

# MEAN WELL SPS USER MANUAL

## 1. INPUT

### 1.1 INPUT VOLTAGE

Switching Power Supplies (SPS) are widely used all over the world. Many types of products are available for both alternating and direct current input. Before using any power supply, ensure that the output voltage and current is suitable for the intended load. Verify the correct input connections and any other conditions that might affect the power supply's operation.

If an input voltage is applied which is different from the power supply's rating, the unit may be damaged. Also remember that if the input voltage wave is distorted, the power supply may not operate normally, even though the measured voltage is within the allowable range. A Meanwell inverter can be used but it must be over-rated due to the inrush current at switch on.

For all Mean Well Safety Approved Models refer to the label on the power supply for the input voltage range.

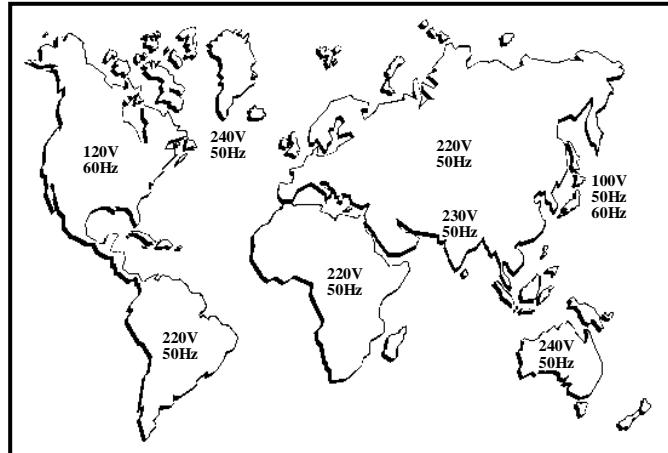


Fig. 1

### 1.2 INPUT CURRENT

Standard switching power supplies directly rectify the input Alternating Current (AC). Most standard units are capacitor-input-type, rectifying systems in which rectified current flows through the smoothing or filtering capacitor. Therefore, the input current is determined by the output power, input voltage, power factor, and efficiency.

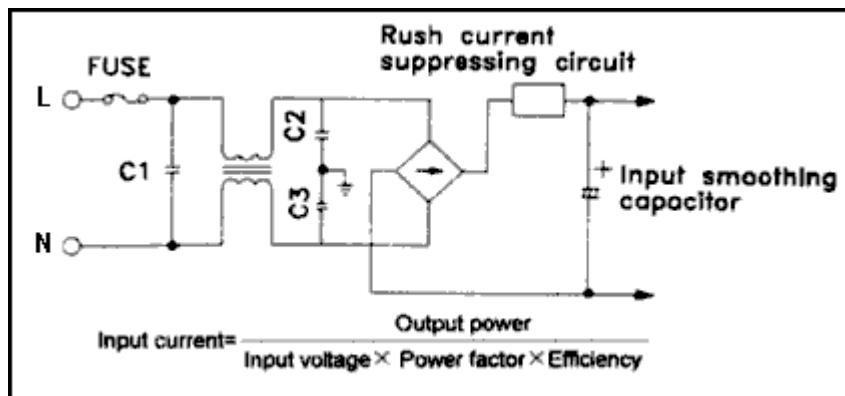


Fig. 2

The power factor of the typical switching power supply is between 0.4 and 0.6, for Active PFC (Power Factor Correction) units it's 0.9 or more at full load. Active PFC also provides significantly reduced harmonic currents to meet EMI requirements.

### 1.3 INRUSH CURRENT

When power is applied, a large current flows to charge the input smoothing or filter capacitor. This current is called the "inrush current". The value of the inrush current varies according to the power-on timing and the presence or absence of the inrush current protection devices. The inrush current is many times larger than the normal input current. The more switching power supplies used in the same system, the larger the inrush current. Please ensure that fuses, switches, and other parts (inverters) connected to the input supply side are appropriately selected. Also, when powering switching power supplies from a DC to AC inverter you will need to allow for this inrush current and make allowance for the switch-on sequence of multiple supplies.

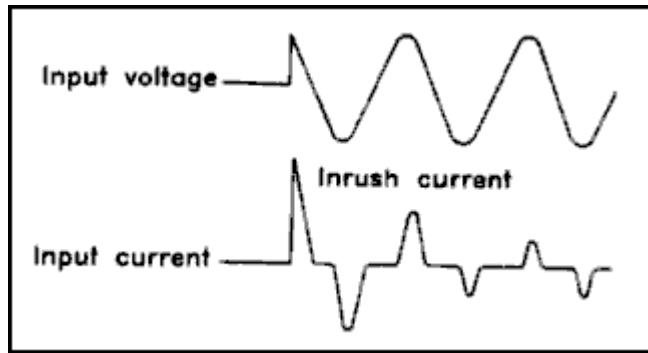


Fig. 3

If the switching power supply fuse is blown, do not replace the fuse and operate the unit before rectifying the problem that caused it to fail – otherwise further damage may occur to the power supply! Always replace the fuse with the same rated type. Always remove power to the unit and discharge the smoothing capacitor before attempting to replace the fuse.

**WARNING: High voltage inside - do not open the case. Always return to an authorized agent for repair.**

## 2. OUTPUT

### 2.1 MAXIMUM OUTPUT POWER

Maximum power output ( $P_{out}$ ) is defined as:  $P_{out} = V_{out} \times I_{out}$

Where  $V_{out}$  is the output voltage and  $I_{out}$  is the output current. Most power supplies allow  $V_{out}$  to be adjusted. However,  $P_{out}$  must remain constant. Therefore, if  $V_{out}$  is increased, the maximum  $I_{out}$  must be decreased.

E.g. The LRS-150-15 power supply has an output voltage of 15 volts and an output current of 10 amps. The maximum power output is 150 watts. The adjustable voltage range is 13.5 volts to 18 volts. If the output voltage is adjusted to 18 volts, the maximum output current can be calculated by:

$$I_{out} = P_{out} / V_{out}$$

$$\text{i.e. } I_{out} = 150 \text{ watts} / 18 \text{ volts} = 8.333 \text{ amps.}$$

The output voltage can also be adjusted lower than 15 volts (e.g. 13.8 volts). However, due to the design of the output circuit, exceeding the 10 amp maximum output is not recommended as over current protection may activate.

Some multiple output power supplies have a Current Range that exceeds the Output Rated Current. The table below has some specifications for the RD-65A (dual output) power supply.

Channel	Output Voltage	Output Rated Current	Output Current Range
1	5V	6A	0 ~ 8A
2	12V	3A	0 ~ 4A

Ch. 1 can output 8 amps but the total power output cannot exceed 66 watts. For example, if Ch. 1 was operated at a 7.5 amp output, the Ch. 2 output current would have to be reduced to remain within the 66 watt limit. The total output power for Ch. 1 would be: (5 volts) x (7.5 amps) = 37.5 watts. This would allow 28.5 watts for Ch. 2. The total current available for Ch. 2 is: (28.5 watts) / (12 volts) = 2.375 amps.

