

28V DC 80AMP and 100AMP Solid State Power Controller Module

Description:

This Solid State Power Controller (SSPC) Module is a microcontroller-based Solid State Relay designed to be used in high reliability 28V DC applications. This module has integrated current sensing with no derating over the full operating temperature range. This module is the electronic equivalent to an electromechanical circuit breaker with isolated control and status.

SRPC80D28	28VDC	80A	Latching
SRPC100D28	28VDC	100A	Latching

Module Features:

- Extremely Low Power Dissipation, No Derating Over the Full Temperature Range
- Potted Module
- Solid State Reliability

Electrical Features:

- 28VDC Input with Very Low Voltage Drop; 175 mV, max. @ 100A
- True I²t Protection up to 12X rating with Nuisance Trip Suppression
- Instant Trip Protection (200 μsec typ)
- Unlimited Interrupt Capability; Repetitive Fault Handling Capability
- Thermal Memory
- Internally Generated Isolated Supply to Drive the Switch
- Low Aux Supply Current: 10 mA typ @ 5V DC
- High Control Circuit Isolation: 100V DC Control to Power Circuit
- Soft Turn-On to Reduce EMC and capacitive load Issues
- EMI Tolerant
- Input control doubles as reset; Reset Circuit is Trip-Free
- TTL/CMOS Compatible, Optically Isolated, Input and Outputs

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Table 1: Electrical Characteristics (at 25°C and VAUX = 5.0V DC unless otherwise specified)

Control & Status (TTL/CMOS Compatible)	
AUX Supply (Vcc)	5.0V DC Nominal, 7V DC Absolute Maximum 4.5V to 5.5 VDC
AUX Supply (Vcc) Current	10 mA typ 20 mA, max
Status & BIT/TRIP Signals	V _{oh} =3.7V, min, at I _{oh} = -8mA V _{ol} =0.4V, max, at I _{ol} = 2mA
CONTROL Signal V _{IL} V _{IH} R _{IN}	0.8V, max 2V, min 101 kOhm, typ
Power	
Input Voltage – Continuous – Transient	9V to 40V DC, 43V DC Absolute Maximum +100V or –100V Spike (< 10 μs)
Power Dissipation	See Table 5
Current	See Table 5 See Trip Curve in Figure 1
Max Voltage Drop	See Table 5
Max current without tripping	110% min
Trip time	See Trip Curve in Figure 1
Protection	
Instant Trip	See Trip Curve in Figure 1

Table 2: Physical Characteristics

Temperature	
Operating Temperature	T _A = -40 °C to +100 °C
Storage Temperature	T _A = -55 °C to +125 °C
Environmental	
Altitude	Up to 30,000 ft Can be installed in an unpressurized area
Case Dimensions	2.00" x 1.95" x 0.44"
Weight	400 grams typ, 450 grams max

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Figure 1: Trip Curve for SRPC80D28 (rated current is 80 Amp)

