

# Avago Regulatory Guide to Isolation Circuits



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## Chapter 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Optoisolator Safety Standards and Regulatory Environment

Optoisolator applications often include environments where high voltages are present. The ability of the optoisolator or optocoupler to sustain and to isolate high voltages, both transient as well as working, is the driving reason why optocouplers are required in many designs. Equipment operators and circuits within equipment may need safe isolation and protection from high voltages. The safety performance of the optoisolator is determined during the design and the assembly of the product, so process control and design robustness are key to overall safety performance.

Because of the potential dangers of high voltage, optoisolators and the equipment in which they are used are often subject to safety standard regulations. The intent of these regulations is to offer additional security to the user and to provide guidelines to the industry on the application of high voltages. Given the large assortment of regulating organizations and the associated standards and specifications, regulatory compliance for optoisolator manufacturers and equipment suppliers can be confusing. In this regulatory guide, Avago Technologies shares some basic information which may help and facilitate regulatory and safety standards compliance.

The starting point of regulatory standards compliance is knowing the appropriate regulatory organization and its responsibility. Various regions of the world determine their individual standards and an organization in that country issues approvals or certificates for equipment and products. Since standards bodies have often begun as national organizations, many

countries have their own regulatory environment. As international commerce grows there is a trend toward continental or international safety regulations and standards.

In Table 1.1, a short list of some important standards bodies are described. UL, CSA, and DKE have similar charters as national standards organizations. In general each body will have its own standards, and little overlap is visible between the related specifications. DKE authors DIN specifications; for historical reasons these specifications are often described as VDE (Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker) standards. While VDE wrote the original version of these specifications, the responsibility for maintaining and developing German standards belongs to DKE. The DKE also represents and safeguards German interests within CENELEC and the IEC.

One of VDE's major roles is to be a standards test organization to certify products to the German standards. The VDE Testing and Certification institute is a neutral and independent body that carries out tests and issues certificates according to either VDE speci-

cations or other acknowledged standards. TÜV (Technischer Überwachungs-Verein) is another organization that offers test certification to German and international standards. In other cases, such as UL or CSA, the organization that authors the documents is also the organization that grants recognition or certification. Most of the organizations can be described as Standards Writing Bodies and Third Party Certifiers, and not as "regulatory bodies". The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) develops standards and supports the IEC CB (competent bodies) program. This is a program to allow exchange of test data and certifications from third party certifications organizations participating in the CB program.

IEC is an international organization comprising fifty national organizations, and is the only truly global electronics standards organization. European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) was created to minimize or eliminate regulatory complexities associated with pan-European Union. The "CE" stamp

**Table 1.1: Regulatory Standards Organizations**

| Organization Name   | Charter                            |
|---|------------------------------------|
| CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization) | Harmonizing of European Standards  |
| UL (Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.)                              | U.S. Standards                     |
| IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission)                   | International Electronic Standards |
| CSA (Canadian Standards Assoc.)                                   | Canadian Standards                 |
| DKE (Deutscher Elektrotechnische Kommission)                      | German Standards                   |

is granted by CENELEC. The CENELEC specifications, which are European Norm (EN) documents, are often leveraged from existing documents from organizations such as IEC.

These regulatory or standards organizations write specifications for each major piece of equipment or component type. For a single product, worldwide regulatory approval can involve each regulatory standards organization and separate equipment level specification requirements.

Table 1.2 is a cross reference of various specifications by the respective regulatory organizations

for major applications. These specifications are written at the equipment level. Each equipment specification is a master document, but many subordinate specifications are referenced to complete the total requirements. Subordinate documents are critical to certification, but not identified inside Table 1.2. Besides the equipment level specifications, Table 1.3 shows the important specifications for the optoisolator components. The equipment level specification can reference the component level specification as a subordinate document, or there may be no connection at all between equipment and component level specifica-

tions. More detailed information regarding selected equipment and component specifications are presented in accompanying sections.

## 1.2 Avago Technologies Optoisolator Safety Information

Avago Technologies (Avago) offers a wide range of optoisolator products, package styles, and product options to satisfy safety and regulatory standards requirements. Many safety and regulatory features, such as spacing and high voltage performance, are included in the products' design, and categorized by the package type. Equivalent electrical functions are offered in most package styles.

For the purposes of this regulatory guide, the package styles offered by Avago Technologies can be split into the groups indicated in Table 1.4, and package styles will be referenced to this grouping in this guide where appropriate.

**Table 1.2: Application Versus Global / Regional Safety Standards**

| Application             | International | Europe        | U.S.   | Canada |              |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| <b>Germany</b>          |               |               |        |        |              |
| Organization            | IEC           | CENELEC       | UL*    | CSA**  | DIN/VDE      |
| Industrial              | 204           | (EN)<br>50178 | 508    | 14-M91 | 160          |
| Information Technology  | 604<br>950    | 60950         | 1950   | 950    | 60950        |
| Equipment               |               |               |        |        |              |
| Medical                 | 601           | 60601         | 2601-1 | 601    | 750          |
| Household               | 65            | 60065         | 8730-1 |        | 860          |
| Measurement and Control | 1010-1        | 61010-1       | 1262   | 1010   | 0410<br>0411 |
| Telecom                 | 950           | 60950         | 1459   | 225    | 804          |

\* See UL catalog, *Standards for Safety*, for specific equipment standards.

\*\* See Canadian Electrical Code for specific equipment standards.

**Table 1.3: Optoisolator Component Level Specifications**

| Component    | International | Europe          | U.S. | Canada                               | Germany             |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Organization | IEC           | CENELEC<br>(EN) | UL   | CSA                                  | DIN/VDE             |
| Optoisolator | IEC 60747-5-2 | EN 60747-5-2    | 1577 | Component<br>Acceptance<br>Notice #5 | DIN EN<br>60747-5-2 |

### 400 mil Widebody 8-Pin DIP Package (Group A) -

This product group offers the highest level of safety and regulatory performance available today. This wide body package has 400 mil lead spacing to satisfy demanding external creepage and clearance requirements. The UL/CSA Viso rating is 5000 V rms (1 minute), and the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 working voltage specification is 1414 V peak. The construction has 1 mm of internal clearance (through insulation distance) and 10 mm of external creepage, and 9.6 mm of external clearance (see Table 1.4). Optoisolator products in this group have a nomenclature scheme of HCNWXXXX or HC-NRXXXX, where XXXX stands for a particular device type.

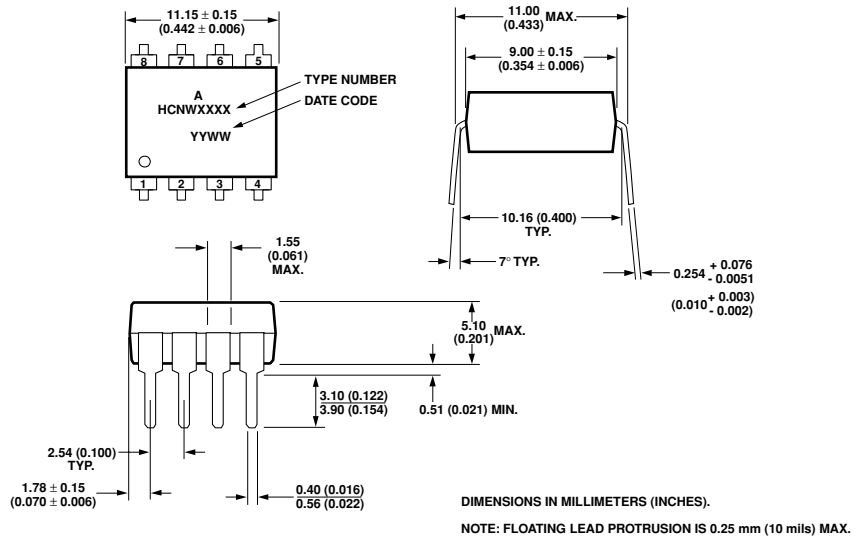


Fig. 1.2.1: 400 mil Widebody 8-Pin DIP Outline Drawing

### SO-16 Surface Mount Package and 300 mil 8-Pin DIP Package (Group B) -

These products offer standard UL/CSA/VDE certifications in the SO-16 Surface Mount Package and 300 mil DIP package. The UL/CSA Viso rating for this package style is 3750 V rms (1 minute). The IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 working voltage rating is 891 V<sub>peak</sub> for the SO-16 package and HCPL-JXXX of the 8-pin DIP package, and 848 V<sub>peak</sub> for HCPL-7XXX of the 8-pin DIP package. The package construction includes a 0.5 mm of internal clearance (through insulation distance). Products in this group have a nomenclature scheme of HCPL-XXXJ, HCPL-JXXX and HCPL-7XXX. (See Table 1.4).

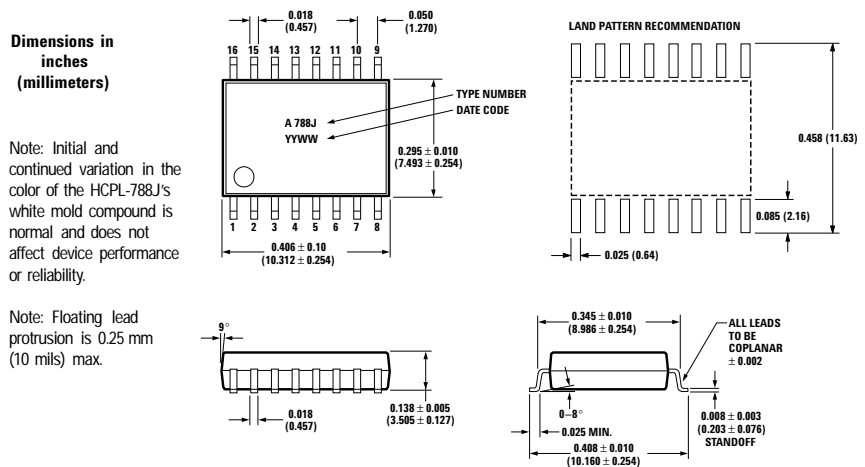


Fig. 1.2.2: SO-16 Package Outline Drawing

### 300 mil DIP (Group C) -

This product group has standard certification to UL and CSA of Viso = 3750 V rms (1 minute), and has option #060 for IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 with a 630 V peak working voltage or option #020 for a UL/CSA Viso rating of 5000 V rms (1 minute). Outline drawing for this package is shown in Figure 1.2.2. Optoisolator products in this group have a nomenclature scheme of HCPL-XXXX (See Table 1.4).

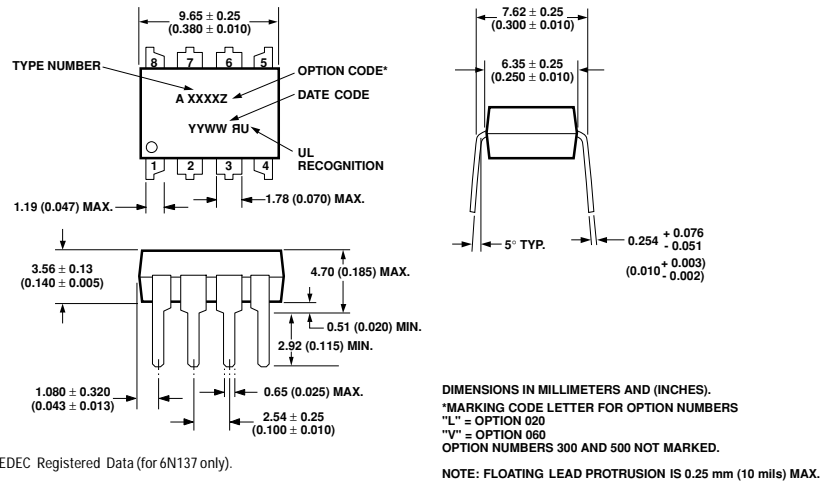


Fig. 1.2.3: 300 mil DIP Outline Drawing

### SO-8 Surface Mount Package (Group D) -

These smaller standard surface mount products include UL and CSA standard Viso rating of 3750 V rms (1 minute) as well as option #060 for TÜV (Technischer Überwachungs - Verein) approvals at 560 V peak working voltage per IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2. Table 1.5 summarizes the various working and transient voltage capabilities for Avago's optoisolator products. Optoisolator products in this group have a nomenclature scheme of HCPL-0XXX.