### 2.2 OVERCURRENT PROTECTION (OCP) / OVERLOAD PROTECTION (OLP)

Mean Well Power Supplies are equipped with a protection circuit that will automatically operate when the output current and/or output power exceeds a minimum 100-110% of the rating. A short-circuit may respond differently to an overload condition.

#### Types of Protection:

##### a. Foldback Current Limiting:

The Foldback Current Limiting circuit is designed to linearly decrease both the voltage and current to a level that will prevent the power supply from being damaged during overcurrent/overload conditions. Foldback Current Limiting is most often used in linear power supplies but it is sometimes used in switching power supplies. See curve "a" in Fig. 4.

#### b. Constant Current Limiting:

Constant Current Limiting allows the output current to remain stable, but reduces the output voltage to a level that permits the safe operation of the power supply. Constant Current Limiting is preferred when charging batteries and when driving devices such as motors, incandescent lamps and highly capacitive loads which have a high initial current. See curve "b" in Fig. 4.

#### c. Constant Power Limiting:

Constant Power Limiting linearly reduces the output voltage and simultaneously allows the output current to increase. Constant power limiting is most often used in multiple voltage output switching power supplies. See curve "c" in Fig. 4.

#### d. Hiccup Current Limiting:

When overloaded, the output voltage and current will be shut down for a short period of time and then automatically attempt to periodically recover again (hiccup) until the fault condition is removed. In some cases the output voltage is shut down after a time delay of 3 to 5 seconds, reducing the output voltage and current to zero. A manual recovery is then necessary. Some power supplies may have constant current down to 75%, 50% or 30% of the rated output voltage, below this the hiccup mode operates or shut-down occurs.

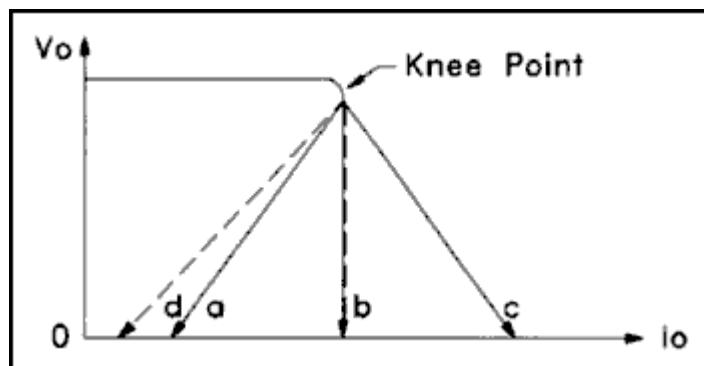


Fig. 4

### Recovery Circuits

#### a. Automatic Recovery

Automatic Recovery senses the removal of the fault condition and returns the power supply to normal operation.

#### b. Manual Recovery

Before proceeding with Manual Recovery, make sure that the fault condition is removed. Manual Recovery requires cycling the input power off and on. Check the data sheet for the duration the power supply must be turned off, some require 4 minutes!

### Overcurrent /Overload Precautions

Protection and Recovery circuits are designed to prevent damage to the power supply during an Overcurrent or Overload condition. However, leaving a power supply overloaded (or shorted) for extensive periods of time is NOT recommended and may result in reduced life and/or damage to the power supply.

## 2.3 OVER TEMPERATURE PROTECTION (OTP)

Some power supplies have an excessive temperature shut down circuit. When the power supply's operating temperature is too high, the protection circuit will shut down the output. Some common causes of excessive temperature are Overcurrent/Overload, high ambient temperature or restricted ventilation (e.g. faulty cooling fan). Automatic or manual recovery can occur once the cause of the over temperature condition is removed (high ambient temperature and/or high load).

## 2.4 OVER VOLTAGE PROTECTION (OVP)

When the output voltage exceeds the rated value by approximately 130%, the power supply will be protected by the following two possible methods to prevent damage to the components at the load terminals:

- Shutdown the output voltage. Reset the power supply by turning it OFF and then back ON again.
- Hiccup mode. The output will shut down and then attempt to restart automatically.

Over Voltage Protection may be triggered by a fault within the power supply, most commonly by setting the output voltage trim pot too high (especially when switching inductive loads) or it can occur when an external voltage is applied to the output. Using

an external voltage applied to the output terminals, provides a simple means of testing the over voltage threshold of a power supply. Some power supplies designed for parallel or redundant operation incorporate an ORing diode or FET that prevents shutdown from external voltages. Note, excessive or reverse voltages applied to the output can damage a power supply!

There are three kinds of Over Voltage Protection:

- Disabling the control circuit controlling the feedback loop shutting down the power supply.
- Shorting the output by using a "Crowbar" activating the power supply's overcurrent/overload protection.
- Some small power supplies simply use zener diode clamping.

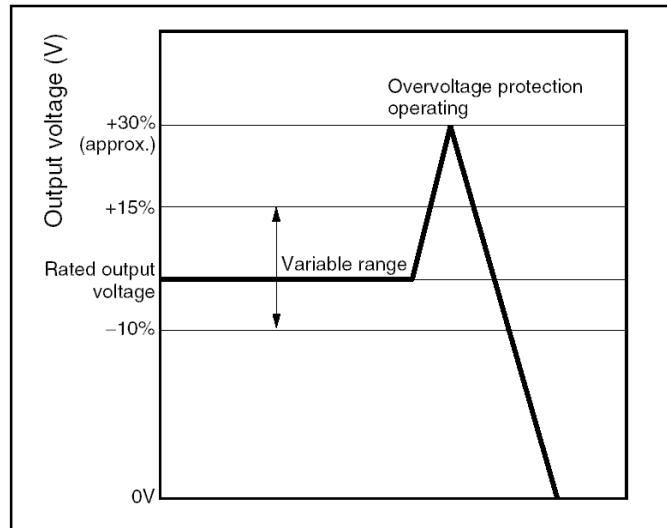


Fig. 5

### 3. INSTALLATION, WIRING AND OPERATION

Even the most efficient switching power supply will not function properly if the installation, wiring or connections are not correct. Follow the installation, wiring and connection instructions specified in the data sheet or manual before switching on any power supply. Also see the document 'Power Supply Cables and Connectors' (Meanwell\_Connect\_Safety.pdf).

#### 3.1 INSTALLATION

##### Heat Dissipation

- Ensure the unit is properly ventilated.
- Install the power supply in the correct position. Remember 'hot air rises' and ensure correct orientation.
- Ensure the unit has proper heat conduction and is not mounted near other heat sources.
- When you install two or more power supplies, leave additional space between them for cooling.
- Forcing air over the unit will improve heat dissipation.