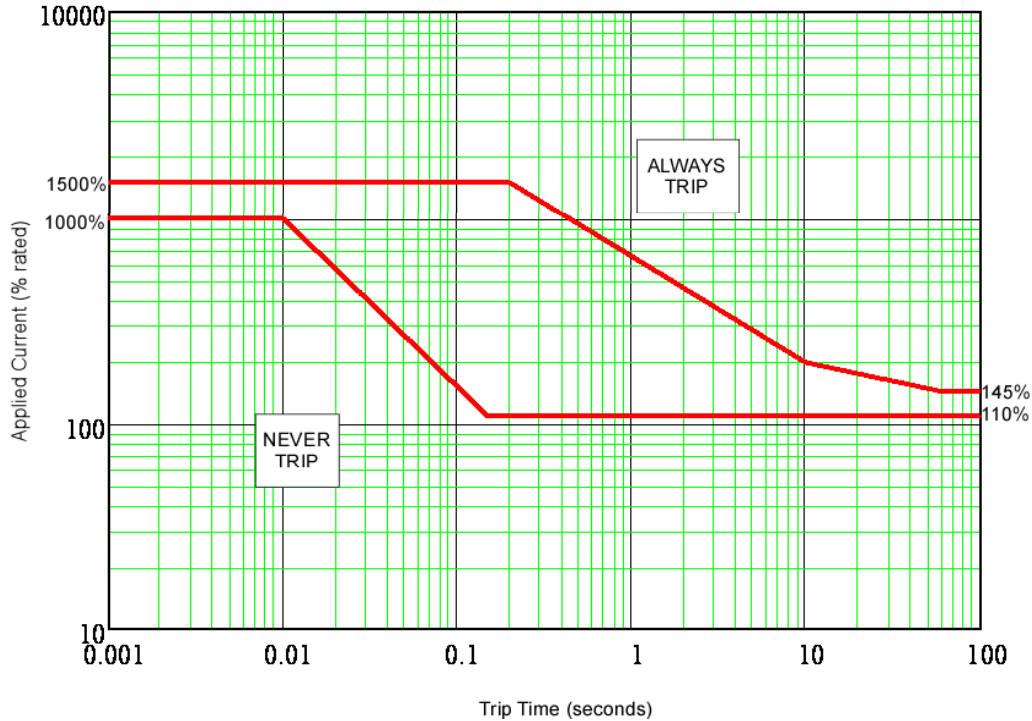
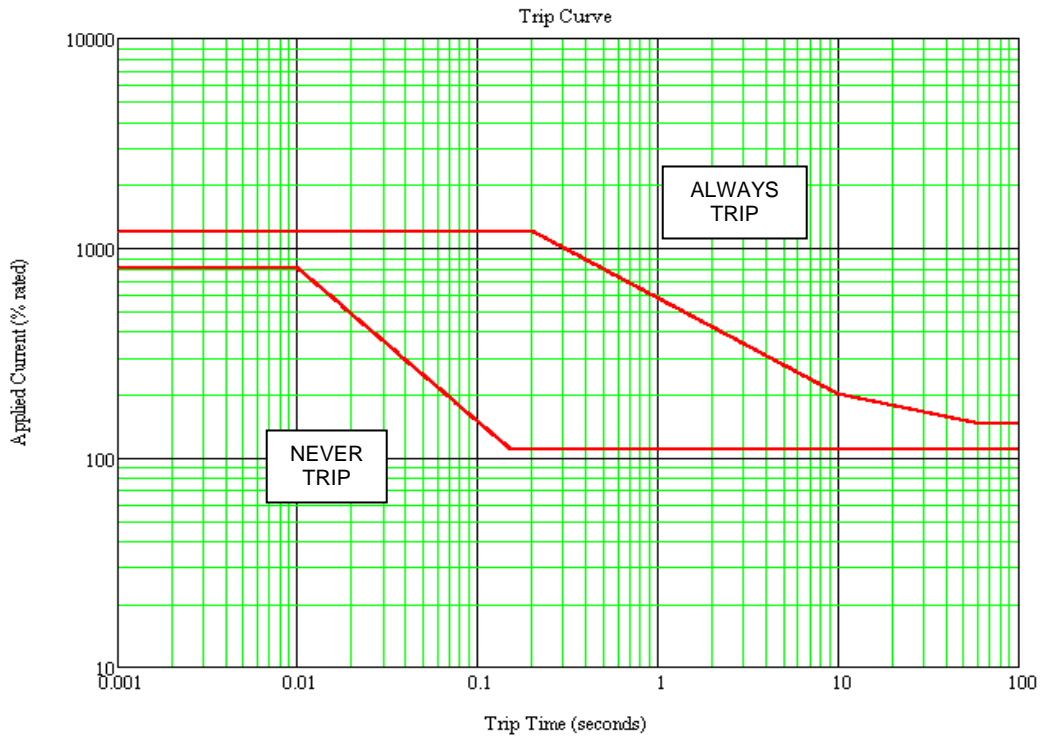


Figure 2: Trip Curve for SRPC100D28 (rated current is 100 Amp)