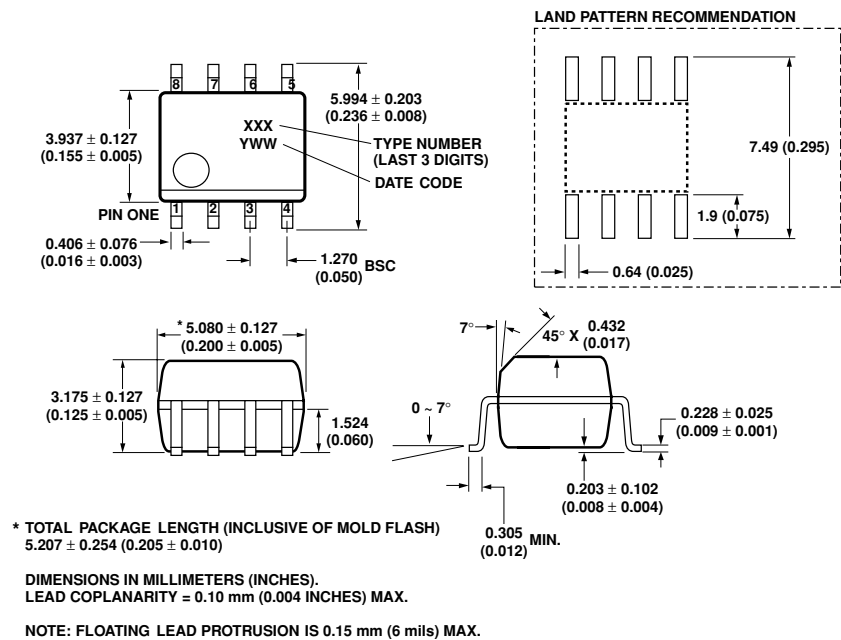


Fig. 1.2.4: SO-8 Package Outline Drawing

**Table 1.4: Creepage and Clearance Data**

| Package Style            | Group Designation | External Creepage (mm) |     | External Clearance (mm) |     | Internal Clearance (mm) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 400 mil DIP              | Group A           | 10                     |     | 9.6                     |     | 1                       |
| SO-16 and<br>300 mil DIP | Group B           | HCPL-JXXX              | 8.0 | HCPL-JXXX               | 7.4 | 0.5                     |
|                          |                   | HCPL-XXXJ              | 8.3 | HCPL-XXXJ               | 8.3 |                         |
| 300 mil DIP              | Group C           | 7.4                    |     | 7.1                     |     | 0.08                    |
| SO-8                     | Group D           | 4.8                    |     | 4.9                     |     | 0.08                    |

**Table 1.5: Working Voltage and Transient Voltage Data**

| Package Style            | Group Designation | Viso<br>(1 min. proof test)<br>V rms | IEC/EN/DIN EN<br>60747-5-2 Working<br>Voltage V peak | IEC/EN/DIN EN<br>60747-5-2 Transient<br>Overvoltage V peak |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 400 milDIP               | Group A           | 5000                                 | 1414   | 8000   |
| SO-16 and<br>300 mil DIP | Group B           | 3750                                 | 891  | 6000   |
| 300 mil DIP              | Group C           | 3750 (standard)<br>5000 (#020)       | 630 (#060)   | 6000   |
| SO-8                     | Group D           | 3750                                 | 560 (#060)   | 4000   |

**Table 1.6: Avago Optoisolator Nomenclature Scheme**

| Package Style         | Group Designation | Nomenclature Scheme                |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 400 mil DIP           | Group A           | HCNWXXXX<br>HCNRXXXX               |
| 300 mil DIP and SO-16 | Group B           | HCPL-7XXX, HCPL-XXXJ,<br>HCPL-JXXX |
| 300 mil DIP           | Group C           | HCPL-XXXX                          |
| SO-8                  | Group D           | HCPL-0XXX                          |

The intent of this safety standards regulatory guide is to provide comprehensive information regarding safety standards certifications and compliance of Avago optoisolator components. In addition, various equipment level standards have been summarized in this guide. For equipment level standards, Avago does not in any way claim or imply that Avago Optoisolator components are approved to these standards. Normally, equipment manufacturers need to have their equipment approved to various equipment level safety standards. Avago has interpreted the standards to show compliance to the safety standards applicable to its optoisolator components, and does

not in any shape or form take any responsibility or liability for equipment level standards or approvals related to Avago optoisolator components.

### 1.3 General vs. Particular Standards

Safety and regulatory standards are either at the component level or at the equipment level. However, within a particular equipment application or industry segment, the standards can be separated further into general standards and particular standards.

General standards address the safety and regulatory specifications of a wide application class of an industrial segment. There may

be hundreds of equipment types in a particular industrial segment, and some of this equipment may have safety requirements not captured in a general standard. The purpose of a product specific or particular standard is to further elaborate and capture those additional requirements that were not included in the general standard.

For example, in the medical electrical equipment industry, the IEC general safety requirements are covered under the general standard IEC 601-1. There are approximately 34 particular standards covering various medical equipment. Table 1.7 lists just a small number of IEC and VDE particular standards to illustrate this point.

**Table 1.7: General versus Particular Standards**

| Organization | Standard     | Description   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| IEC          | 601-1        | General requirements for safety of medical electrical equipment         |
| IEC          | 601-2-6      | Particular requirements for the safety of microwave therapy equipment   |
| IEC          | 601-2-25     | Particular requirements for the safety of electrocardiographs           |
| VDE          | 700          | General requirements for safety of household appliances                 |
| VDE          | 0700 Teil 7  | Particular requirements for washing machines                            |
| VDE          | 0700 Teil 24 | Particular requirements for refrigerators, food freezers and ice makers |

## Chapter 2. Avago Regulatory Standards Approved Optoisolators

### 2.0 Introduction

This chapter contains a comprehensive summary of the global regulatory standards approved Avago Technologies Optoisolators. Table 2.1 is a complete list of Avago Optoisolators available at the time of publication of this guide. The intent of this chapter is to help and facilitate selection of an opto-isolator that will meet the safety standards requirements as defined by the user or required by an application.

Table 2.1 indicates the safety standards approvals from the various component level global regulatory agencies. This table also indicates the isolation coordinates as defined per IEC 664-1 (creepage, clearance, and through insulation distance) associated with the package types of each of the optoisolators offered.

Table 2.2 is a summary of the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 approval ratings for the various package types available from Avago Technologies. This table lists the key parameters associated with the component level ratings and approvals of the optoisolators from the German regulatory agencies VDE (Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker) and TÜV. From this table one can extract the Maximum Working Insulation Voltage, which is the maximum continuous operating voltage that an optoisolator can be subjected to without risk of potential or actual failure or degradation of the optoisolator insulation. This table also indicates the overvoltage categories or installation classes associated and approved for the various optoisolator package types.

Table 2.1 defines Avago Technologies IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2

optocouplers in four groups, namely Groups (A, B, C, and D). This grouping is based on package styles.


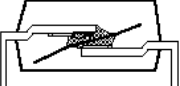
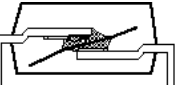
Group A is a 400 mil 8-pin wide body package. Groups B and C are 300 mil 8-pin DIP. Group D is a small outline surface mount SO-8 package.

Table 2.1 is also an Avago Technologies optoisolator construction and mechanical ratings information table. This table shows the internal construction for the various optoisolator product package groups, defined as groups (A, B, C, and D). In addition, this table defines and indicates the creepage, clearance, and through insulation distance. This table indicates only the key optoisolator package dimensions of width, height, and length. For complete package dimensions and details, please see the individual data sheets, or see section 1.2 for the package outline drawings.

It is noted that UL and CSA rate optoisolators on the basis of their dielectric withstand voltage (Viso) capability, regardless of creepage, clearance, and through insulation dimension. The IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 ratings, however, are based upon a non-destructive insulation test method called partial discharge. The ratings for the partial discharge voltage limits are based on the dielectric strength of the insulation material in addition to the geometry of the optoisolator (creepage and clearance) obtained from DIN/VDE 0110, part 1 (01.89). Creepage tables determine the maximum allowable working voltage (continuous operating voltage across the isolation barrier of the optoisolator). Clearance tables provide guidance for the maximum allowable transient overvoltage across the optoisolator.



Table 2.1. Avago Regulatory Standards Recognized and Approved Optoisolators

| Product Group   | Part Number | UL1577/CSA Notice 5     |      | IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2<br>V peak | External Creepage (mm) min | External Clearance (mm) min | Through Insulation (mm) min |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |             | 3750<br>Vrms (1 minute) | 5000 |                                   |                            |                             |                             |
| <br>See Figures e and l for package dimensions   | HCNR200     |                         | X    | 1414*                             | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNR201     |                         | X    | 1414*                             | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW135     |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW136     |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW137     |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW138     |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW139     |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW2201    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW2211    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW2601    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW2611    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW3120    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW4502    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW4503    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW4504    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW4506    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
|   | HCNW4562    |                         | X    | 1414                              | 10.0                       | 9.6                         | 1.0                         |
| <br>See Figures f and j for package dimensions   | HCPL-314J   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.3                        | 8.3                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-315J   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.3                        | 8.3                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-316J   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.3                        | 8.3                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-7510   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-7520   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-7800   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-7800A  | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-7840   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-7860   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-786J   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.3                        | 8.3                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-788J   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.3                        | 8.3                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-J312   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-J314   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
|   | HCPL-J454   | X                       |      | 891                               | 8.0                        | 7.4                         | 0.5                         |
| HCPL-J456   | X           |                         | 891  | 8.0                               | 7.4                        | 0.5                         |                             |
| <br>See Figures g and k for package dimensions | 4N45        | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | 4N46        | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | 6N135       | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | 6N136       | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | 6N137       | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | 6N138       | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | 6N139       | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2200   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2201   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2202   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2211   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2212   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2219   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2231   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2232   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-2300   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |

**Notes:**

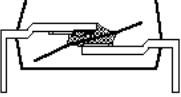
\* Option 050 for IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 approved parts for the HCNR200/HCNR201.

\*\* Option 020 for the UL1577 5000 Vrms/1 minute (Option 060 and 020 not available in same package).

\*\*\* Order option 060 for IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 630 Vpeak.

- Group B contains two groups of optocouplers, DIP 8 and SO-16 white mould compound packages. These two groups have been lumped in one group based on the similarity of their safety standard capabilities. However, their internal construction is dissimilar.
- Group D contains two groups of optocouplers, SO-8 and SO-5 surface mount packages. These two groups have been lumped in one group based on the similarity of their safety standard capabilities. However, their internal construction is dissimilar.
- Contact your local Avago Sales Representative concerning availability of regulatory approval for optocouplers not listed.
- View web site <http://www.Avago.com/view/optocouplers/> for optocouplers regulatory approval certificates.

Table 2.1. Avago Regulatory Standards Recognized and Approved Optoisolators (continued)

| Product Group  | Part Number | UL1577/CSA Notice 5     |      | IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2<br>V peak | External Creepage (mm) min | External Clearance (mm) min | Through Insulation (mm) min |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  |             | 3750<br>Vrms (1 minute) | 5000 |                                   |                            |                             |                             |
| <b>Group C, cont.</b><br><br>See Figures g and k for package dimensions | HCPL-2400   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2411   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2430   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2502   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2503   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-250L   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2530   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2531   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2533   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-253L   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2601   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2602   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-260L   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2611   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2612   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-261A   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-261N   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2630   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2631   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-263A   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-263L   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-263N   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-270L   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2730   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-2731   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-273L   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-3020   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-3120   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-3140   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-3150   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-3700   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-3760   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-4100   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-4200   | X                       |      | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-4502   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
|  | HCPL-4503   | X                       | X**  | 630                               | 7.4                        | 7.1                         | 0.08                        |
| HCPL-4504  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-4506  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-4534  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-4562  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-4661  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-4701  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-4731  | X           | X**                     | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-7710  | X           |                         | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-7720  | X           |                         | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-7721  | X           |                         | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-7723  | X           |                         | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-T250  | X           |                         | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-T251  | X           |                         | 630  | 7.4                               | 7.1                        | 0.08                        |                             |

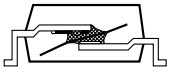
**Notes:**

\*\* Option 020 for the UL1577 5000 Vrms/1 minute (Option 060 and 020 not available in same package).