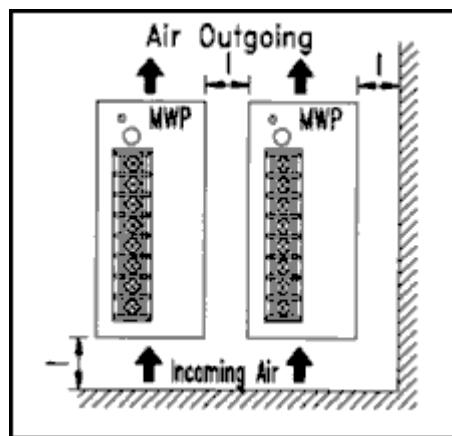


Fig. 6

When mounting any power supply please refer to any notes and temperature derating curves in the specifications. For example with DIN rail power supplies, the minimum installation clearances are: 40mm on top, 20mm on the bottom, 5mm on the left and right sides unless the adjacent device is also a heat source then 10-15mm clearances are recommended.

## Output Derating

Output power depends on operating temperature. Derate the output of the switching power supply according to the temperature derating curve shown in the specifications. The output power may also need to be derated with low input voltages.

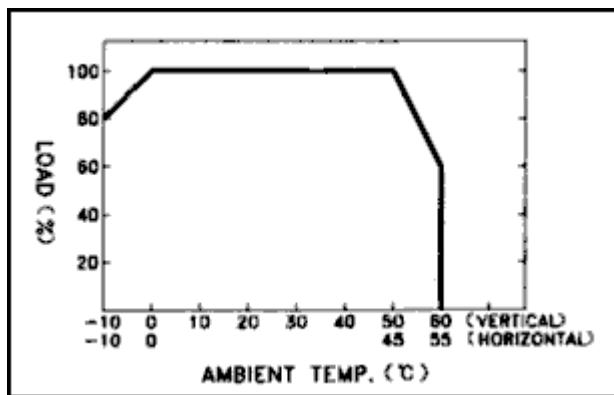


Fig. 7

## Securing Screws

Always check the specified screw length and tightening torque when attaching to your equipment enclosure.

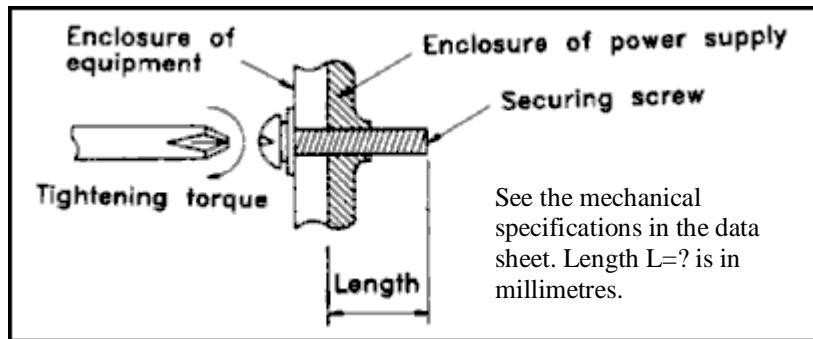


Fig. 8

## 3.2 WIRING AND OPERATION

### Input and output wiring

- a. Separate the input and output wires so that any external surge voltage on the DC input lines does not interfere with the output side. This will also insure that the output ripple and noise does not increase.
- b. Use short, thick wires on the output. Wire thickness will also depend on the current capacity required. Always connect to all output (-V,+V) terminals, otherwise overheating and consequentially damage may occur!
- c. When connecting wires to the device, use the appropriate terminal screws, solder-less terminals and tools. For DIN mounted devices we recommend using the largest size flat-blade screwdriver possible for tightening terminals, not Phillips head!
- d. Be careful to prevent wire off-cuts or other objects entering the device.

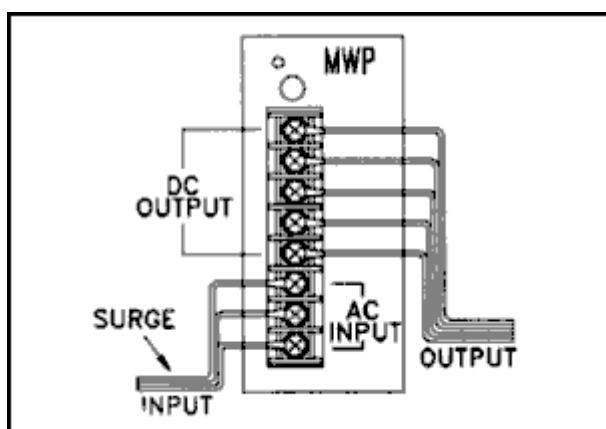


Fig. 9

## Ground connection

Connect the ground terminal of the switching power supply to the frame of the equipment with regulation size and colour wire to ensure safety and to minimize noise and interference.

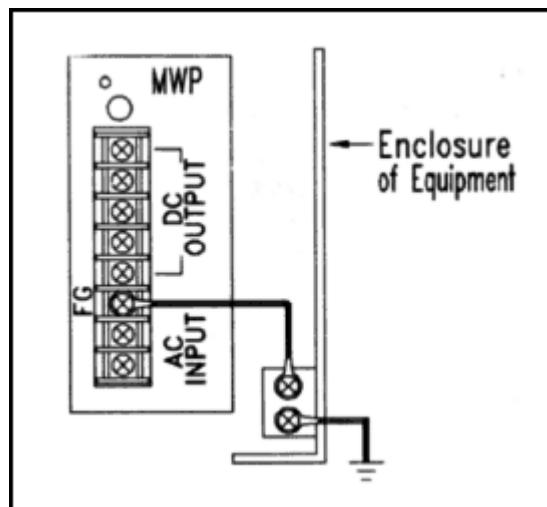


Fig. 10

## Inrush Current Control

Mean Well switching power supplies have large capacitors incorporated in the input supply circuit. Consequently, there is a high inrush current when input power is applied (see data sheet). When using several power supplies in a single system, do NOT apply power to all of them simultaneously. Note: ten RS-25 power supplies could theoretically draw a peak inrush current of 300 amps @ 230 volts. A preferred power application would be a "delayed power circuit" as in Fig. 11. Alternatively use different AC phase circuits or the new ICL (Inrush Current Limiter) range from Meanwell.