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Figure 3: Timing Diagram

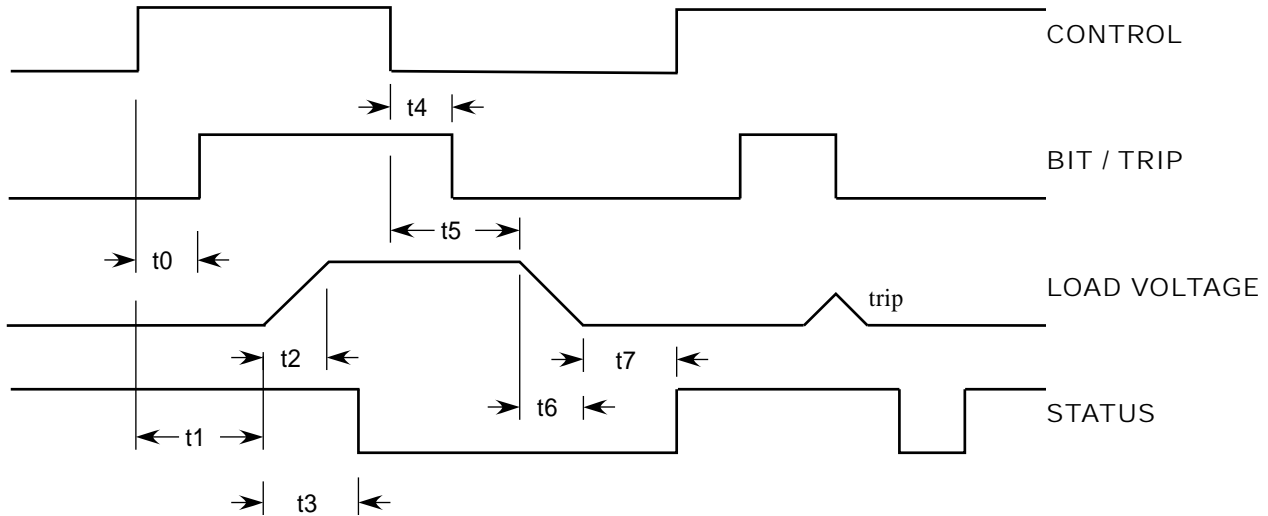


Table 3: Signal Timing (-40°C to 100°C, 28VDC_IN = 28VDC)

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
CONTROL to GATE Status Delay for Turn On	t0		500	μs
Turn ON Delay	t1		1	ms
Load Voltage Rise Time	t2	50	200	μs
Turn ON to LOAD Status Delay	t3		2	ms
CONTROL to GATE Status Delay for Turn Off	t4		500	μs
Turn OFF Delay	t5		1	ms
Load Voltage Fall Time	t6	50	200	μs
Turn OFF to LOAD Status Delay	t7		2	ms

Note: Voltage Fall Time from trip is dependent on magnitude of overload

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All dimensions are in inches

