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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400  
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Re: State Specifications Office  
Section: **620**  
Proposed Specification: **REVISED 6200207 Grounding and Lightning Protection.**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

The changes are proposed by Derek Vollmer from the Traffic Engineering and Operations Office to move the materials section to Section 996 in Division III.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to [daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.strickland@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**GROUNDING AND LIGHTNING PROTECTION****(REV ~~211-15-210~~)**

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7 is deleted and the following substituted:

**620-2.7 Surge Protective Devices (SPDs):** ~~Provide SPDs to protect electronics from lightning, transient voltage surges, and induced current.~~

Install SPDs on all power, data, video and any other conductive circuit. SPD requirements for lighting must meet the minimum requirements of Section 992 and the Standard Plans. Use SPDs that meet the requirements of Section 996 and are listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL). ~~SPDs for traffic control devices, including intelligent transportation system (ITS) equipment, must be listed on the Department's Approved Product List (APL).~~

Provide primary and secondary surge protection on AC power at traffic control device field sites.

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

**620-2.7.1 SPD for 120 Volt or 120/240 Volt Power:** Install a SPD at the utility disconnect to the cabinet. ~~Ensure that the SPD at the utility disconnect includes L-N, L-G, and N-G protection and has a maximum surge current rating of 50 kA per phase or greater. The SPD must meet the requirements of UL 1449, Third Edition and be listed by a NRTL.~~

Ensure an SPD is provided where the supply circuit enters the cabinet. Locate the SPD on the load side of the main disconnect and ahead of any and all electronic devices and connected in parallel with the AC supply. ~~Ensure that the SPD in the cabinet includes L-N, L-G, and N-G protection and has a maximum surge current rating of 50 kA per phase or greater. The SPD must meet the requirements of UL 1449, Third Edition and be listed by a NRTL.~~

~~Ensure that the SPD has a visual indication system that monitors the weakest link in each mode and shows normal operation or failure status and also provides one set of normally open (NO)/normally closed (NC) Form C contacts for remote alarm monitoring. The enclosure for a SPD shall have a NEMA 4 rating.~~

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7.2 is deleted and the following substituted:

**620-2.7.2 SPD at Point of Use:** Install a SPD at the point the ITS devices receive 120 volt power and connected in series with the circuits. ~~Ensure that these devices comply with the minimum functional requirements shown in Table 620-1. Ensure that the units are rated at 15 or 20 amps load and are configured with receptacles.~~

~~Ensure that these units have internal fuse protection and provide common mode (L+N-G) protection.~~

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7.3 is deleted and the following substituted:

**620-2.7.3 SPDs for Low-Voltage Power, Control, Data and Signal Systems:**

Install a specialized SPD on all conductive circuits including, but not limited to, data communication cables, coaxial video cables, and low-voltage power cables. ~~Ensure that these devices comply with the minimum functional requirements shown in Table 620-1 for all available modes (i.e. power L-N, N-G; L-G, data and signal center pin-to-shield, L-L, L-G, and shield-G where appropriate).~~

Circuit Description	Clamping Voltage	Data Rate	Surge Capacity	Maximum Let Through Voltage
12 V <sub>DC</sub>	15-20 volts	N/A	5kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<150 Vpk
24 V <sub>AC</sub>	30-55 volts	N/A	5kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<175 Vpk
48 V <sub>DC</sub>	60-85 volts	N/A	5kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<200 Vpk
120 V <sub>AC</sub> at POU	150-200 volts	N/A	20kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<550 Vpk
Coaxial Composite Video	4-8 volts	N/A	10kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<65 Vpk (8x20- $\mu$ s/1.2x50 $\mu$ s; 6kV, 3kA)
RS422/RS485	8-15 volts	Up to 10 Mbps	10kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<30 Vpk
T1	13-30 volts	Up to 10 Mbps	10kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<30 Vpk
Ethernet Data	7-12 volts	Up to 1 Gbps	1kA per mode (10x1000- $\mu$ s)	<30 Vpk
POE	60-70 volts	Up to 1 Gbps	5kA per mode (8x20- $\mu$ s)	<200Vpk (100kHz 0.5 $\mu$ s; 6kV, 500A)

~~Ensure that SPDs meet the requirements of UL 497B or UL 497C, as applicable, and are listed by a NRTL.~~

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7.4 is deleted:

~~**620-2.7.4 Mechanical Specifications:** Ensure equipment is permanently marked with manufacturer name or trademark, part number, and date of manufacture or serial number.~~

~~All parts must be made of corrosion-resistant materials, such as plastic, stainless steel, anodized aluminum, brass, or gold-plated metal.~~

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7.5 is deleted:

~~**620-2.7.5 Environmental Specifications:** Ensure that SPDs operate properly during and after being subjected to the temperature and humidity test described in NEMA TS 2, Section 2.2.7, and the vibration and shock tests described in NEMA TS 2, Sections 2.2.8., and 2.2.9.~~

SUBARTICLE 620-2.7.6 is deleted and the following substituted:

**620-2.7.6-4 Manufacturer's Warranty:** Ensure that the SPD has a manufacturer's warranty covering failures for a minimum of 10 years from the date of final acceptance by the Engineer in accordance with 5-11 and Section 608.

The term "failure" for warranty replacement is defined as follows:

Parallel-connected, power-rated SPD units are considered in failure mode when any of the visual indicators shows failure mode when power is applied to the terminals at the unit's rated voltage, or the properly functioning over-current protective device will not reset after tripping.

Series-connected, low-voltage power, data, or signal units are considered in the failure mode when an open circuit condition is created and no data/signal will pass through the SPD device or a signal lead is permanently connected to ground.

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