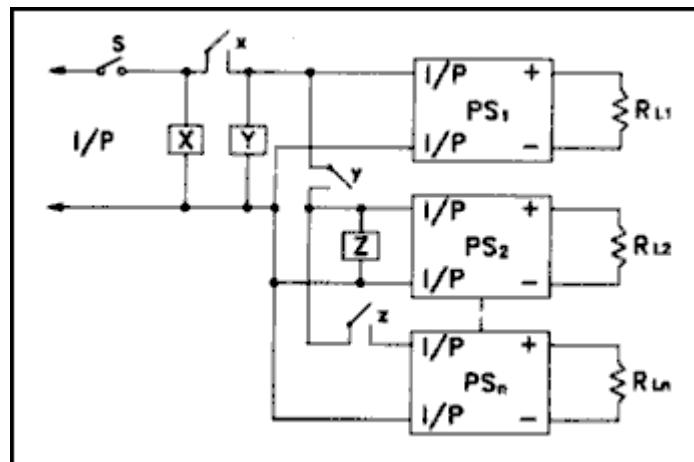


Fig. 11

## Remote Control and Remote Voltage Sensing

### a. Remote Control of the Output

The output of some power supplies can be controlled by supplying an appropriate signal to the remote terminals. Normally a short will turn the output ON. An open-circuit will turn the output OFF. All power supplies with Remote ON-OFF will be shipped with the required connection to turn them ON. You should always refer to the data sheet for the Remote ON/OFF requirements. See Fig 12. A relay in close proximity to the power supply is recommended when remote operation is required.

### b. Remote Voltage Sensing

Power Supplies equipped with a Remote Voltage Sense capability can detect a voltage drop at the load. This feature is especially useful when the power supply and the load are connected by long cables. Power supplies with the Remote Sense have +S and -S terminals (as shown in Fig. 12). When the terminals are connected to the load side of the output, the power supply will be able to detect any voltage drop at the load. The power supply will raise the output until the correct voltage is provided at the load terminals. NEVER REVERSE OR SHORT-CIRCUIT THE SENSE LEADS, including never disconnect the output conductors whilst remote sensing is connected to the load. Always limit the total voltage drop to that specified (0.25V...0.5V).

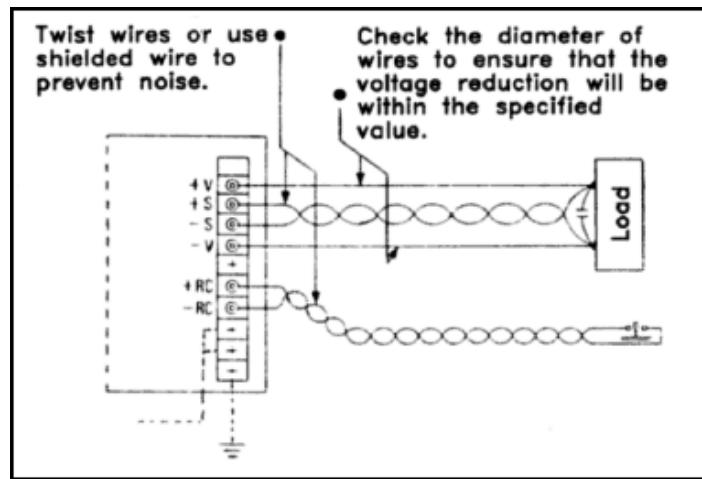


Fig. 12

### Operation in Parallel

Power supplies are commonly used in parallel to increase the output current. Mean Well's PSP, PSPA, RCP, RSP (>750W), RST and SHP Series are designed for parallel use. The SDR-480P, SDR-960, TDR-960, MSP/HRPG-600\*/1000, CSP-3000, DPU-3200 and PHP-3200 models can also be paralleled. These power supplies have a Parallel "P", Current Share "CS" or "DA", "DB" terminal(s) that sense other power supplies connected in parallel. This circuit controls the output voltage and allows a more efficient operation of each supply – sharing the load current equally. \* 24V, 36V and 48V models only.

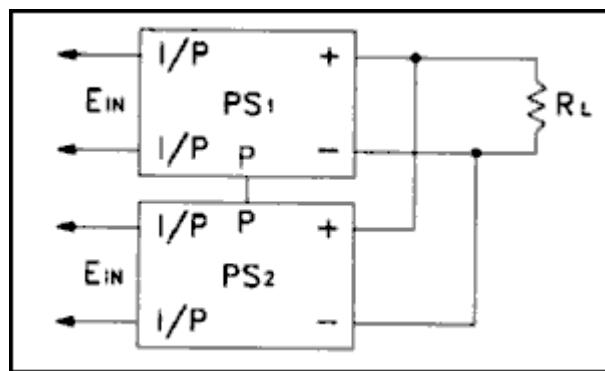


Fig. 13

Notes on parallel operation:

- Always use the same model type and voltage in any parallel configuration.
- The output voltage of each power supply should be the same (within 0.2V, XDR series 0.1V).
- Each power supply should be wired together with short and thick wiring first and then connected to the load.
- The total output current should not exceed 90% of the total current for all power supplies. 95% for some.
- Always check the specifications for the required connections, restrictions on the number of parallel units that can be used, minimum load requirements and connecting the sense terminals (+S and -S) or other features (e.g. remote control). Note, the XDR-480 and XDR-960 require only that a link is connected to enable the "droop mode" current sharing operation.

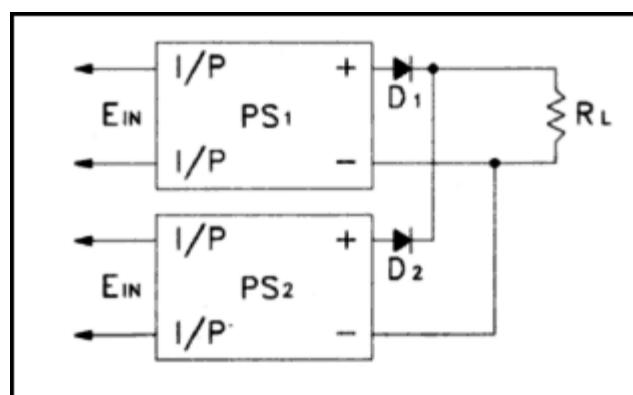


Fig. 14

Figure 14 illustrates a method of paralleling other types of power supplies for redundant use - increasing the reliability of a system. Diodes are connected to the positive side of each power supply. This connection is only for use in redundant systems and allows the system to continue to operate even when one power supply fails. See Meanwell's DRDN20/40 modules. The LSP and UHP series with "R" designation have this diode built-in and may be used directly for redundant operation.

## Operation in Series

Power supplies are often connected in series to produce higher voltages. Two types of series connections are described below. For series operation all power supplies require 'floating' or un-earthed outputs. e.g. the SP-480 and some GS/GST adapters have the negative connected to earth and cannot be connected in series!

**a.** Fig. 15 describes a sample setup for separate distinctive loads. Protective diodes (D1 and D2 below) may be necessary with this type of application to protect the power supplies if connection X is lost.