Figure 4: SRPC80D28 Mechanical Dimensions

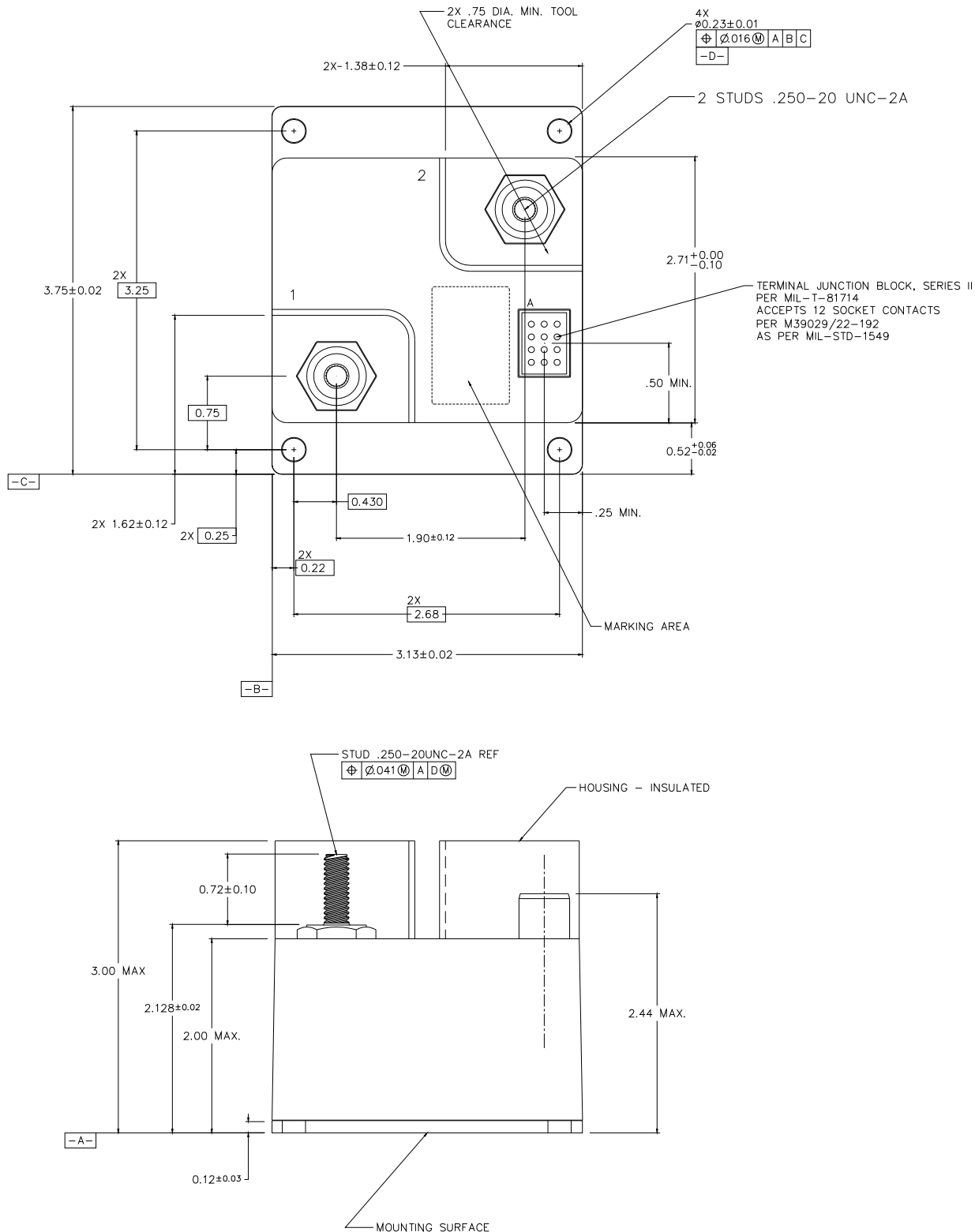


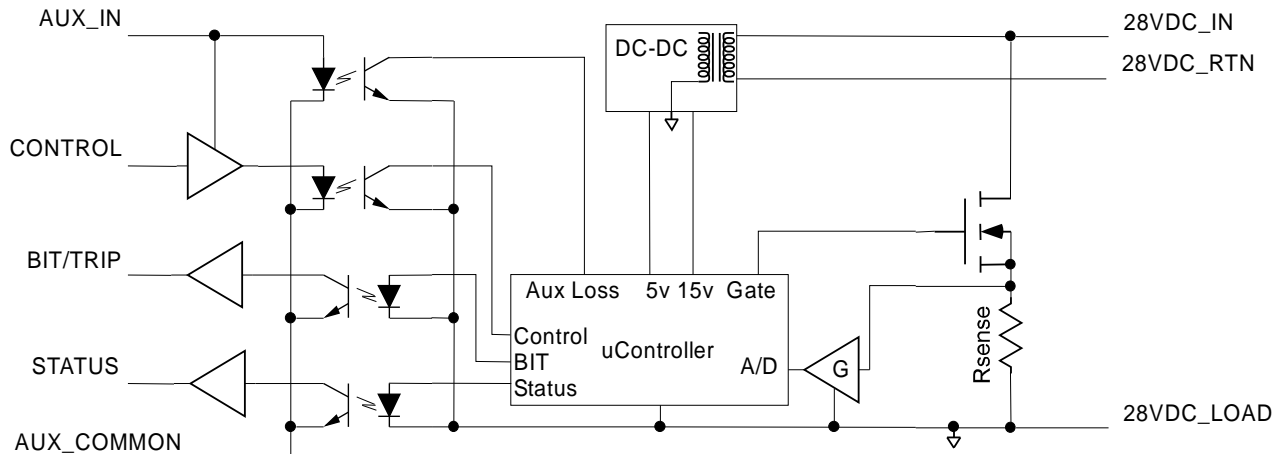
Table 4: Pin Definitions

Pin Number	Pin Name	Function
A	28V RETURN	14-30V POWER RETURN
B	AUX. IN (5VDC)	LOGIC POWER 5V POSITIVE
C	AUX. COMMON	LOGIC POWER RETURN
D	28V RETURN	14-30V POWER RETURN
E	AUX. IN (5VDC)	LOGIC POWER 5V POSITIVE
F	AUX. COMMON	LOGIC POWER RETURN
G	CONTROL	Control Input
H	STATUS	Load Status Output
J	BIT/TRIP	Switch Status Output
K	CONTROL	Control Input
L	STATUS	Load Status Output
M	BIT/TRIP	Switch Status Output
1 (STUD)	28V DC, IN	14-30V POSITIVE
2 (STUD)	28VDC, LOAD	OUTPUT LOAD CONNECTION

