Damp heat steady state: 40 °C/ 93% RH / 56 days. (without voltage or current load)

### Effect of humidity on capacitance stability

Long contact of a film capacitor with humidity can produce irreversible effects. Direct contact with liquid water or excess exposure to high ambient humidity or dew will eventually remove the film metallization and thus destroy the capacitor. Plastic boxed capacitors must be properly tested in the final application at the worst expected conditions of temperature and humidity in order to check if any parameter drift may provoke a circuit malfunction.

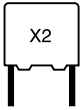
In case of penetration of humidity through the film, the layer of Zinc can be degraded, specially under AC operation (change of polarity), accelerated by the temperature, provoking an increment of the serial resistance of the electrode and eventually a reduction of the capacitance value. For DC operation, the parameter drift is much less.

Plastic boxes and resins can not protect 100% against humidity. Metal enclosures, resin potting or coatings or similar measures by customers in their applications will offer additional protection against humidity penetration.


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**Symbols and terms**

| Symbol               | English   | German  |
|----------------------|---|---|
| $\alpha$             | Heat transfer coefficient   | Wärmeübergangszahl  |
| $\alpha_C$           | Temperature coefficient of capacitance                                    | Temperaturkoeffizient der Kapazität   |
| A                    | Capacitor surface area  | Kondensatoroberfläche   |
| $\beta_C$            | Humidity coefficient of capacitance                                       | Feuchtekoeffizient der Kapazität  |
| C                    | Capacitance   | Kapazität   |
| $C_R$                | Rated capacitance   | Nennkapazität   |
| $\Delta C$           | Absolute capacitance change   | Absolute Kapazitätsänderung   |
| $\Delta C/C$         | Relative capacitance change (relative deviation of actual value)          | Relative Kapazitätsänderung (relative Abweichung vom Ist-Wert)                  |
| $\Delta C/C_R$       | Capacitance tolerance (relative deviation from rated capacitance)         | Kapazitätstoleranz (relative Abweichung vom Nennwert)                           |
| dt                   | Time differential   | Differentielle Zeit   |
| $\Delta t$           | Time interval   | Zeitintervall   |
| $\Delta T$           | Absolute temperature change (self-heating)                                | Absolute Temperaturänderung (Selbsterwärmung)                                   |
| $\Delta \tan \delta$ | Absolute change of dissipation factor                                     | Absolute Änderung des Verlustfaktors  |
| $\Delta V$           | Absolute voltage change   | Absolute Spannungsänderung  |
| dV/dt                | Time differential of voltage function (rate of voltage rise)              | Differentielle Spannungsänderung (Spannungsflankensteilheit)                    |
| $\Delta V/\Delta t$  | Voltage change per time interval  | Spannungsänderung pro Zeitintervall   |
| E                    | Activation energy for diffusion   | Aktivierungsenergie zur Diffusion   |
| ESL                  | Self-inductance   | Eigeninduktivität   |
| ESR                  | Equivalent series resistance  | Ersatz-Serienwiderstand   |
| f                    | Frequency   | Frequenz  |
| $f_1$                | Frequency limit for reducing permissible AC voltage due to thermal limits | Grenzfrequenz für thermisch bedingte Reduzierung der zulässigen Wechselspannung |
| $f_2$                | Frequency limit for reducing permissible AC voltage due to current limit  | Grenzfrequenz für strombedingte Reduzierung der zulässigen Wechselspannung      |
| $f_r$                | Resonant frequency  | Resonanzfrequenz  |
| $F_D$                | Thermal acceleration factor for diffusion                                 | Therm. Beschleunigungsfaktor zur Diffusion                                      |
| $F_T$                | Derating factor   | Deratingfaktor  |
| i                    | Current (peak)  | Stromspitze   |
| $I_C$                | Category current (max. continuous current)                                | Kategoriestrom (max. Dauerstrom)  |