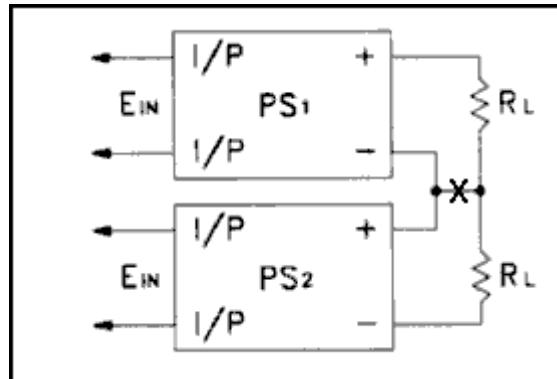


Fig. 15

**b.** Fig. 16 illustrates a sample setup for series connected power supplies. The diode, connected directly across the output terminals, is also recommended in any application where a reverse voltage may be applied to the power supply's output. As a general guide, the diodes should be Schottky Barrier with a reverse voltage more than twice the output voltage and rated output current more than twice the rated output current or short-circuit current whichever is greater.

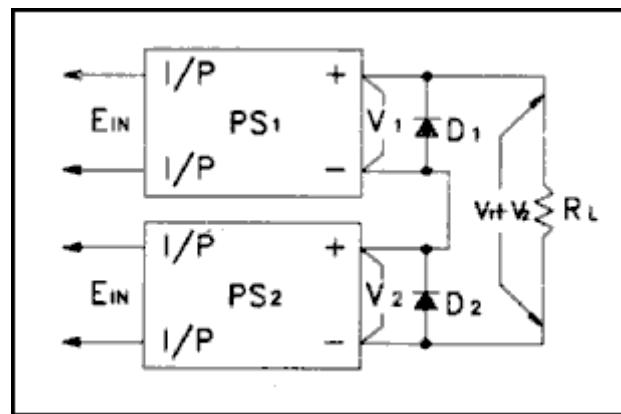


Fig. 16

## Additional Output Ripple and Noise Control

Fig. 17 is a diagram of a sample circuit that will improve the output ripple and noise (or Differential Mode noise) and Common Mode noise. Fig. 17 is an example circuit only. Further design considerations are essential for specific applications.

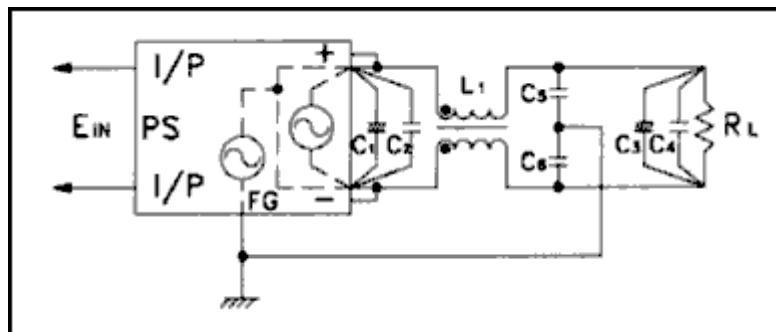


Fig. 17

Note: C1 and C3 are electrolytic capacitors (reference value 47uf~100uf) and control the output ripple. C2 and C4 are high frequency capacitors (reference value 0.01uf~0.1uf) and reduce the output DM noise. Inductance or CM choke L1 (value 0.5uH~5uH) plus C5 and C6 (high frequency capacitors 0.01uf~0.1uf) provide CM noise suppression.

## Minimum Load Requirement

Multiple output power supplies are calibrated and fully regulated on Channel 1 (known as the master channel) of the unit. Channel 2 and higher are quasi regulated from Channel 1. If Channel 1 is not used, the output voltages of the other channels may be out of tolerance. Therefore, a minimum load on Channel 1 is recommended as a calibration factor.

Example: A Mean Well PD-25B (dual output) power supply was connected in a circuit. The specifications for this unit are as follows.

Channel	Output Voltage	Tolerance	Output Rated Current	Output Current Range
1	5V	$\pm 2\%$	1.2A	0.2A - 2A
2	24V	$\pm 6\%$	0.8A	0.1A - 1A

A 1 amp load was connected to Ch. 2 and no load was connected to Ch. 1. The Ch. 2 output voltage was ~22 volts. Then a 0.2A load was applied to the 5 volt output and the Ch. 2 voltage rose to ~24 volts.

Another test was conducted with a 2 amp load on Ch. 1 and no load on Ch. 2. The Ch. 2 output voltage was ~26 volts. Then a 0.1A load was connected to Ch. 2 and the Ch. 2 output voltage dropped to ~24 volts.

## Surge Voltage Control

Fig.18 shows a circuit used to control voltage surges that may be caused by power fluctuations or stray surges due to lightning. The circuit has varistors connected between AC/L - AC/N, AC/L - FG, and AC/N - FG. This type of circuit is the minimum recommended in areas where there are frequent lightning strikes. Further input conditioning including an Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) may be considered in areas where there are frequent power fluctuations or power failures.

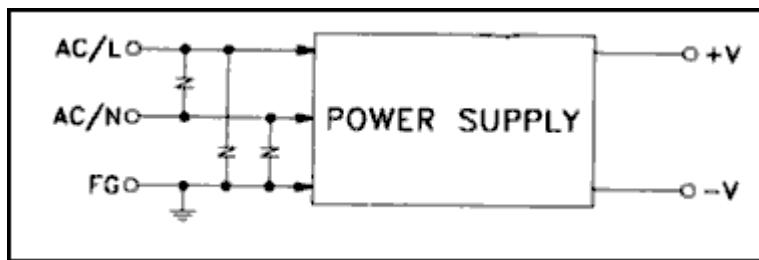


Fig. 18

## Low Temperature Environments

Mean Well Power Supplies use a thermistor that limits inrush current under cold start conditions. In low temperature environments the thermistor resistance is high. The input current may be too low for the power supply to function. (This usually occurs under minus 10°C). Use the procedure below when first applying the input power during cold climate conditions.

- a. Operate the power supply continuously (do not power it down) and use the Remote Control input or an external switch, relay or contactor to activate and de-activate the output voltage.
- b. If the power supply does not start-up, decrease the load on the output until the power supply is fully operational. Start-up may take much longer than normal as the in-rush current limiting device (a thermistor) may need to warm-up.
- c. If the power supply is in an environment that is frequently cold, install a heat producing device near the power supply case (such as a large resistor, a lamp or a heating unit).

Note, in low temperature applications choose a power supply from the HRP, HRPG or MSP range which operate down to -40°C. Or an LED power supply such as the HLG series plus many others. Others, such as the LRS range, operate down to -30°C.