Table 5: Model Current Rating, Power Dissipation, Voltage Drop

Model	Current Rating	Pdiss 25°C	Pdiss 100°C	Vdrop 25°C	Vdrop 100°C
SRPC80D28	80 A	20 W max	20 W max	175 mV max	195 mV max

Figure 5: Electrical Block Diagram



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Description

Figure 5 shows the block diagram of the SRPC80D28. A 74HCT1G04 device is used for the CONTROL input and the BIT/TRIP and STATUS digital outputs. These digital I/O are TTL and CMOS compatible. The outputs can each drive more than 1 standard TTL loads. This digital circuitry is optically isolated from the 28V power and the microcontroller circuitry.

Isolated power for the microcontroller electronics is generated from the DC-DC converter off of the 28VDC_IN power. This isolated power is referenced to the 28VDC_LOAD output of the SSPC.

Load current is measured by the microcontroller using an integrated A/D, a voltage amplifier, 'G', and a current sense resistor, R_{sense} . The microcontroller code implements a precision I^2t protection curve as well as an Instant Trip function. This circuit breaker action protects the user application wiring as well as the power components of the SSPC itself. The microcontroller performs all of the functions of multiple analog comparators and discrete logic in one high-reliability component. The STATUS output is set active when >10% rated load current is measured and inactive otherwise.

The I^2t software algorithm in the microcontroller performs a reading at the A/D converter, squares this reading, and applies it to a simulated RC circuit. The algorithm trips the output (turns off the power Mosfets) when the simulated RC output becomes too high. Because the microcontroller simulates an analog RC circuit, the SSPC has 'thermal memory'. That is, it trips faster if there had been current flowing prior to the overload than if there hadn't been current flowing. This behavior imitates thermal circuit breakers and better protects the application's wiring since the wiring cannot take as much of an overload if current had been flowing prior to the overload.

The CONTROL input is monitored by the microprocessor. When this input is active, the power mosfet is turned on. When inactive, the mosfet is turned off. The turning on of the mosfet is overridden if an I^2t overload or instant trip condition are detected. In either of these conditions the mosfet is turned off independently of the CONTROL input and may not be turned on again until a 'reset' is performed.

The BIT/TRIP output goes active whenever the mosfet is turned on and inactive whenever the mosfet is turned off.

The AUX LOSS input is used to detect loss of AUX_IN power. When AUX LOSS is detected, the mosfet state is held on/off based on the last CONTROL input on/off that was detected.

The microcontroller has a watchdog timer that can detect certain types of failures in software execution. The software programmed in the microcontroller is set to periodically reset the free running watchdog timer. If the software malfunctions in such a way that the watchdog timer cannot be reset, the watchdog times out and resets the processor hardware. The watchdog timer operates from its own internal clock so a failure of the main internal clock will not stop the watchdog timer. On watchdog timeout the processor will restart just as if 28V power had been lost and restored. Since the code is designed to detect levels and not edges on the Control input, the output of the SSPC immediately reflects the state of the Control input after reset.

The Power Mosfets used in the SSPC have been selected for very low $R_{ds(on)}$. This results in low voltage drop across and low power dissipation in the SSPC. In most applications, the Mosfets will be operated at 50% to 60% of rated current to provide a safety margin. As can be seen in Table 5, when the **SRPC80D28** is operated at 80 Amps, it only dissipates 20 W at room temperature. Each application should be evaluated for heat sinking requirements at maximum expected constant current. Because the mosfet's are thermally attached to the module baseplate, temperature rise from power dissipation may be controlled by headsinking the baseplate.

For overloads, no heat sinking is required provided the SSPC is allowed some time to cool down. The design has sufficient thermal mass that the temperature will rise only a few degrees under the worst-case overload. Repetitive overloads should be avoided. When the SSPC reports a trip condition, the controller driving the

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SSPC should allow no more than four repetitions and then allow thirty seconds to cool down before trying to turn on again.