\*\*\* Order option 060 for IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 630 Vpeak.

1. Group B contains two groups of optocouplers, DIP 8 and SO-16 white mould compound packages. These two groups have been lumped in one group based on the similarity of their safety standard capabilities. However, their internal construction is dissimilar.
2. Group D contains two groups of optocouplers, SO-8 and SO-5 surface mount packages. These two groups have been lumped in one group based on the similarity of their safety standard capabilities. However, their internal construction is dissimilar.
3. Contact your local Avago Sales Representative concerning availability of regulatory approval for optocouplers not listed.
4. View web site <http://www.Avago.com/view/optocouplers/> for optocouplers regulatory approval certificates.

Table 2.1. Avago Regulatory Standards Recognized and Approved Optoisolators (continued)

| Product Group   | Part Number | UL1577/CSA Notice 5     |                         | IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2<br>V peak | External Creepage (mm) min | External Clearance (mm) min | Through Insulation (mm) min |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |             | 3750<br>Vrms (1 minute) | 5000<br>Vrms (1 minute) |                                   |                            |                             |                             |
| <b>Group D</b><br><br>See Figures h and l for package dimensions | HCPL-0201   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0211   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0300   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0302   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0314   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0452   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0453   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0454   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0466   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0500   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0501   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-050L   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0530   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0531   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0534   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-053L   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0600   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.0                         |
|   | HCPL-0601   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-060L   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0611   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-061A   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-061N   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0630   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0631   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0635   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-063A   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-063L   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-063N   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0661   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0700   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0701   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0708   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-070A   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-070L   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0710   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
|   | HCPL-0720   | X                       |                         | 560                               | 4.8                        | 4.9                         | 0.08                        |
| HCPL-0721   | X           |                         | 560                     | 4.8                               | 4.9                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-0723   | X           |                         | 560                     | 4.8                               | 4.9                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-0730   | X           |                         | 560                     | 4.8                               | 4.9                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-0731   | X           |                         | 560                     | 4.8                               | 4.9                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-073A   | X           |                         | 560                     | 4.8                               | 4.9                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-073L   | X           |                         | 560                     | 4.8                               | 4.9                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M452   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M453   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M454   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M456   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M600   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M601   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M611   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M61A   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M61N   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M700   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |
| HCPL-M701   | X           |                         | 560                     | 5.0                               | 5.0                        | 0.08                        |                             |

**Notes:**

\*\*\* Order option 060 for IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 560 Vpeak.

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**Table 2.2. Avago Technologies IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Approved Optoisolator Ratings**

| Description   | Symbol         | IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2           |   |                          |                             | Unit          |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|   |                | Group A<br>(HCNWXXX)<br>(HCNRXXX) | Group B<br>(HCPL-7XXX,<br>-JXXX, & -XXXJ) | Group C<br>PDIP<br># 060 | Group D<br>SO-8             |               |
| Installation Classification<br>(DIN VDE 0110/1.89, Table 1)<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 1000 V rms<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 600 V rms<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 300 V rms<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 150V rms |                | I - III<br>I - IV                 | I - III<br>I - IV                         | I - III<br>I - IV        | I - II<br>I - III<br>I - IV |               |
| Climatic Classification   |                | 55/100/21                         | (55/100/21)*                              | 55/100/21                | 55/100/21                   |               |
| Pollution Degree (DIN VDE 0110/1.89)  |                | 2                                 | 2   | 2                        | 2                           |               |
| Maximum Working Insulation Voltage  | Viorm          | 1414                              | 891 *                                     | 630                      | 566                         | V peak        |
| Production Input to Output Test Voltage,<br>1 second; Vpr = 1.875 x Viorm,<br>Partial discharge < 5 pC  | Vpr            | 2652                              | 1590                                      | 1181                     | 1050                        | V peak        |
| Qualification Input to Output Test Voltage,<br>60 second; Vpr = 1.5 x Viorm, Partial<br>discharge < 5 pC  | Vpr            | 2121                              | 1272                                      | 945                      | 840                         | V peak        |
| Maximum Transient Overvoltage<br>t ini = 10 seconds Qualification test  | Viotm          | 8000                              | 6000                                      | 6000                     | 4000                        | V peak        |
| Comparative Tracking Index  | CTI            | 200                               | 175                                       | 175                      | 175                         | V             |
| Isolation group (DIN VDE 0110/1.89, Table 1)  |                | IIIa                              | IIIa                                      | IIIa                     | IIIa                        |               |
| Insulation Resistance @ Tsi =25°C, Vio = 500 V  | Rs             | > 10 <sup>9</sup>                 | >10 <sup>9</sup>                          | > 10 <sup>9</sup>        | > 10 <sup>9</sup>           | ohms          |
| Safety Limiting Ratings<br>Maximum package/case temperature<br>Maximum LED Input Current<br>Maximum Detector Power Dissipation  | Ts<br>Is<br>Ps | 150<br>400<br>700                 | 175<br>80<br>250                          | 175<br>230<br>600        | 150<br>150<br>600           | C<br>mA<br>mW |

Note: \* The Maximum Working Insulation Voltage for HCPL-JXXX and HCPL-XXXJ is 891 Vpeak. The climatic classification for some products in Group B is (40/100/21) and others is (40/85/21).

### Package Cross-sections

(Note: These are pictorial cross-sections and are not to scale.)

GROUP A: (HCN/WHCNR)  
400 MIL 8-PIN DIP  
(MID-BODY PACKAGE)

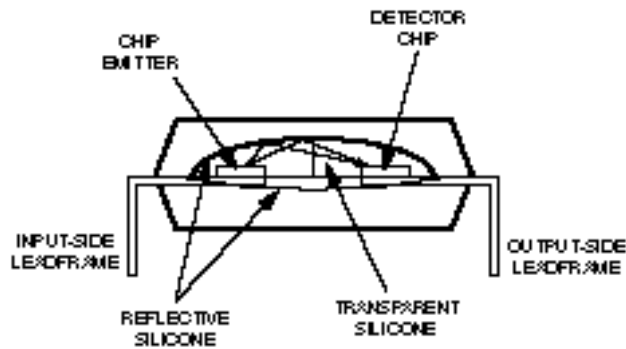


Figure (a)

GROUP B HCPL-JXXX / XXXJ / 7XXX  
300 MIL 8-PIN DIP  
and SO-16

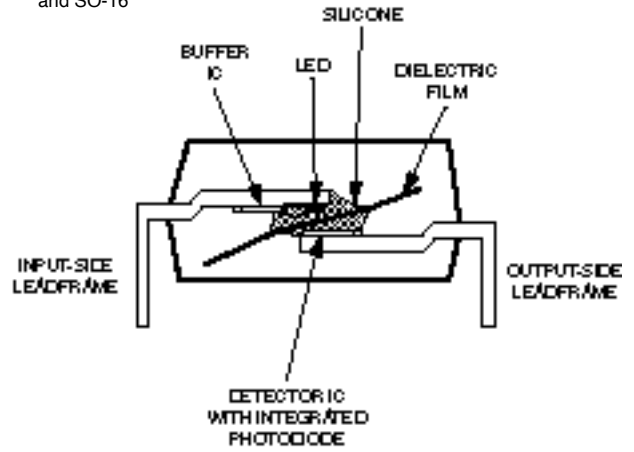


Figure (b)

GROUP C  
300 MIL 8-PIN DIP PACKAGE

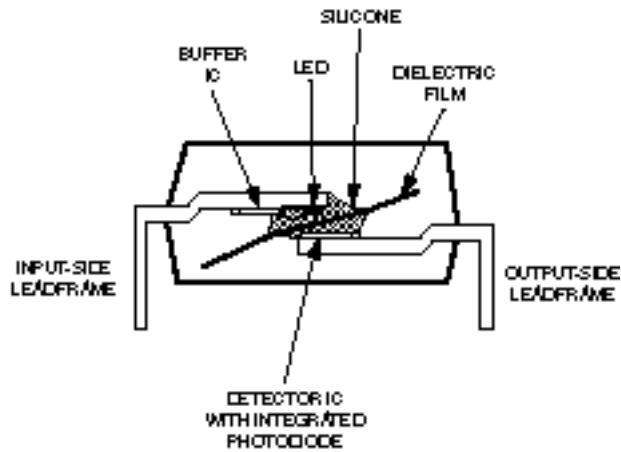


Figure (c)

GROUP D: SO-8  
SMALL OUTLINE  
SURFACE MOUNT PACKAGE

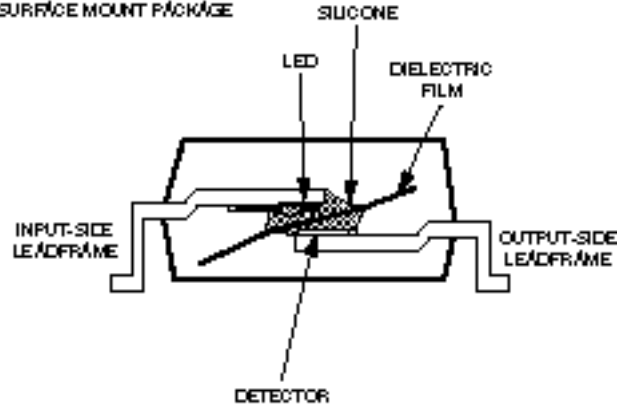
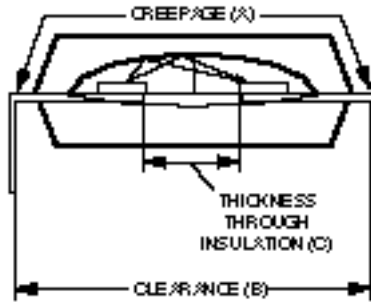


Figure (d)

### Creepage and Clearance

(See Note 1 on page 16.)