## Charger Use

When a power supply is used directly as a lead-acid battery charger, a parallel and a series diode and a fuse (or circuit breaker) should be installed at the output. These components will protect the power supply if the battery voltage is higher than the rated voltage and if a reversed polarity situation occurs. Contact your supplier should you wish to use any power supply for battery charging (with electronic charging units, check the protection provided). You should use a unit designed for charging where possible as these protection devices are often built-in and the charge techniques used are designed to prolong the battery life.

## 4. SAFETY

Generally speaking, switching power supplies are manufactured to produce a stabilized DC supply. Power supplies with exposed terminals are designed for integration into other equipment. Such power supplies must not be used until incorporated into a suitable enclosure as required by local laws and regulations. Please consult the relevant authority.

### Electric Shock

High voltages are present inside the power supply (which can be 2 to 4 times the input voltage). Do NOT attempt to repair the unit or remove the power supply's cover. If the power supply needs service or repair return it to Mean Well or an authorized Mean Well repair centre. When the power supply is installed in a system, be sure that the case is properly grounded. Some Mean Well Power Supplies are 'Open Frame' and supplied without a case. Use extreme caution when touching or removing these units for repair. Appropriate safety equipment and procedures must be used when touching or removing the power supply.

### High Operating Temperatures

When the power supply is operating at high output or is faulty, internal component temperatures may exceed 100°C. Do NOT touch any components inside the power supply case. The external case temperature may also be at a point where it is unsafe to touch. Please see the ELG, HLG, LSP and XLG ranges for power supplies designed for maximum case temperatures of 90°C.

Keep all flammable, explosive, and volatile materials away from any power supply.

### Rated Input Voltage

The input voltage of the switching power supply, by design, is limited. It can be dangerous to apply voltage which is outside of the specified range, damage may occur to the power supply. Always use the power supply within its specified input voltage range. Always check the position of any AC input range switch before applying power.

### Leakage Current

The internal noise filter capacitors generate a leakage current within the range specified by international safety standards. However, if two or more power supplies are used, the leakage current increases and electrical shock may occur. Take measures such as securely grounding the unit, to prevent electric shock.

### Wiring Materials

To prevent wiring materials from heating up or igniting, use the correct gauge of wire which can withstand the output current capacity of the switching power supply. Also, check the rated voltage of any wire used.

### Shared Usage

It is particularly important to be careful when the current is diverted for use by a low current load. If a thin wire is used as a branch line, the overcurrent/overload protection circuit may not work if the load is short-circuit. To ensure safety, attach a suitably rated fuse, circuit-breaker or other protection device (resettable fuse or polyswitch) to the low-current wire as shown in Fig. 19. Remember, overloading of circuits beyond their capacity causes overheating of cables and conductors, and can result in direct fire hazards or, more often, in damage to insulation with the development of arcing or sparking.

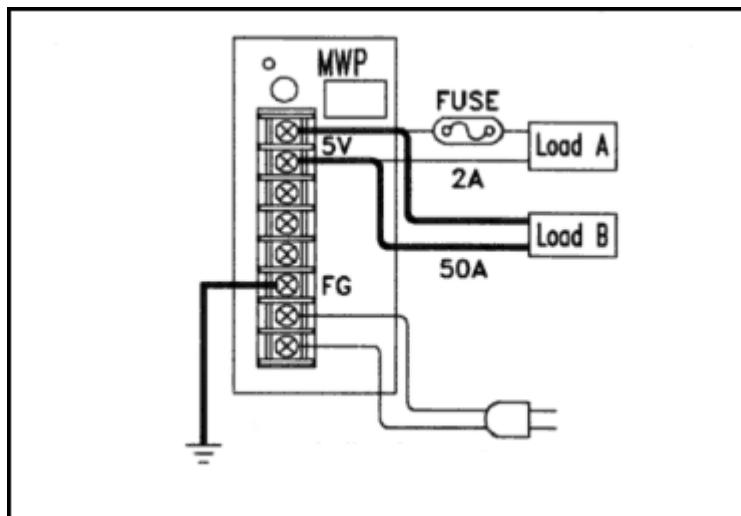


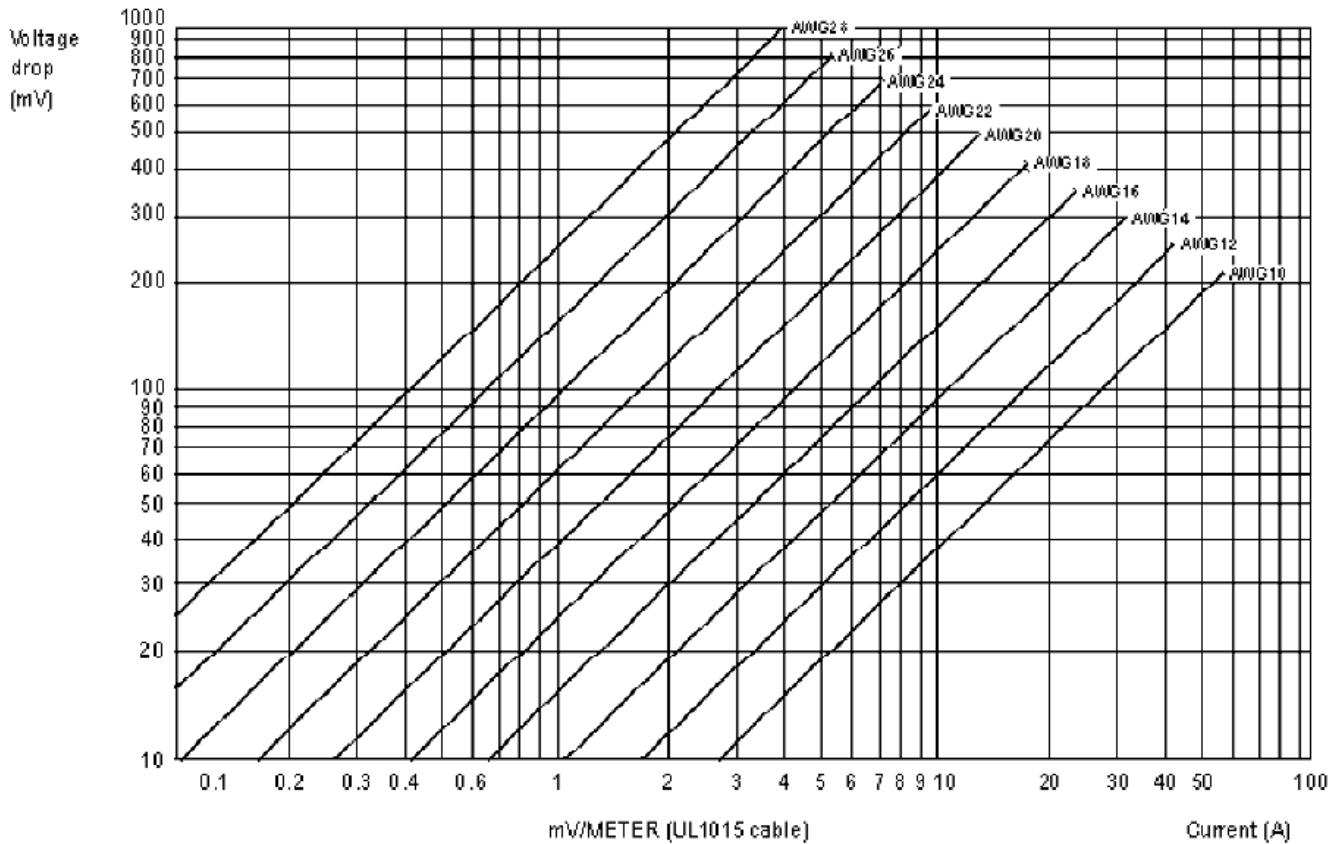
Fig. 19

## Connection Cable Material

The tables below contain a selection of UL approved connection wire. These tables should be reviewed when selecting cable for the input and output sides of the power supply.