The SSPC will trip on overloads in the ALWAYS TRIP region shown in the trip curve of Figure 1. The SSPC will never trip when operated in the NEVER TRIP region. When overload occurs, the SSPC will trip, turning off the output mosfet. The SSPC mosfet will remain off until reset. The SSPC can be reset by bringing the CONTROL pin to a logic low. When the CONTROL pin is brought back to logic high, the SSPC will turn back on. If the overload is still present, the SSPC will trip again. Removing and reapplying power to the 28VDC_IN pin will also reset the SSPC. If the CONTROL pin is at logic high when the 28VDC_IN power is cycled off/on, the SSPC will turn back on when the 28VDC_IN power is re-applied.

Removing AUX_IN power will not change the on/off state of the SSPC mosfet. The last state commanded by CONTROL will be held until AUX_IN power is reapplied.

Logic Outputs

The STATUS and BIT/TRIP status outputs of the SSPC reflect the operating state of the SSPC. A logic high on the STATUS output indicates that the current drawn on the 28V_LOAD output is $\leq 10\%$ of rated load. A logic low shows that the current drawn from the 28V_LOAD output is $\geq 10\%$ of rated current. Because of load detection tolerances, a load that draws between 5% and 15% of rated current could result in either a high or low logic level on the STATUS output. Logic high on the BIT/TRIP output indicates that the Power Mosfet switch is on while a logic low indicates that the switch is off.

As can be seen in Table 6, of the 8 possible states for the combination of CONTROL, STATUS, and BIT/TRIP, only 4 states represent valid SSPC operation. The other 4 states indicate either a failed SSPC or, more likely, a short to Aux Common or a short to the AUX supply of one of the logic outputs. By comparing the CONTROL input with the STATUS and BIT/TRIP outputs, the user can determine whether or not the load is supposed to be ON, whether or not it's drawing current, and whether or not the STATUS and BIT/TRIP outputs are valid responses to the CONTROL input.

State 4 may be used as a normal operating mode for detecting loss of 28VDC IN voltage. Both STATUS and BIT/TRIP will be logic high if AUX power is applied but 28VDC IN power is not.

Table 6: CONTROL, STATUS & BIT/TRIP Truth Table

State	CONTROL	STATUS	BIT/TRIP	Comments
1	L	L	L	SSPC failure or shorted STATUS output to AUX Common
2	L	L	H	SSPC failure
3	L	H	L	Normal OFF condition
4	L	H	H	SSPC failure or 28VDC IN voltage too low
5	H	L	L	SSPC failure or shorted BIT/TRIP output to AUX Common
6	H	L	H	Normal ON condition with load current detected
7	H	H	L	Normal overcurrent trip condition
8	H	H	H	Normal ON condition with no load current detected