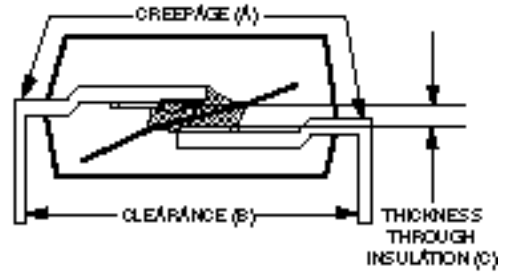
GROUP A: HCNW  
(WIDE BODY PACKAGE)



A = 10 mm  
B = 9.6 mm  
C = 1 mm

Figure (e)

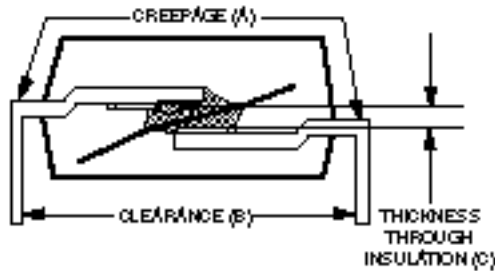
GROUP B:  
HCPL-XXXJ / JXXX / 7XXX



|   | HCPL-XXXJ | HCPL-JXXX |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| A | 8.3 mm    | 8 mm      |
| B | 8.3 mm    | 7.4 mm    |
| C | 0.5 mm    | 0.5 mm    |

Figure (f)

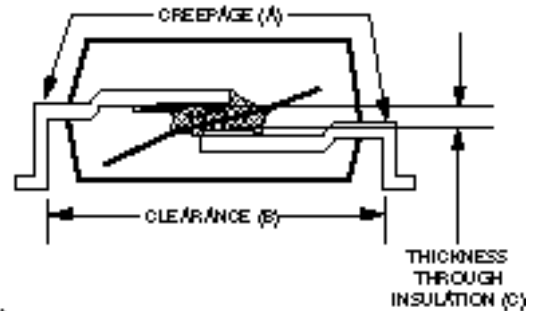
GROUP C: 8-PIN DIP



A = 7.4 mm  
B = 7.1 mm  
C = 0.08 mm

Figure (g)

GROUP D: SO-8

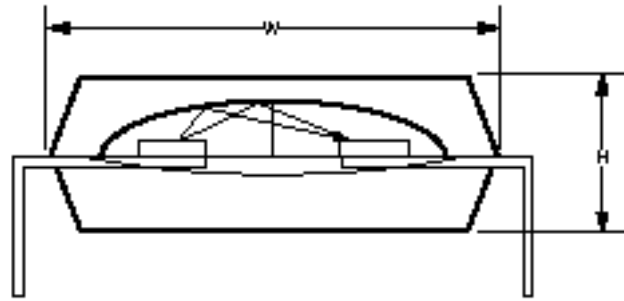
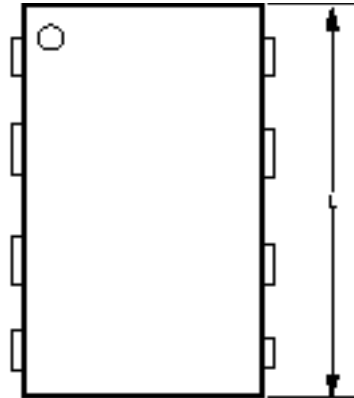


A = 4.8 mm  
B = 4.9 mm  
C = 0.08 mm

Figure (h)

### Package Dimensions

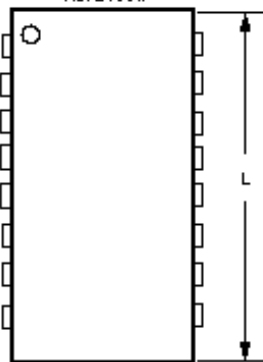
GROUP A: HC1W4HCNR  
(MICE BODY PACKAGE)



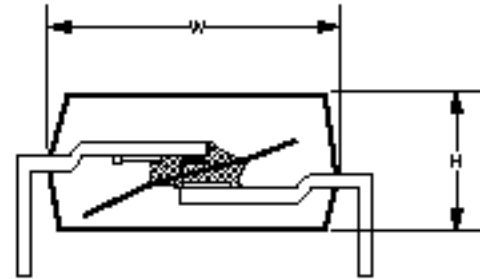
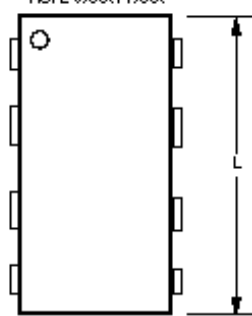
W = 9mm  
H = 5.1mm  
L = 14.15mm

GROUP B

HCPL-XXXJ



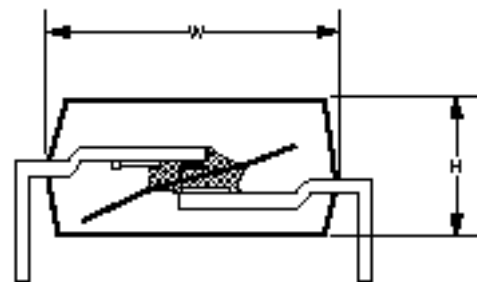
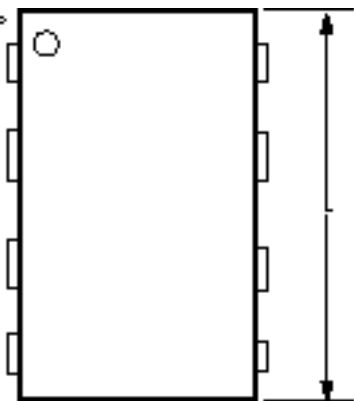
HCPL-JXXX / 7XXX



|   | HCPL-XXXJ | HCPL-JXXX / 7XXX |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| W | 7.493 mm  | 6.35 mm          |
| H | 3.505 mm  | 4.7 mm           |
| L | 10.312 mm | 9.65 mm          |

Figure (j)

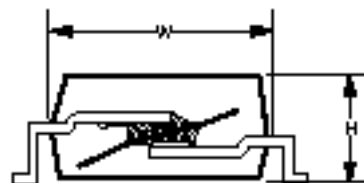
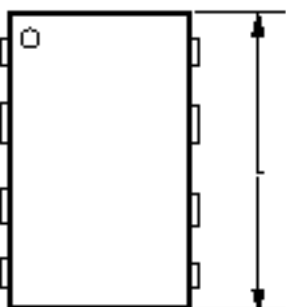
GROUP C: 8PIN DIP



W = 6.35mm  
H = 4.7 mm  
L = 9.65mm

Figure

GROUP D: S.O.-8



W = 3.937 mm  
H = 3.175mm  
L = 5.080 mm

Figure (l)

**Note 1:****Creepage and Clearance**

All Avago Technologies data sheets report the **external creepage**, **external clearance** and **internal clearance** inherent to the optoisolator component itself. These dimensions are needed as a starting point for the equipment designer when determining the circuit insulation requirements. See Table 1.4.

**External creepage** is the shortest distance path along the surface of the insulation, i.e., along the surface of an optoisolator body between the input and output leads. For Avago Technologies optoisolators, the shortest distance path is found around the end of the package body. See Figure 2.1.

**External clearance** is the shortest distance path through air, between two conductive leads, input to output, as shown in Figure 2.2.

**Internal clearance (distance through insulation)**, as applied to optoisolators, is the direct distance between the photoemitter and photodetector inside the optoisolator cavity. Some equipment standards require a minimum **0.4 mm** distance through insulation for reinforced levels.

However, once mounted on a printed circuit board, minimum external creepage and clearance requirements must be met as specified for individual equipment standards. For creepage, the shortest distance path along the surface of a printed circuit board between the solder fillets of the input and output leads must be considered. There are recommended techniques such as grooves and ribs which may be used on a printed circuit board to achieve desired creepage and clearances. Creepage

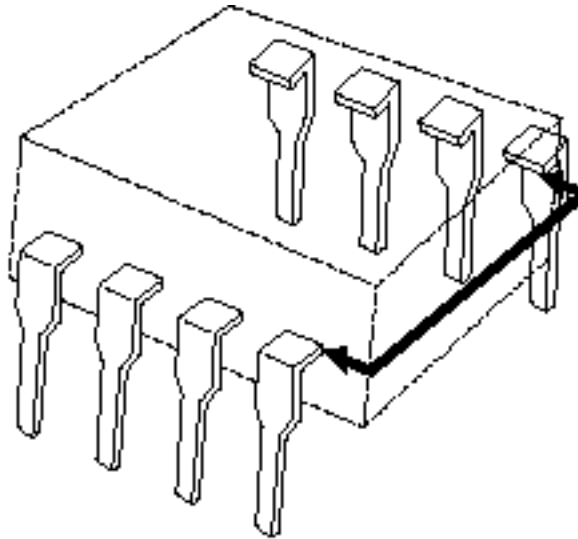


Figure 2.1. External Creepage.

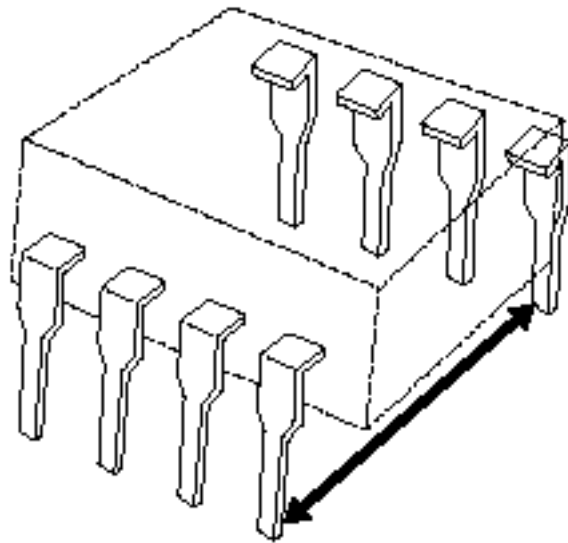


Figure 2.2. External Clearance.

and clearance distance requirements will also change depending on factors such as pollution degree and insulation level.



## Chapter 3. Avago Optoisolators Global Regulatory Compliance Tables

### 3.0 How To Use The Regulatory Compliance Tables

The compliance tables contained in this chapter are designed to help and facilitate you, the designer, to quickly and easily determine if a certain Avago Optoisolator Product Group or Product satisfies the isolation coordinates (creepage, clearance, through distance insulation) and test voltage requirements of a particular international and/or national safety standard. These tables display safety compliance information of Avago Optoisolator products, and compliance information is shown for various equipment level safety standards and also some insulation coordination safety standards.

Avago Optoisolator Product Groups have been defined in these tables as the following groups:

Group A - 400 mil Widebody DIP Package - This product group starts with HCNW or HCNR prefix (e.g. HCNW139 or HCNR200).

Group B - 300 mil DIP Package - This product group starts with HCPL-7XXX, HCPL-JXXX, or HCPL-XXXJ marking scheme (e.g. HCPL-7840).

Group C - 300 mil DIP Package - This product group includes any Avago Optoisolator with the marking scheme HCPL-XXXX (e.g. HCPL-2611 or HCPL-2400).

Group D - SO-8 Package - This product group includes surface mount products in the SO-8 package. This group has a nomenclature scheme of HCPL-0XXX (e.g. HCPL-0701 or HCPL-0631).

Table 2.1 is a comprehensive listing of all the Optoisolators available

from Avago Technologies. One way to utilize the compliance information would be to select the Avago Optoisolator that you need from Table 2.1 first, and then reconcile the regulatory standard compliance information provided in this chapter. Conversely, one can first look at compliance information for an Avago Optoisolator Product Group vis-à-vis a safety standard of interest, and then pick an Optoisolator that meets your application requirements from Table 2.1.

Product compliance to a safety standard typically entails reconciling the requirements of each of the compliance tables for creepage, clearance and test voltages, before one can establish if the product in question meets or fully complies with a safety standard's safety criteria. Compliance is shown in the tables contained in this chapter for each of the insulation coordinates independent of each other. In order to establish if a compliance as a whole exists for a safety standard, one needs to look at the compliance table for each insulation coordinate to establish an overall compliance for a particular safety standard.

Avago Technologies does not in any way imply or assume responsibility for equipment level safety standards approvals for its optoisolator product groups. The information provided is an interpretation for compliance of Avago Optoisolators to the isolation coordinates and/or test voltages of some safety standards of interest and substance. Avago does not claim any equipment level standards approval of its optoisolator components. Avago does not assume any responsibility for any liability issues that may arise from the use of any information provided in this guide. It is the equipment

manufacturer's responsibility to establish equipment level safety standards approval.

Compliance information for Avago's optoisolator products is provided as a service to Avago's optoisolator customers. We hope this information will assuage and mitigate the difficulty that customers face to determine and establish if an Avago optoisolator will meet or exceed a safety standard's insulation coordinate parameters or criteria. Table 2.1 lists the component level safety standards that Avago optoisolators are approved or recognized by.

For any additional information, questions, or comments about this "Regulatory Guide to Isolation Circuits", please contact Avago Technologies.

For further Optoisolator and Regulatory information, please visit the Avago web site.

### 3.1 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for IEC 1010-1

Reconciliation of the IEC 1010-1 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.1, 3.2, 3.3):

(a) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C (option 020) ) will comply with the IEC 1010-1 requirements at a working voltage of 1000 V rms or dc at the basic insulation level.

(b) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will comply with the IEC 1010-1 requirements at a working voltage of 300 V rms or dc, or lower, at either basic or reinforced insulation level.

(c) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will comply with the IEC 1010-1 requirements at a working voltage of 600 V rms or dc, at the basic insulation level, and product groups [A, B, C (option 020)] will comply at a working voltage of 600 V rms or dc at the reinforced insulation level.