AWG No.	1A Voltage Drop (mV/m)	Composed Of (Strands/mm)	Suggested Maximum Current (A)		Cross-section Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Cross-section Area after twisting
			UL 1007 (300V 80°C)	UL 1015 (600V 105°C)		
30	358	7/0.102	0.12	-----	0.051	
28	222	7/0.127	0.15	0.2	0.081	
26	140	7/0.16	0.35	0.5	0.129	
24	88.9	11/0.16	0.7	1.0	0.205	
22	57.5	17/0.16	1.4	2.0	0.326	0.8
20	37.6	26/0.16	2.8	4.0	0.517	1.0
18	22.8	43/0.16	4.2	6.0	0.823	1.3
16	14.9	54/0.18	5.6	8.0	1.309	1.6
14	9.5	41/0.26	-----	12.0	2.081	
12	6.0	65/0.26	-----	22.0	3.309	
10	3.8	104/0.26	-----	35.0	5.262	

Note: The suggested maximum current is only suitable for 1~4 strands, 5 or more strands should use 80% of the rated current



## Ground Wire

Connect the grounding terminal of the power supply to the frame of the equipment with a short, thick wire.

Note: For switching power supplies integrated into other equipment, safety standards differ from country to country. Check the standards (specifications) listed in documents provided by your supplier or relevant government agency when you use a switching power supply inside your own equipment.

## 5. EMI

Switching power supplies are manufactured to comply with electro-magnetic interference (EMI) standards (refer to relevant specification). Depending on the wiring of the power supply, load and grounding, the power supply may not function correctly. To ensure optimal use of power supplies, consider the following steps:

### a. Separate Input and Output Wires

If the input and output wires are too close to each other, induced noise on the output terminal increases. Typically, if the noise terminal voltage of the input line increases, noise radiation (noise field intensity) from the equipment increases. Also, if the input line and the internal circuits (digital circuits, in particular) of the equipment are too close to each other, the noise terminal voltage increases and the equipment may not operate properly. Make sure that the input cables are separated from any low voltage internal circuits of the equipment.

### b. Short, Thick Wires

Input and output wires on the equipment should be short and thick. Each set of two wires should either be attached or bundled in parallel or twisted together. If wires are looped, the noise and interference from the power supply will be affected.

## 6. RELIABILITY

### 6.1 LIFE CYCLE AND BREAKDOWN

Switching power supplies have proven to be highly reliable when used in household appliances and industrial products and are highly rated throughout industry.

The following figure shows the failure rate curve (bathtub curve) during a typical product life cycle.

The Early Failure Period - to prevent early failure, each manufacturer screens out parts or performs aging tests on the finished product. When Mean Well switching power supplies are delivered to customers, the power supplies have already entered the random failure period.

Random Failure Period - the stability of each switching power supply depends on its own reliability (Mean Time Between Failure: MTBF).

Basically, the failure rate is very low. However, the failure rate in the random failure period differs depending on installation and operating conditions (ambient temperature, installation method, derating, ventilation, vibration and shock) which are determined by the user.

Fatigue Failure Period - At some time, the switching power supply will enter the fatigue failure period.

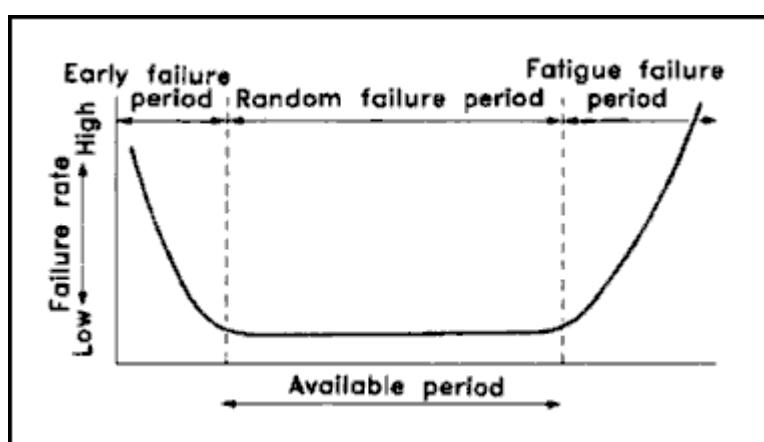


Fig. 20

### 6.2 AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AND SERVICE LIFE

High efficiency switching at a high frequency, improvement in parts and integrated technology has greatly reduced the size of switching power supplies. Integration density has allowed the internal parts to be packed closer together.

Each part of a switching power supply distinctly differs in its service life depending on the ambient temperature.

An electrolytic capacitor, used as a smoothing filter, is more sensitive to variations in the ambient temperature because of the chemical reactions which occur within it.

Typically, the service life of electrolytic capacitors halves for every ambient temperature increase of 10°C. This characteristic determines the service life of most switching power supplies.

Fig. 21 shows the relationship between the service life of the switching power supply and ambient temperature. If the switching power supply is used at high temperatures, the electrolytic capacitor may enter the fatigue failure period while the other parts are still in the random failure period. To increase the service life of the switching power supply, it may be necessary to replace some electrolytic capacitors.

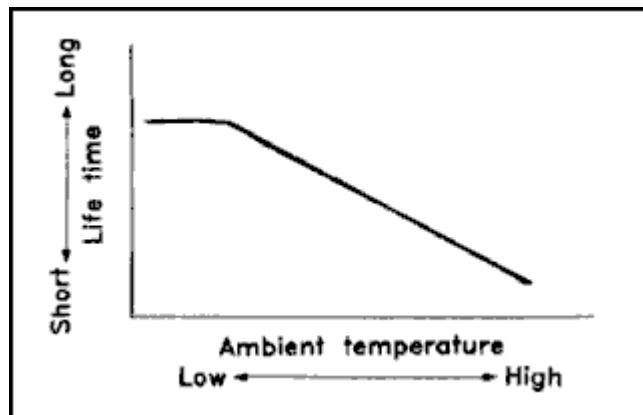


Fig. 21

### 6.3 OVERHAUL

As technology improves, the number of continuous operating systems increases. And though the service life of switching power supplies is also increasing, they cannot be relied upon forever.