Wire Size

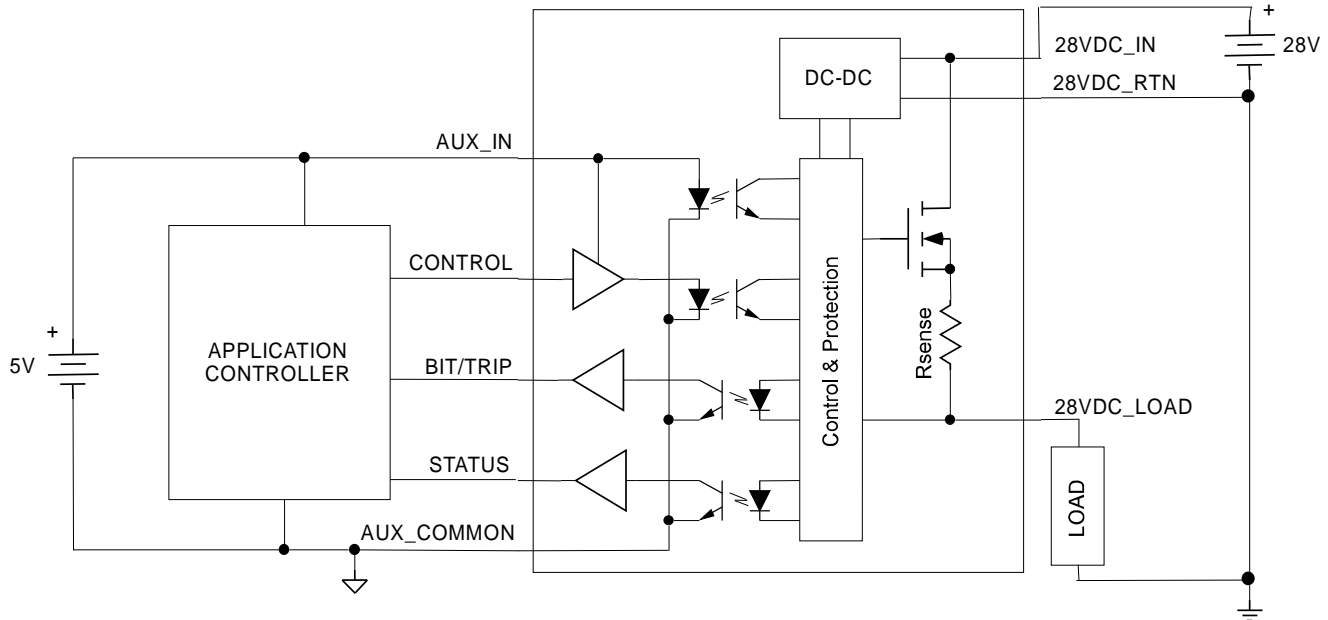
For transient or overload conditions, the transient or overload happens so quickly that heat is not transferred from the wire to the surroundings. The heat caused by the I^2R heating of the wire causes the temperature to rise at a linear rate controlled by the heat capacity of the wire. The equation for this linear rise in temperature, with respect to time, can be solved as: $I^2t = \text{constant}$. Every wire has an I^2t rating that's dependent on the temperature rise allowed and the diameter of the wire. If the I^2t rating of the SSPC or circuit breaker is less than the I^2t rating of the wire, then the SSPC or circuit breaker can protect the wire.

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Application Connections

The connections to the SSPC in a typical application are shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6: Typical Application



Rise Time & Fall Time

The rise and fall times of the SSPC are pre-set at the factory for a nominal 100 μ S (see Table 3 for min/max limits).

The 80A SSPC can turn on into a capacitive load of 2000 μ F without tripping.

Wiring and Load Inductance

Wiring inductance can cause voltage transients when the SSPC is switched off due to an overload. Generally, these transients are small but must be considered when long wires are used on either the 28VDC IN or 28V LOAD pins or both. A 10 foot length of wire in free air will cause a transient voltage of about 80 Volts when the 80A SSPC trips at an Instant Trip level of 1200 Amps. At the rated load current of 80 Amps, the voltage transient will be about 5 Volt. If longer wire lengths are used, a transient suppressor may be used at the 28VDC IN pin and a power diode may be used at the 28VDC LOAD pin so that the total voltage between these pins is less than 100 V.

When powering inductive loads, the negative voltage transient at the 28VDC LOAD pin can cause the voltage between 28VDC IN and 28VDC LOAD to exceed the SSPC rating of 100 Volts and a power diode from the 28V DC LOAD pin to 28V RETURN must be used. The cathode of the power diode is connected to the 28VDC LOAD pin with the anode connected to 28V RTN . The power diode must be able to carry the load current when the SSPC switches off. Voltage transients due to wiring or load inductance are proportional to the operating current.

Paralleling

For example, putting two 80A SSPCs in parallel will not double the rating to 160 Amps. Due to differences in the $R_{ds(on)}$ of the Power Mosfets in the SSPCs, the current will not share equally. In addition, there are unit-to-unit differences in the trip curves so that two SSPCs in parallel may possibly trip at 120 Amps. Also, both SSPCs will not trip together; the SSPC carrying the higher current will trip first followed by the other SSPC. Multiple SSPCs may be used in parallel as long as these complexities are appreciated.

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Layout

The current-carrying power circuit should be kept well away from the control circuit and other low-level circuits in the system. It's unlikely, but possible, that magnetic coupling could affect the control circuit when turning normal loads on and off. However, in the case of an overload, the magnetic coupling could be 10 times greater than with normal loads. Effects of such coupling could cause 'chattering' when turning on and off, oscillation, and the possibility of turning the SSPC back on after an overload. The SSPC is a Trip-Free device. Once tripped it will not turn back on until reset and commanded on again. Reset is accomplished by bringing the CONTROL pin low and turning the SSPC back on is accomplished by bringing the CONTROL pin high. Sufficient magnetic coupling between the current-carrying power circuit and the control circuit can negate the Trip-Free characteristic.

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