

MTL TP-AC range

Transmitter mounting surge protector

1 INTRODUCTION

The TP-AC range of surge protectors provide surge protection for field mounted process transmitters and is available for 1/2" NPT, 20mm ISO and G1/2" threaded conduit entries. The TP-AC range can be used in hazardous areas. More details of this are shown throughout this installation guide.

2 IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



WARNING

The TP-AC range must be installed, operated and maintained by trained competent personnel.

- The TP-AC must not be subjected to mechanical or thermal stresses.
- The TP-AC must not be installed in an area where it may be attacked by aggressive substances.
- Where hazardous area protection concepts are being applied the product must be installed in accordance with the requirements.
- The 'transmitter' must be electrically isolated during the installation procedure.
- All installation and maintenance must be carried out in accordance with all appropriate international, national and

local standard codes of practice and site regulations and in accordance with the instructions contained within this manual.

3 INSTALLATION

3.1 Select conduit entry to be used for installation, and remove any blanking plug.

NOTE

If direct installation onto the apparatus itself is impossible e.g. because all conduit entries are in use already, use the TP-ACS range which includes a conduit hub.

The TP-AC is supplied with 300mm leads, which should be sufficient for them to reach the transmitter terminals from a junction box. If these leads are not long enough then use supplementary terminals and wiring. Installation should be within 1m of, and bonded to, the transmitter.

3.2 Ensure that the TP-AC body thread matches the conduit entry. Thread types are not interchangeable, but adapters may be used where necessary.

3.3 Remove apparatus terminal housing cover.

3.4 Insert connecting wires into apparatus body and start threading unit into conduit entry using moderate handforce, with lubricants as necessary.

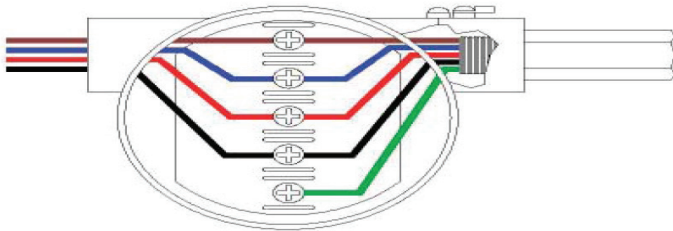
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- 3.5 Tighten fully (hand-tight plus 1/2 turn of 23mm A/F spanner). The steel body of the TP-AC is not used as part of the electrical circuit, therefore sealing of the thread with PTFE tape or other sealing compounds will not affect the performance of the TP-AC.
- 3.6 For effective protection, the leads of the TP-AC should be as short as possible. Before wiring to the transmitter terminals, cut the leads to the appropriate length and strip back 10mm of insulation. Do not try to coil excess lengths of cable into the transmitter housing as this will degrade the protection given by the surge protector.
- 3.7 Connect the flying leads to the terminals indicated on below;-

NOTE

The protection circuit needs to be connected in parallel with the transmitter, not in series. Many transmitters offer linked terminals to avoid installation with multiple wires in each terminal. If your transmitter does not, then use an appropriate termination method e.g. ring-tag, piggy-back Faston tab, split ferrule etc. to complete the connection satisfactorily.

- 3.8 Ensure that all connections are tight, particularly the earth bonding connection, which is likely to be via a stud with in the apparatus terminal housing.
- 3.9 Refit apparatus terminal housing cover. Reconnect circuit if it was previously isolated.



	LINE	NEUTRAL	Signal	Eart/Ground
TP-AC TP-ACS	Brown	Blue	N/A	Green/Yellow
TP-ACFF TP-ACSFF	Brown	Blue	Red = Signal + Black = Signal-	Green/Yellow
TP-AC420 TP-ACS420	Brown	Blue	Red = Signal + Black = Signal-	Green/Yellow
TP-AC485 TP-ACS485	Brown	Blue	Red = Signal + Black = Signal-	Green/Yellow

4. EARTHING / GROUNDING



WARNING

The enclosure does not provide an external or internal connection for earthing or grounding the enclosure. It is the user's responsibility to provide adequate earth continuity via the mounting arrangements for all locations and all protection methods.

The TP-AC earth wire (Green/Yellow) should be connected to the earth terminal or stud usually provided inside the transmitter housing. In the unlikely event that no such stud exists, make the connection to a structural mounting part, such as a terminal block fixing screw.

5. MAINTENANCE

At intervals of not more than one year (more frequently for particularly harsh environments) visually check the installation and ensure that:

- i) Device and/or enclosure is firmly attached to mounting
- ii) There are no signs of external damage or corrosion
- iii) Interconnecting cables are not frayed or otherwise damaged
- iv) All connections are properly made with clear labelling

If this unit suffers damage send it back to your local sales office for evaluation which should only be carried out by Eaton's MTL trained personnel. This product is not field repairable.

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