Therefore, periodic overhauls are required to ensure the reliability of any equipment. How often an overhaul needs to be performed on a power supply depends on the operating conditions and temperature. Service life is most seriously affected when a power supply is operated continuously. In this case, the frequency of overhauls to the power supply should be as follows:

Ta is between 40°C and 45°C - once every three years.

Ta is between 35°C and 40°C - once every four years.

Ta is between 30°C and 35°C - once every five years.

Where: Ta indicates the ambient temperature of the power supply.

The above temperature values may differ depending on the type of switching power supply used. For more details on overhauls and service life, contact the manufacturer. Whilst regular inspections should be carried out, parts with lifetime specifications (built-in fans and electrolytic capacitors) are required to be replaced periodically. Set the overhaul period according to the environment above and perform maintenance. Also, note that there are cases where EOL products cannot be overhauled.

### 6.4 LOAD CAPACITY AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

A power supply's operating temperature depends on output load, ambient temperature, and cooling. The most ideal way to increase the service life of a power supply is to NOT continuously operate it at full capacity. This becomes even more critical in warmer climates or conditions.

Example: Two identical power supplies (subjected to the same environmental conditions) were operated using different loads. One had a 40% load condition and the other had an 80% load condition. The test showed that the power supply with the 40% load lasted four times longer than the power supply with the 80% load condition.

Every new model of the Mean Well Power Supply range is subjected to an environmental test during the prototype phase. Fig. 22 on the next page shows how temperature probes are connected to the Switching Power Supply (SPS). Figures 23 and 24 show the typical rise in temperature for each of the temperature probes with increasing load for two different models. Many Meanwell power supplies require convection cooling and the case temperature TPC, Tcase or Tc is specified in the data sheet. With these units, the location of the highest measured case temperature (tc) is indicated on the mechanical drawing.

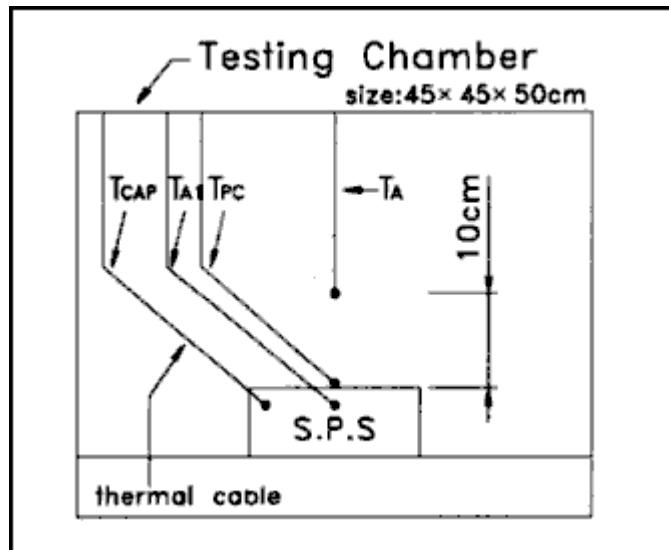


Fig. 22

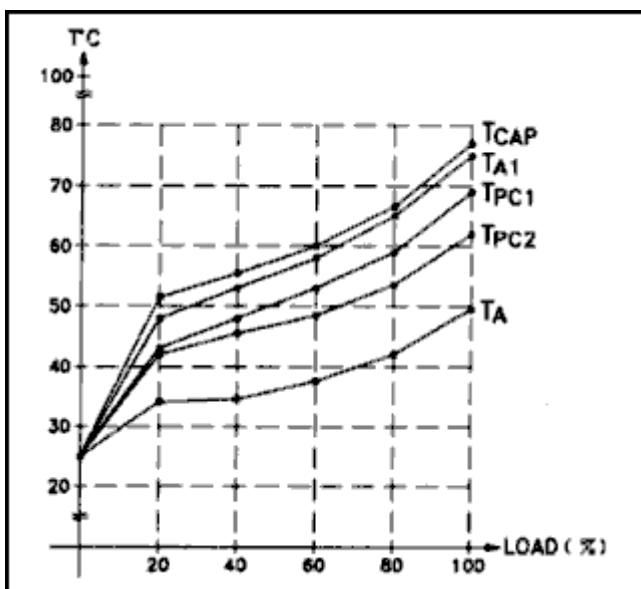


Fig. 23

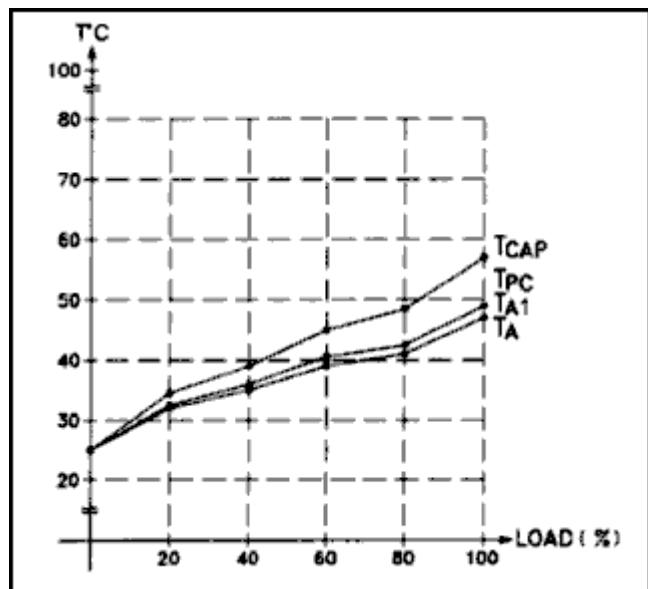


Fig. 24

Where:

- TA: Temperature inside chamber
- TA1: Temperature inside power supply
- TPC: Temperature of power supply case
- TCAP: Temperature of output capacitor

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

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We strongly advise all customers to contact us for advice on the most suitable power supply for their needs. It is especially important that the correct power supply is used, and protective circuits are installed, when driving heavily inductive or capacitive loads including motors, DC to DC converters and other loads with high inrush current such as lamps. Please follow all instructions regarding power supplies in parallel or series or used for charging batteries.

Please contact Procon Technology for a CD-ROM copy of the complete 110 page Switching Power Supply Technical Manual and for all your industrial, LED lighting power supply, charger, DC-DC converter and DC-AC inverter needs. Procon Technology can also supply desk-top power supplies suitable for test and research purposes.

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