| Symbol           | English  | German  |
|------------------|--|---|
| $I_{RMS}$        | (Sinusoidal) alternating current, root-mean-square value | (Sinusförmiger) Wechselstrom                      |
| $i_z$            | Capacitance drift  | Inkonstanz der Kapazität                          |
| $k_0$            | Pulse characteristic                                     | Impuls Kennwert                                   |
| $L_S$            | Series inductance  | Serieninduktivität                                |
| $\lambda$        | Failure rate   | Ausfallrate                                       |
| $\lambda_0$      | Constant failure rate during useful service life         | Konstante Ausfallrate in der Nutzungsphase        |
| $\lambda_{test}$ | Failure rate, determined by tests                        | Experimentell ermittelte Ausfallrate              |
| $P_{diss}$       | Dissipated power   | Abgegebene Verlustleistung                        |
| $P_{gen}$        | Generated power  | Erzeugte Verlustleistung                          |
| $Q$              | Heat energy  | Wärmeenergie                                      |
| $\rho$           | Density of water vapor in air                            | Dichte von Wasserdampf in Luft                    |
| $R$              | Universal molar constant for gases                       | Allg. Molarkonstante für Gas                      |
| $R$              | Ohmic resistance of discharge circuit                    | Ohmscher Widerstand des Entladekreises            |
| $R_i$            | Internal resistance                                      | Innenwiderstand                                   |
| $R_{ins}$        | Insulation resistance                                    | Isolationswiderstand                              |
| $R_P$            | Parallel resistance                                      | Parallelwiderstand                                |
| $R_S$            | Series resistance  | Serienwiderstand                                  |
| $S$              | severity (humidity test)                                 | Schärfegrad (Feuchtest)                           |
| $t$              | Time   | Zeit  |
| $T$              | Temperature  | Temperatur  |
| $\tau$           | Time constant  | Zeitkonstante                                     |
| $\tan \delta$    | Dissipation factor                                       | Verlustfaktor                                     |
| $\tan \delta_D$  | Dielectric component of dissipation factor               | Dielektrischer Anteil des Verlustfaktors          |
| $\tan \delta_P$  | Parallel component of dissipation factor                 | Parallelanteil des Verlustfaktors                 |
| $\tan \delta_S$  | Series component of dissipation factor                   | Serienanteil des Verlustfaktors                   |
| $T_A$            | Ambient temperature                                      | Umgebungstemperatur                               |
| $T_{max}$        | Upper category temperature                               | Obere Kategorietemperatur                         |
| $T_{min}$        | Lower category temperature                               | Untere Kategorietemperatur                        |
| $t_{OL}$         | Operating life at operating temperature and voltage      | Betriebszeit bei Betriebstemperatur und -spannung |
| $T_{op}$         | Operating temperature                                    | Betriebstemperatur                                |
| $T_R$            | Rated temperature  | Nenntemperatur                                    |
| $T_{ref}$        | Reference temperature                                    | Referenztemperatur                                |
| $t_{SL}$         | Reference service life                                   | Referenz-Lebensdauer                              |
| $V_{AC}$         | AC voltage   | Wechselspannung                                   |


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| Symbol      | English   | German                                      |
|-------------|---|---|
| $V_C$       | Category voltage  | Kategoriespannung                           |
| $V_{C,RMS}$ | Category AC voltage   | (Sinusförmige)<br>Kategorie-Wechselspannung |
| $V_{CD}$    | Corona-discharge onset voltage                              | Teilentlade-Einsatzspannung                 |
| $V_{ch}$    | Charging voltage  | Ladespannung                                |
| $V_{DC}$    | DC voltage  | Gleichspannung                              |
| $V_{FB}$    | Fly-back capacitor voltage                                  | Spannung (Flyback)                          |
| $V_i$       | Input voltage   | Eingangsspannung                            |
| $V_o$       | Output voltage  | Ausgangssspannung                           |
| $V_{op}$    | Operating voltage   | Betriebsspannung                            |
| $V_p$       | Peak pulse voltage  | Impuls-Spitzenspannung                      |
| $V_{pp}$    | Peak-to-peak voltage Impedance                              | Spannungshub                                |
| $V_R$       | Rated voltage   | Nennspannung                                |
| $\hat{V}_R$ | Amplitude of rated AC voltage                               | Amplitude der Nenn-Wechselspannung          |
| $V_{RMS}$   | (Sinusoidal) alternating voltage,<br>root-mean-square value | (Sinusförmige) Wechselspannung              |
| $V_{SC}$    | S-correction voltage  | Spannung bei Anwendung "S-correction"       |
| $V_{sn}$    | Snubber capacitor voltage                                   | Spannung bei Anwendung<br>"Beschaltung"     |
| $Z$         | Impedance   | Scheinwiderstand                            |
| $e$         | Lead spacing  | Rastermaß                                   |



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