**Table 3.1: IEC 1010-1 Creepage / Clearance Compliance Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\***

**Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level | Overvoltage Category [ I ] | Overvoltage Category [ II ] | Overvoltage Category [ III ] |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                |                  | Pollution Degree 1         |                             |                              |
| < 150                          | Basic            | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                  | A, B, C, D                   |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                  | A, B, C, D                   |
| 300                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                  | A, B, C, D                   |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                  | A, B, C                      |
| 600                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                  | A, B, C                      |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C                     |                              |
| 1000                           | Basic            | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C                     | A                            |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C                    |                             |                              |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX)

and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8

Package.

2: Material Group = IIIa.

3: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 1010-1 Creepage/Clearance values on Printed Wiring Boards (Not Coated).

4: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) for product compliance to the IEC 1010-1

**Table 3.2: IEC 1010-1 Creepage / Clearance Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level | Installation Category<br>[ I ] | Installation Category<br>[ II ] | Installation Category<br>[ III ] |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Pollution Degree 2</b>      |                  |                                |                                 |                                  |
| < 150                          | Basic            | A, B, C, D                     | A, B, C, D                      | A, B, C, D                       |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                     | A, B, C, D                      | A, B, C, D                       |
| 300                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D                     | A, B, C, D                      | A, B, C, D                       |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                     | A, B, C, D                      | A, B, C                          |
| 600                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D                     | A, B, C, D                      | A, B, C                          |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C                        | A, B, C                         |                                  |
| 1000                           | Basic            | A, B, C                        | A, B, C                         | A                                |
|                                | Reinforced       | A                              |                                 |                                  |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Material Group = IIIa.

3: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 1010-1 Creepage/Clearance values on Printed Wiring Boards (Not Coated)

4: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) for product compliance to the IEC 1010-1 safety standard.

**Table 3.3: IEC 1010-1 Test Voltage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level | Installation Category<br>[ I ] | Installation Category<br>[ II ] | Installation Category<br>[ III ] |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Pollution Degree 1 or 2</b> |                  |                                |                                 |                                  |
| < 150                          | Basic            | A, B, C, D                     | A,B, C, D                       | A,B,C,D                          |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                     | A,B,C,D                         | A,B,C,D                          |
| 300                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D                     | A,B,C,D                         | A,B,C,D                          |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                     | A,B,C,D                         | A,B,C**                          |
| 600                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D                     | A,B,C,D                         | A,B,C**                          |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                     | A,B,C**                         |                                  |
| 1000                           | Basic            | A,B, C, D                      | A,B,C**                         | A                                |
|                                | Reinforced       | A,B,C**                        |                                 |                                  |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Material Group IIIa.

3: Avago Optoisolators mapped per IEC 1010-1 Test Voltage option identified by V rms /1 minute (50/60 Hz) and compliance is based UL ratings.

\*\*4: Group C here includes only option 020 (5000 Vrms/1min, UL) parts “

5: Reconcile requirements of each

compliance Table (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) for product compliance to the IEC 1010 -1 safety standard.

### 3.2 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for VDE 0160 / EN 50178

Reconciliation of the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.4, 3.5, 3.6) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.4, 3.5, 3.6):

(a) For installation category II and pollution degree 2

environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B) will comply with the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 requirements at a working voltage of 400 V rms or dc at the reinforced insulation level. Only group (A) will meet the working voltage requirements at 500 V rms or dc under similar conditions.

(b) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will comply with the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 requirements at a working voltage of 400 V rms or dc, or lower, at basic insulation level.

(c) For installation category II and pollution degree 2

environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C) will comply with the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 requirements at a working voltage of 630 V rms or dc, at the basic insulation level.

**Table 3.4 VDE 0160 / EN 50178 Clearance Compliance Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\* Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for use in Electrical Power Installations**

| LINE Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level    | Installation Category II | Installation Category III |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                             |                     | Pollution Degree 2       |                           |
| 120-240 V<br>Single Phase   | Basic<br>Reinforced | A, B, C, D<br>A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D<br>A, B, C, D  |
| up to 277 V<br>3 Phase      | Basic<br>Reinforced | A, B, C, D<br>A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D<br>A, B, C     |
| up to 400 V<br>3 Phase      | Basic<br>Reinforced | A, B, C, D<br>A, B, C    | A, B, C<br>A              |
| 1000 V                      | Basic<br>Reinforced | A, B, C<br>A             | A                         |

\* Notes:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
 Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW / HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX / JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Material Group = IIIa, Pollution degree = 2.  
 3: Avago Optoisolator Product Groups mapped for VDE 0160 / EN 50178 Clearance Requirements on Printed Circuit Boards  
 4: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.4, 3.5, 3.6) for product compliance to the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 safety standard.

**Table 3.5: VDE 0160 / EN 50178 Creepage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for use in Electrical Power Installations**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level | Pollution Degree 2 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 200                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D         |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D         |
| 250                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D         |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C            |
| 320                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D         |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B, C            |
| 400                            | Basic            | A, B, C, D         |
|                                | Reinforced       | A, B               |
| 500                            | Basic            | A, B, C            |
|                                | Reinforced       | A                  |
| 630                            | Basic            | A, B, C            |
|                                | Reinforced       |                    |
| 800                            | Basic            | A                  |
|                                | Reinforced       |                    |
| 1000                           | Basic            | A                  |
|                                | Reinforced       |                    |

\* Notes:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW / HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX / JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Material Group = IIIa, Pollution degree = 2.

3: Avago Optoisolator Product Groups mapped for VDE 0160 / EN 50178 Clearance Requirements on Printed Circuit Boards

4: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.4, 3.5, 3.6) for product compliance to the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 safety standard.

**Table 3.6: VDE 0160 / EN 50178 Test Voltage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for use in Electrical Power Installations**

| Rated Insulation Voltage<br>V rms | Basic Insulation | Reinforced Insulation |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 230                               | A, B, C, D       | A, B, C, D            |
| 300                               | A, B, C, D       | A, B, C, D            |
| 400                               | A, B, C, D       | A, B, C**             |
| 600                               |                  | A, B, C**             |
| 690                               | A, B, C, D       | A, C**                |
| 1000                              | A, B, C, D       | A, C*                 |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Material Group IIIa.

3: Avago Optoisolators mapped per VDE 0160 / EN 50178 Test Voltage and compliance is based on UL ratings.

4: Reconcile requirements for each compliance Table (3.4,3.5, 3.6) for product compliance to the VDE 0160 / EN 50178 safety standard.

\*\* 5: Group C here includes only option 020 (5000 V rms / 1 min, UL) parts.

### 3.3 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for IEC 65

Reconciliation of the IEC 65 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.7, 3.8) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.7, 3.8):

(a) For installation category II, Avago Optoisolator product groups [A, B, C (option 020)] will comply with the IEC 65 requirements at mains supply voltage of 1200 V peak or lower at the reinforced insulation level. Only group (A) will meet the mains supply voltage requirements at 1500 V peak under similar conditions.

(b) For installation category I, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will comply with the IEC 65 requirements at a mains supply voltage of 500 V peak or lower at basic insulation level.

(c) For installation category I or II, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will comply with the IEC 65 requirements at a mains supply voltage of 70 V peak or lower at either basic or reinforced insulation level.

**Table 3.7: IEC 65 Creepage / Clearance Compliance Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus for household and similar general use**

| Supply Mains Voltage V peak | Insulation | Avago Optoisolator Product Group* |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| < 70                        | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C, D                        |
| 354                         | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C                           |
| 500                         | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C                           |
| 900                         | Basic      | A, B, C                           |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C                           |
| 1200                        | Basic      | A, B, C                           |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C                           |
| 1500                        | Basic      | A                                 |
|                             | Reinforced | A                                 |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Class I equipment uses Basic Insulation, Class II equipment uses Reinforced Insulation.

3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.7 and 3.8) for product compliance to the IEC 65 safety standard.

**Table 3.8: IEC 65 Test Voltage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus  
for household and similar general use**

| Supply Mains Voltage V peak | Insulation | Avago Optoisolator Product Group* |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| < 70                        | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C, D                        |
| 354                         | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C**                         |
| 500                         | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C**                         |
| 900                         | Basic      | A, B, C, D                        |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C**                         |
| 1200                        | Basic      | A, B, C**                         |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C**                         |
| 1500                        | Basic      | A, B, C**                         |
|                             | Reinforced | A, B, C**                         |

\* NOTES:

- 1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- 2: Class I equipment uses Basic Insulation, Class II equipment uses Reinforced Insulation.
- 3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.7 and 3.8) for product compliance to the IEC 65 safety standard.
- \*\*4: Group C here includes only option 020 (5000 V rms / 1 min, UL) parts"

### 3.4 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for IEC 601-1

Reconciliation of the IEC 601-1 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.9, 3.10) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.9, 3.10):

(a) For installation category II (class II equipment), Avago Optoisolator product groups [A, B, C (option 020)] will comply with the IEC 601-1 requirements at reference voltage of 150 V dc/125 V ac or lower at the reinforced insulation level. Only group (A)

will meet the reference voltage requirements at 300 V dc / 250 V ac under similar conditions (reinforced insulation level).

(b) For installation category I (class I equipment), Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will comply with the IEC 601-1 requirements at a reference voltage of 300 V dc / 250 V ac or lower at basic insulation level. Only groups (A, B) will meet the reference voltage requirements at 600 V dc / 500 V ac or lower under similar conditions (basic insulation level).

(c) For installation category I (class I equipment), Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C) will comply with the IEC 601-1 requirements at a reference voltage of 450V dc / 380V ac or lower at basic insulation level.

**Table 3.9: IEC 601-1 Creepage / Clearance Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
General Safety Requirements for Medical Electrical Equipment**

| Reference*<br>Voltage<br>dc | Reference*<br>Voltage<br>ac | Insulation<br>Level | Avago Optoisolator<br>Groups* |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 15                          | 12                          | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                    |
| 34                          | 30                          | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                    |
| 75                          | 60                          | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                    |
| 150                         | 125                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C,                      |
| 300                         | 250                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B                          |
| 450                         | 380                         | Basic               | A, B, C                       |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          |                               |
| 600                         | 500                         | Basic               | A, B                          |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          |                               |

\* NOTES:

- 1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- 2: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 601-1 Creepage/Clearance values
- 3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.9 and 3.10) for product compliance to the IEC 601-1 safety standard.
- 4: Reference voltage is the voltage which the relevant insulation is subjected in NORMAL USE and RATED supply voltage, whichever is greater.
- 5: Class I equipment uses Basic Insulation, Class II equipment uses Reinforced Insulations.

**Table 3.10: IEC 601-1 Test Voltage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
General Safety Requirements for Medical Electrical Equipment**

| Reference*<br>Voltage<br>dc | Reference*<br>Voltage<br>ac | Insulation<br>Level | Avago Optoisolator<br>Groups* |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 15                          | 12                          | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                    |
| 34                          | 30                          | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                    |
| 75                          | 60                          | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C**                     |
| 150                         | 125                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C**                     |
| 300                         | 250                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, C**                        |
| 450                         | 380                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          | A, C**                        |
| 600                         | 500                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                    |
|                             |                             | Reinforced          |                               |

\* NOTES:

- 1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- 2: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 601-1 Creepage/Clearance values.
- 3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.9 and 3.10) for product compliance to the IEC 601-1 safety standard.
- 4: Reference voltage is the voltage which the relevant insulation is subjected in NORMAL USE and RATED supply voltage, whichever is greater.
- 5: Class I equipment uses Basic Insulation, Class II equipment uses Reinforced Insulations.
- 6: Avago Optoisolators mapped per IEC 601-1 Test Voltage and compliance is based on UL ratings.
- 7: Group C here includes only option 020 (5000 Vrms/1 min, UL) parts.



### 3.5 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for IEC 664

IEC 664 is not a stand alone equipment level safety standard, but is an insulation coordination safety standard. Various equipment manufacturers may refer either in part or in whole to the requirements of this standard.

Reconciliation of the IEC 664 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only, a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret

other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14):

(a) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product group (A) will comply with the IEC 664 requirements at a working voltage of 500 V rms or lower at the reinforced insulation level.

(b) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C) will comply with the IEC 664 requirements at a working voltage of 250 V rms or lower at the reinforced insulation level. Groups (A, B, C, D) will meet the working

voltage requirements at 200 V rms or lower under similar conditions.

(c) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment Avago Optoisolator product groups (A) will comply with the IEC 664 requirements at a working voltage of 1000 V rms or lower at basic insulation level. Groups (A, B) will comply with similar requirements at a working voltage of 800 V rms or lower, and groups (A, B, C) will comply at a working voltage of 500 V rms or lower at the basic insulation level.

**Table 3.11: IEC 664 Clearance Compliance Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\* Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low Voltage Systems**

| Required Impulse Withstand Voltage (kV) | Avago Product Groups*                           |            |            |
|---|---|------------|------------|
|   | Basic Insulation (Inhomogenous Electric Fields) |            |            |
|   | Pollution Degrees                               |            |            |
|   | 1   | 2          | 3          |
| < 1                                     | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 1.2                                     | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 1.5                                     | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 2                                       | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 2.5                                     | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 3                                       | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 4                                       | A, B, C, D                                      | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 5                                       | A, B, C   | A, B, C    | A, B, C    |
| 6                                       | A, B, C   | A, B, C    | A, B, C    |
| 8                                       | A   | A          | A          |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 664-1 Clearance values

3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14) for product compliance to the IEC 664-1 safety standard.

**Table 3.12: IEC 664 Clearance Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low Voltage Systems**

| Required<br>Impulse<br>Withstand Voltage<br><br>(kV) | Avago Product Groups*<br>Reinforced Insulation<br>(Inhomogenous Electric Fields) |            |            |
|--|--|------------|------------|
|  | Pollution Degrees  |            |            |
|  | 1  | 2          | 3          |
| < 1  | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 1.2  | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 1.5  | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 2  | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 2.5  | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 3  | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 4  | A, B, C  | A, B, C    | A, B, C    |
| 5  | A  | A          | A          |
| 6  | A  | A          | A          |
| 8  |  |            |            |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 664-1 Clearance values

3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14) for product compliance to the IEC 664-1 safety standard.

**Table 3.13: IEC 664-1 Creepage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low-Voltage Systems**

| Working<br>Voltage<br>V rms | Insulation<br>Level | Avago Product Groups*                    |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
|                             |                     | Pollution Degree 2<br>Material Group III | Pollution Degree 3<br>Material Group III* |
| 100                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
| 125                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
| 160                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C                                   |
| 200                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C                                   |
| 250                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D                                |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C                                  | A, B                                      |
| 320                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C                                   |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B, C                                  | A   |
| 400                         | Basic               | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C                                   |
|                             | Reinforced          | A, B                                     |   |
| 500                         | Basic               | A, B, C                                  | A, B                                      |
|                             | Reinforced          | A  |   |
| 630                         | Basic               | A, B, C                                  | A   |
|                             | Reinforced          |  |   |
| 800                         | Basic               | A, B                                     |   |
|                             | Reinforced          |  |   |
| 1000                        | Basic               | A  |   |
|                             | Reinforced          |  |   |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 664-1 Clearance values

3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14) for product compliance to the IEC 664-1 safety standard.

**Table 3.14: IEC 664-1 Rated Impulse Voltage Compliance For Clearances  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*\*  
Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low-Voltage Systems**

| Nominal Voltage<br>of the Supply System<br>(V) |                 | Voltage<br>Line to Neutral<br>a.c. or d.c<br>(V) | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups*<br>V |            |            |            |
|--|-----------------|--|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Three<br>Phase                                 | Single<br>Phase |  | Overvoltage Category                    |            |            |            |
|  |                 |  | I                                       | II         | III        | IV         |
|  |                 | 50   | A, B, C, D                              | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
|  |                 | 100  | A, B, C, D                              | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
|  | 120-240         | 150  | A, B, C, D                              | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 230/400*<br>277/480*                           |                 | 300  | A, B, C, D                              | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C    |
| 400/690  |                 | 600  | A, B, C, D                              | A, B, C, D | A, B, C    | A          |
| 1000   |                 | 1000   | A, B, C, D                              | A, B, C    | A          |            |

\*\*Notes:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Avago Optoisolator Products mapped for IEC 664-1 Test Voltages for Clearance values, and this compliance is applicable for VDE 0884 approved parts only.

3: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14) for product compliance to the IEC 664-1 safety standard.

\*4: The / mark indicates a four-wire three-

phase distribution system. The lower value is the voltage line to neutral, while the higher value is the voltage line-to-line. Where only one value is indicated, it refers to three wire, three phase systems and specifies the value line-to-line.

### 3.6 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for IEC 950

Reconciliation of the IEC 950 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, Distance through Insulation, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19):

(a) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product group (A, B) will comply

with the IEC 950 requirements at a working voltage of 400 V rms or lower at the reinforced insulation level.

(b) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C) will comply with the IEC 950 requirements at a working voltage of 600 V rms or lower at the basic insulation level. Groups (A, B, C, D) will meet the working voltage requirements at 400 V rms or lower under similar conditions at the basic insulation level.

(c) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment Avago Optoisolator product groups (A) will comply with the IEC 950 requirements at

a working voltage of 1000 V rms or lower at basic insulation level.

**Table 3.15: IEC 950 Clearance Compliance**  
**Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\***  
**Safety of Information Technology Equipment, including Electrical Business Equipment**

| Working Voltage  |       | Insulation Level | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups*<br>Installation Category I and 2, Pollution Degree 1 and 2 |   |   |
|------------------|-------|------------------|---|---|---|
| V peak or V d.c. | V rms |                  | Nominal Mains Supply < 150V<br>Transient Rating<br>1500 V                                     | Nominal Mains Supply < 300V<br>Transient Rating<br>2500 V | Nominal Mains 300 V<Supply<600V<br>Transient Rating<br>4000 V |
| 70               | 50    | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
| 210              | 150   | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A, B**  | A, B**  | A, B**  |
| 420              | 300   | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A, B**  | A, B**  | A, B**  |
| 560              | 400   | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A, B**  | A, B**  | A, B**  |
| 840              | 600   | Basic            | A, B, C   | A, B, C   | A, B, C   |
|                  |       | Reinforced       |   |   |   |
| 1400             | 1000  | Basic            | A   | A   | A   |
|                  |       | Reinforced       |   |   |   |

## \* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package

(HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19) for product compliance to the IEC 950 safety standard.

\*\*3: IEC 950 distance through Insulation requirement precludes groups C and

D to be used at working voltage above 50 V rms, there is no through insulation thickness requirement at or below 50 V rms working voltage. This applies at the reinforced insulation level only.

4: Creepage requirements preclude using any optoisolator group at the reinforced insulation level at a working Voltage of 1000 Vrms and 600 Vrms.

**Table 3.16: IEC 950 Clearance Compliance**  
**Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\***  
**Safety of Information Technology Equipment, including Electrical Business Equipment**

| Working Voltage  |       | Insulation Level | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups*<br>Installation Category I and 2, Pollution Degree 3 |   |   |
|------------------|-------|------------------|---|---|---|
| V peak or V d.c. | V rms |                  | Nominal Mains Supply < 150V<br>Transient Rating<br>1500 V                               | Nominal Mains Supply < 300V<br>Transient Rating<br>2500 V | Nominal Mains 300 V<Supply<600V<br>Transient Rating<br>4000 V |
| 70               | 50    | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
| 210              | 150   | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A, B**  | A, B**  | A, B**  |
| 420              | 300   | Basic            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  |
|                  |       | Reinforced       | A**   | A**   | A**   |
| 560              | 400   | Basic            | A, B, C   | A, B, C   | A, B, C   |
|                  |       | Reinforced       |   |   |   |
| 840              | 600   | Basic            | A   | A   | A   |
|                  |       | Reinforced       |   |   |   |
| 1400             | 1000  | Basic            |   |   |   |
|                  |       | Reinforced       |   |   |   |

## \* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package

(HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19) for product compliance to the IEC 950 safety standard.

\*\*3: IEC 950 distance through Insulation requirement precludes groups C and

D to be used at working voltage above 50 V rms, there is no through insulation thickness requirement at or below 50 V rms working voltage. This applies at the reinforced insulation level only.

4: Creepage requirements preclude using any optoisolator group at the reinforced insulation level at a working Voltage of 1000 Vrms, 600 Vrms, or 400 V rms.

**Table 3.17: IEC 950 Creepage Compliance**  
**Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\***  
**Safety of Information Technology Equipment, including Electrical Business Equipment**

| Working Voltage up to and Including Vrms or Vd.c. | Insulation Level | Avago Optocoupler Product Groups*      |  |
|---|------------------|--|--|
|   |                  | Pollution Degree 2 Material Group IIIa | Pollution Degree 3 Material Group IIIa |
| 50  | Basic            | A, B, C, D                             | A, B, C, D                             |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D                             | A, B, C, D                             |
| 150   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                             | A, B, C, D                             |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                                 | A, B**                                 |
| 300   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                             | A, B, C                                |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                                 | A**                                    |
| 400   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                             | A, B, C                                |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                                 |  |
| 600   | Basic            | A, B, C                                | A                                      |
|   | Reinforced       |  |  |
| 1000  | Basic            | A                                      |  |
|   | Reinforced       |  |  |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19) for product compliance to the IEC 950 safety standard.

\*\*3: IEC 950 distance through Insulation requirement precludes groups C and D to be used at working voltage above 50 V rms, there is no through insulation thickness requirement at or below 50 V rms working voltage. This applies at the reinforced insulation level only.

**Table 3.18: IEC 950 Distance Through Insulation Compliance**  
**Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\***  
**Safety of Information Technology Equipment, including Electrical Business Equipment**

| Working Voltage up to and Including Vrms or Vd.c. | Insulation Level | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups* |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 50  | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D**                       |
| 150   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                             |
| 300   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                             |
| 400   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                             |
| 600   | Basic            | A, B, C***                         |
|   | Reinforced       |                                    |
| 1000  | Basic            | A***                               |
|   | Reinforced       |                                    |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19) for product compliance to the IEC 950 safety standard.

\*\*3: IEC 950 distance through Insulation requirement precludes groups C and D to be used at working voltage above 50 V rms, there is no through insulation thickness requirement at or below 50 V rms working voltage. This applies at the reinforced insulation level only.

\*\*\*4: Creepage requirements will preclude the groups not shown (pollution degree 2).

**Table 3.19: IEC 950 Test Voltage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety of Information Technology Equipment, including Electrical Business Equipment**

| Working Voltage up to and Including Vrms or Vd.c. | Insulation Level | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups* |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 50  | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B, C, D **                      |
| 150   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                             |
| 300   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                             |
| 400   | Basic            | A, B, C, D                         |
|   | Reinforced       | A, B**                             |
| 600   | Basic            | A, B, C                            |
|   | Reinforced       |                                    |
| 1000  | Basic            | A                                  |
|   | Reinforced       |                                    |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19) for product compliance to the IEC 950 safety standard.

\*\*3: IEC 950 distance through Insulation requirement precludes groups C and D to be used at working voltage above 50 V rms, there is no through insulation thickness requirement below 50 V rms working voltage. This applies at the reinforced insulation level only.

4: Test Voltage compliance is based on UL ratings (V rms / 1 min) test.

### 3.7 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for UL 508

Reconciliation of the UL 508 requirements for Creepage, Clearance and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the compliance shown in the Tables (3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24):

(a) For products with known and controlled transient voltages, and having short circuit power less than or equal to 500 VA, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C, D) will meet the requirements of the UL 508

standard at a working voltage of 900 V peak or lower.

(b) For products with known and controlled transient voltages, and having short circuit power greater than 500 VA but not more than 10 kVA, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C) will meet the requirements of the UL 508 standard at a working voltage of 900 V peak or lower. Under similar conditions, Groups (A, B,C,D) will meet the UL requirements if the working voltage is 450 V peak or lower.

(b) For products with known and controlled transient voltages, and having short circuit power greater than 10 kVA, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C) will meet the requirements of the UL 508 standard at a working voltage of 450 V peak or lower. Under similar conditions, Groups

(A, B,C,D) will meet the UL requirements if the working voltage is 225V peak or lower.

**Table 3.20: UL 508 Creepage Compliance Between Traces of Opposite Polarity on Printed Wiring Boards  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Equipment**

| Volts*<br>Vrms or dc | Transient Voltages<br>*Not Limited |            | Transient Voltages<br>Limited*** |            |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|
|                      | Coated ****                        | Uncoated   | Coated****                       | Uncoated   |
|                      | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups* |            |                                  |            |
| 320                  | A, B, C, D                         | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D                       | A, B, C, D |
| 400                  | A, B, C, D                         | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D                       | A, B, C, D |
| 500                  | A, B, C, D                         | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D                       | A, B, C, D |
| 630                  | A, B, C, D                         | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D                       | A, B, C, D |
| 800                  | A, B, C, D                         | A, B, C    | A, B, C, D                       | A, B, C, D |
| 1000                 | A, B, C, D                         | A, B, C    | A, B, C, D                       | A, B, C    |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:

Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24) for product compliance to the UL 508 safety standard.

\*\*3: Voltage between the traces where spacing is measured

\*\*\*4: The maximum recurring peak voltages shall not exceed the applicable value specified in Table 6.3 of UL 840 (see Table 4.7.2).

\*\*\*\*5: The coating shall comply with the requirements of the Printed Wiring Board Coating Performance test, Section 12, in UL 840, or another equivalent method.

**Table 3.21: UL 508 Creepage and Clearance Compliance for Products with Known and Controlled Transient Voltages \*\*\***

**Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Equipment**

| Short Circuit Power**   | Peak Working Voltage | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups *   |                         |
|---|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
|   |                      | Between any uninsulated live part and an uninsulated live part of opposite polarity, uninsulated grounded part other than enclosure, or exposed metal part. |                         |
|   |                      | Through air (Clearance)   | Over Surface (Creepage) |
| More than 10 kVA, for use where transient voltages are known and controlled | 0 - 50               | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 51 - 225             | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 226 - 450            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C                 |
|   | 451 - 900            | A, B  |                         |
| More than 500 VA but not more than 10 kVA                                   | 0 - 50               | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 51 - 225             | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 226 - 450            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 451 - 900            | A, B, C   | A, B, C                 |
| 500 VA or less  | 0 - 36               | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 37 - 72              | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 73 - 100             | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 101 - 225            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 226 - 450            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |
|   | 451 - 900            | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D              |

\* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24) for product compliance to the UL 508 safety standard.

\*\*\*3: Maximum short-circuit power is the product of the open-circuit voltage and the short circuit current available at the supply terminals when protective devices are bypassed.

\*\*\*4: The spacings in industrial control

equipment in which transient voltages are known and controlled by a transient suppressive device shall not be less than those specified in Table 4.7.4 except that spacings at a field-wiring terminal shall be in accordance with Table 4.7.3. (the transient suppressive devices shall prevent peak transient voltages from exceeding 300 percent of the instantaneous peak working voltage or 300V, whichever is greater).



**Table 3.22: UL 508 Creepage and Clearance Compliance Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Equipment**

| Potential Involved in<br>V rms or dc   |                                   | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups*           |         |         |  |            |                           |         |                          |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------|---------|--|------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|  |                                   | A<br>General Industrial<br>Control Equipment |         |         | B<br>Devices having<br>Limited Ratings** |            | C<br>Other<br>Devices *** |         | D<br>All<br>Circuits**** |
|  |                                   | 50-150                                       | 151-300 | 301-600 | 51 -300                                  | 301-600    | 51-150                    | 151-300 | 0 - 50                   |
| Between any uninsulated live part and an un-insulated live part of opposite polarity, un-insulated grounded part other than the enclosure, or”exposed metal part | Through air or oil<br>(Clearance) | A, B, C, D                                   | A, B, C | A       | A, B, C, D                               | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D                | A, B, C | A, B, C, D               |
|  | Over Surface<br>(Creepage)        | A, B, C                                      | A       |         | A, B, C, D                               | A          | A, B, C                   | A, B, C | A, B, C, D               |

**\* NOTES:**

- 1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- 2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24) for product compliance to the UL 508 safety standard.
- \*\*3: The spacings specified in column B of Table 4.7.3 are applicable to equipment:  
(1) Rated 1 horsepower (746 W output)

or equivalent FLA, or less, 720 V-amperes break pilot duty or less; or not more than 15 amperes at 51 - 150 volts, 10 amperes at 151 - 300 volts, or 5 amperes at 301 - 600 V. (2) Of the type described in (1) which controls more than one load provided the total load connected to the line at one time does not exceed 2 horsepower (1492 W output), 1440 volt-amperes, or have a current rating greater than 30 amperes at 51 - 150 volts, 20 amperes at 151 - 300 volts, or 10 amperes at 301 - 600 volts

\*\*4: The spacings specified in column C of table 4.7.3 apply only to equipment rated at 300 volts or less, and 1 horsepower (746 W output) or less or

2000 volt-amperes or less per pole and to a device that has a current rating per pole of 15 amperes or less at 51 -150 volts, 10 amperes at 301 -600 volts, or both.

- \*\*\*5: Spacings apply as indicated, except as specified in (4) and the spacings between the low potential circuit are in accordance with the requirements that are applicable to the high-potential circuit. See Table 4.7.3.
- 6: The primary circuit spacings in industrial control power supplies intended for use in a pollution degree 2 environment shall be at least those specified in tables 4.7.5 and 4.7.6. See section 34 in UL 508. Spacings at field wiring terminal are per this table.

**Table 3.23: UL 508 Creepage and Clearance Compliance Power Supply Primary Circuit Spacings Other than at Field-Wiring Terminals  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Devices**

| Potential Involved in Volts |               | Avago Optoisolator Groups* |                            |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| V rms                       | V peak        | Over Surface<br>(Creepage) | Through air<br>(Clearance) |
| 0 -50                       | 0 - 70.7      | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                 |
| 51 - 125                    | 72.1 - 176.8  | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                 |
| 126 - 250                   | 178.2 - 353.6 | A, B, C, D                 | A, B, C, D                 |
| 251 - 600                   | 355.0 - 848.5 |                            | A                          |

**Table 3.24: UL 508 Creepage and Clearance Compliance Power Supply Primary-Circuit Spacings at Field-Wiring Terminals  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Devices**

| Potential Involved in<br>Volts<br>Vrms | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups*                        |   |                            |
|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  | Between Field<br>Wiring Terminals                         | Between Field-Wiring Terminals<br>and other Uninsulated parts<br>Not always of the Same polarity. |                            |
|  | Through air or over<br>Surface (Creepage<br>or Clearance) | Over Surface<br>(Creepage)  | Through air<br>(Clearance) |
| 0 - 50                                 | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D                 |
| 51 - 250                               | A, B, C   | A, B, C   | A, B, C                    |
| 251 - 600                              |   |   | A                          |

**\* NOTES:**

- 1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- 2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24) for product compliance to the UL 508 safety standard.

### 3.8 Avago Optoisolator Compliance Summary for UL 840

UL 840 is not a stand alone equipment level safety standard, but is an insulation coordination safety standard. Various equipment manufacturers may refer either in part or in whole to the requirements of this standard.

Reconciliation of the UL 840 requirements for Creepage, Clearance, and Test voltages, as shown in Tables (3.25, 3.26, 3.27) indicates that Avago Technologies Optoisolator product groups will comply with the standards requirements under the following cases. Only a few cases are considered as examples, and the reader can readily interpret other cases by considering the

compliance shown in the Tables (3.25, 3.26, 3.27):

(a) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product group (A) will comply with the UL 840 requirements at a working voltage of 1000 V rms or lower.

(b) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment, Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B) will comply with the UL 840 requirements at a working voltage of 800 V rms or lower.

(c) For installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment Avago Optoisolator product groups (A, B, C)

will comply with the UL 840 requirements at a working voltage of 630 V rms or lower. Groups (A, B, C, D) will comply under similar conditions at a working voltage of 400 V rms or lower.

**Table 3.25: UL 840 Clearance Compliance Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\* Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment**

| Phase-to-ground* rated system voltage (rms and dc) |      |      |      | Rated Impulse Withstand Voltage peak, KV** | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups* Pollution degree |            |            |            |
|--|------|------|------|--|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Overvoltage Category                               |      |      |      |  | 1   | 2          | 3          | 4          |
| I  | II   | III  | IV   |  |   |            |            |            |
| 50   |      |      |      | 0.33                                       | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 100  | 50   |      |      | 0.5  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 150  | 100  | 50   |      | 0.8  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 300  | 150  | 100  | 50   | 1.5  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 600  | 300  | 150  | 100  | 2.5  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 1000   | 600  | 300  | 150  | 4  | A, B, C, D  | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D | A, B, C, D |
| 1500   | 1000 | 600  | 300  | 6  | A, B, C   | A, B, C    | A, B, C    | A, B, C    |
|  | 1500 | 1000 | 600  | 8  | A   | A          | A          | A          |
|  |      | 1500 | 1000 | 12   |   |            |            |            |
|  |      |      | 1500 | 16   |   |            |            |            |

\* NOTES:

- 1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ),

- Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- 2: Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.25, 3.26, 3.27) for product compliance to the UL 840 safety standard.

- 3: This table may be used to evaluate clearances where the levels of overvoltage are controlled.
- 4: See Table 4.8.2, UL 840 Minimum Clearances for Equipment, for further details.

**Table 3.26: UL 840 Creepage Compliance  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Insulation Coordination For Electrical Systems**

| Operating Voltage<br>Vrms or dc | Pollution degree 1 | Pollution degree 2 | Pollution degree 3 | Pollution degree 4 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| < 125                           | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         |
| 160                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C            |
| 200                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C            |
| 250                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B               |
| 320                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C            | A                  |
| 400                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C            |                    |
| 500                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C            | A, B               |                    |
| 630                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B, C            | A                  |                    |
| 800                             | A, B, C, D         | A, B               |                    |                    |
| 1000                            | A, B, C, D         | A                  |                    |                    |
| 1250                            | A, B, C, D         |                    |                    |                    |
| 1600                            | A, B, C            |                    |                    |                    |
| 2000                            | A, B"              |                    |                    |                    |

\* NOTES:

- See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.25, 3.26, 3.27) for product compliance to the UL 840 safety standard.
- See Table 4.8.4, UL 840 Minimum Acceptable Creepage Distances, for further details.
- Creepage Values shown are for Material Group IIIa only.
- This table is applicable for equipment subject to long-term stress.
- Creepage distances will be based on Tables 4.8.4 or 4.8.5.
- Creepage values are a function of the operating voltage across the insulation, comparative tracking index (CTI), and the level of pollution expected or controlled at the creepage distance.
- For Printed wiring boards using Table 4.8.5, the existence of recurring voltages is to be evaluated per Table 4.8.6.

**Table 3.27: UL 840 Creepage Compliance On Printed Wiring Boards  
Avago Optoisolator Product Groups\*  
Insulation Coordination For Electrical Equipment**

| Operating Voltage<br>Vrms or dc | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups*<br>Pollution Degree |            |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|
|                                 | 1*   | 2**        |
| < 400                           | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D |
| 500                             | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D |
| 630                             | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D |
| 800                             | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C, D |
| 1000                            | A, B, C, D   | A, B, C    |

\* NOTES:

- See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.
- Reconcile requirements of each compliance Table (3.25, 3.26, 3.27) for product compliance to the UL 840 safety standard.

- See Table 4.8.5, Minimum Creepage Distance on Printed Wiring Boards, for further details.
- \*4: This column is applicable to Material Group I, II, IIIa, IIIb.
- \*\*5: This column is applicable for Material Group I, II, IIIa. For Material Group IIIb use Table 4.8.4.
- This Table provides values for Pollution degrees 1 and 2. For Pollution Degree 3 and 4 use Table 4.8.4.
- Creepage values are a function of the operating voltage across the distance,

comparative tracking index (CTI), and the level of pollution expected or controlled at the creepage distance.

- For Printed wiring boards using Table 4.8.5, the existence of recurring voltages is to be evaluated per Table 4.8.6.
- For pollution degree 2, the CTI of the printed wiring board must be at least 175.

## Chapter 4 Synopsis of Key Regulatory Specifications

### 4.0 How To Use The Regulatory Synopsis Information

Chapter 4 contains a brief regulatory summary of key electrical safety requirements of each of the International or National safety standards addressed in Chapter 3. These summaries only address electrical safety requirements of each standard as indicated through the insulation coordinates (creepage, clearance, or through distance insulation) and test voltage requirements.

The purpose of these summaries is to provide an overview of the electrical safety requirements and pertinent safety parameters of the standard. Key safety standard parameters that have been summarized in these tables are requirements for creepage distance, clearance distance, and test voltage requirements.

The synopsis by its very nature and brevity cannot do full justice to the details and elaboration that are included in the actual document or a safety standard. Thus, in case you desire to find further details of a safety standard, we encourage you to obtain the actual safety standard that you may be interested in. Most safety standard documents can be obtained from the American National Standards Institute located in New York. Or, the document can be purchased directly from the home address of each agency. See the Appendices for pertinent agency addresses.

Once again, Avago Technologies takes this opportunity to disclaim any or implied equipment level safety standard approval to any of the equipment standards or insulation coordination standards discussed in this chapter as they

pertain to Avago optoisolators. The information provided in this chapter is provided as a service to Avago optoisolator component users. It is the equipment manufacturer's responsibility to have their equipment approved through appropriate safety standard agency.

### 4.1 International Standard IEC 1010-1: Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use.

This is an international safety standard that specifies general safety requirements for electrical equipment for professional, industrial process, and educational use. This includes any peripheral electrical equipment or accessories or computing devices that may be used in conjunction with measurement and test equipment, control devices, or laboratory use devices.

For instance, electrical measurement and test equipment may include any measurement and recording devices such as computers, oscilloscopes, main frame testers, etc. Non-measuring electrical equipment such as signal generators, power supplies, transducers, transmitters, etc., are also within the scope of this standard. Electrical control equipment can be any equipment that controls an output as a function of some input control variable such as programmable logic controllers (PLCs) etc. Electrical Laboratory Equipment is any equipment which measures, indicates, monitors or analyzes substances, or is used to prepare materials.

### Environmental Conditions

This standard applies to equipment designed to be safe at least under the following conditions: Indoor

use, altitude up to 2000 m, temperature 5°C to 40°C, maximum relative humidity 80% for temperature up to 31°C, decreasing linearly to 50% relative humidity at 40°C. The mains supply voltage fluctuations not to exceed  $\pm 10\%$  of nominal value (other supply voltage fluctuations as stated by manufacturer). Transient overvoltages (Table 4.1.1) are according to Installation Categories (Overvoltage Categories) I, II, and III. For mains supply the minimum and normal category is II. The Pollution Degree 1 or 2 in accordance with IEC 664.

According to IEC 664 Insulating Materials are separated into four groups by their Comparative Tracking Index (CTI) values as specified in IEC 112. For more information see IEC 664. All of Avago Technologies optoisolators are molded from material group IIIa, and have CTI >200.

- Material Group I: 600 < CTI
- Material Group II: 400 < CTI < 600
- Material Group IIIa: 175 < CTI < 400
- Material Group IIIb: 100 < CTI < 175

**Table 4.1.1: Maximum Transient Overvoltages vs. Installation Category**

| Voltage 3-phase<br>4-wire systems<br>(V) | Voltages<br>3-phase 3-wire<br>systems (V) | Voltages<br>phase-to-earth<br>(V) | Maximum Transient Overvoltage<br>(V) |                               |                                |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  |   |                                   | Installation<br>Category (I)         | Installation<br>Category (II) | Installation<br>Category (III) |
|  |   | 50                                | 330                                  | 500                           | 800                            |
| 66/115                                   | 120                                       | 100                               | 500                                  | 800                           | 1500                           |
| 120/208<br>120/240                       | 240                                       | 150                               | 800                                  | 1500                          | 2500                           |
| 230/400<br>277/480                       | 500                                       | 300                               | 1500                                 | 2500                          | 4000                           |
| 400/690                                  | 1000                                      | 600                               | 2500                                 | 4000                          | 6000                           |
|  |   | 1000                              | 4000                                 | 6000                          | 8000                           |

### Clearance and Creepage Distances

The installation category (overvoltage category) is established by the maximum transient overvoltages that a circuit experiences, and thus influences the clearance dimensions. The minimum creepage

distance allowed is at least as large as the clearance dimension.

Tables 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 specify Clearances and Creepage Distances in relation to working voltage, as derived from IEC 664. The tables specify values with respect to

working voltage, and is defined as “the highest r.m.s. values of the a.c. or d.c. voltage which may occur (locally) across any insulation at rated supply voltage, transients being disregarded”.

**Table 4.1.2: IEC 1010-1 Clearance / Creepage Requirements**  
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use

| Working<br>Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation<br>Level | Pollution Degree 1      |                |                          |                |                           |                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                                   |                     | Installation Category I |                | Installation Category II |                | Installation Category III |                |
|                                   |                     | Clearance<br>mm         | Creepage<br>mm | Clearance<br>mm          | Creepage<br>mm | Clearance<br>mm           | Creepage<br>mm |
| 50                                | Basic               | 0.1                     | 0.1            | 0.1                      | 0.1            | 0.1                       | 0.1            |
|                                   | Reinforced          | 0.1                     | 0.1            | 0.12                     | 0.12           | 0.4                       | 0.4            |
| 100                               | Basic               | 0.1                     | 0.1            | 0.1                      | 0.1            | 0.5                       | 0.5            |
|                                   | Reinforced          | 0.12                    | 0.2            | 0.4                      | 0.4            | 1.6                       | 1.6            |
| 150                               | Basic               | 0.1                     | 0.22           | 0.5                      | 0.5            | 1.5                       | 1.5            |
|                                   | Reinforced          | 0.4                     | 0.45           | 1.6                      | 1.6            | 3.3                       | 3.3            |
| 300                               | Basic               | 0.5                     | 0.7            | 1.5                      | 1.5            | 3                         | 3              |
|                                   | Reinforced          | 1.6                     | 1.6            | 3.3                      | 3.3            | 6.5                       | 6.5            |
| 600                               | Basic               | 1.5                     | 1.7            | 3                        | 3              | 5.5                       | 5.5            |
|                                   | Reinforced          | 3.3                     | 3.4            | 6.5                      | 6.5            | 11.5                      | 11.5           |
| 1000                              | Basic               | 3                       | 3.2            | 5.5                      | 5.5            | 8                         | 8              |
|                                   | Reinforced          | 6.5                     | 6.5            | 11.5                     | 11.5           | 16                        | 16             |

Notes:

1: IEC 1010-1 safety standard derives the creepage / clearance distances from IEC 664.

2: Table lists creepage values for printed wiring boards (not coated)

**Table 4.1.3: IEC 1010-1 Clearance / Creepage Requirements**  
**Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level | Pollution Degree 2      |             |                          |             |                           |             |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                                |                  | Installation Category I |             | Installation Category II |             | Installation Category III |             |
|                                |                  | Clearance mm            | Creepage mm | Clearance mm             | Creepage mm | Clearance mm              | Creepage mm |
| 50                             | Basic            | 0.2                     | 0.2         | 0.2                      | 0.2         | 0.2                       | 0.2         |
|                                | Reinforced       | 0.2                     | 0.4         | 0.2                      | 0.4         | 0.4                       | 0.4         |
| 100                            | Basic            | 0.2                     | 0.2         | 0.2                      | 0.2         | 0.5                       | 0.5         |
|                                | Reinforced       | 0.2                     | 0.4         | 0.4                      | 0.4         | 1.6                       | 1.6         |
| 150                            | Basic            | 0.2                     | 0.35        | 0.5                      | 0.5         | 1.5                       | 1.5         |
|                                | Reinforced       | 0.4                     | 0.7         | 1.6                      | 1.6         | 3.3                       | 3.3         |
| 300                            | Basic            | 0.5                     | 1.4         | 1.5                      | 1.5         | 3                         | 3           |
|                                | Reinforced       | 1.6                     | 2.8         | 3.3                      | 3.3         | 6.5                       | 6.5         |
| 600                            | Basic            | 1.5                     | 3           | 3                        | 3           | 5.5                       | 5.5         |
|                                | Reinforced       | 3.3                     | 6           | 6.5                      | 6.5         | 11.5                      | 11.5        |
| 1000                           | Basic            | 3                       | 5           | 5.5                      | 5.5         | 8                         | 8           |
|                                | Reinforced       | 6.5                     | 10          | 11.5                     | 11.5        | 16                        | 16          |

Notes:

- 1: IEC 1010-1 safety standard derives the creepage / clearance distances from IEC 664.
- 2: Table lists creepage values for printed wiring boards (not coated)

## Test Voltages

Table 4.1.4 lists the test voltages for establishing compliance for respective creepage and clearance of the insulation. Compliance is established if no breakdown or repeated flashover occurs. For the purposes of this safety standard, corona and similar phenomenon are not considered.

interval. The a.c. and d.c. tests are conducted with the voltage raised gradually within 10 s to the specified value (with no appreciable transient occurring), and the voltages are maintained for 1 minute.

This safety standard offers three different test voltage options: Peak impulse test, a.c. test, or a d.c. test. Equipment or component has to pass any one of the three listed alternative test voltages.

Peak impulse test is the 1.2/50  $\mu$ s test specified in IEC 60, and is conducted for a minimum of 3 pulses of each polarity at 1 s minimum

**Table 4.1.4: IEC 1010-1 Test Voltages for Dielectric Strength Tests  
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms or dc | Insulation Level | Pollution Degree 1 or 2 |                      |                             |                          |                      |                             |                           |                      |                             |                       |                      |                             |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                |                  | Installation Category I |                      |                             | Installation Category II |                      |                             | Installation category III |                      |                             |                       |                      |                             |
|                                |                  | Test Voltage            | Test Voltage         | Test Voltage                | Test Voltage             | Test Voltage         | Test Voltage                | Test Voltage              | Test Voltage         | Test Voltage                | Test Voltage          | Test Voltage         |                             |
| 50                             | Basic            | Peak Impulse 1.2/50µs   | rms 50/60 Hz (1 min) | dc or 50/60 Hz peak (1 min) | Peak Impulse 1.2/50µs    | rms 50/60 Hz (1 min) | dc or 50/60 Hz peak (1 min) | Peak Impulse 1.2/50µs     | rms 50/60 Hz (1 min) | dc or 50/60 Hz peak (1 min) | Peak Impulse 1.2/50µs | rms 50/60 Hz (1 min) | dc or 50/60 Hz peak (1 min) |
|                                | Reinforced       | 330                     | 230                  | 330                         | 500                      | 350                  | 500                         | 800                       | 490                  | 700                         | 1360                  | 740                  | 1050                        |
| 100                            | Basic            | 500                     | 350                  | 500                         | 800                      | 490                  | 700                         | 1500                      | 820                  | 1150                        | 2550                  | 1400                 | 1950                        |
|                                | Reinforced       | 850                     | 510                  | 720                         | 1360                     | 740                  | 1050                        | 2500                      | 1350                 | 1900                        | 4250                  | 2300                 | 3100                        |
| 150                            | Basic            | 800                     | 490                  | 700                         | 1500                     | 820                  | 1150                        | 2500                      | 1350                 | 1900                        | 4000                  | 2200                 | 3100                        |
|                                | Reinforced       | 1360                    | 740                  | 1050                        | 2550                     | 1400                 | 1950                        | 4250                      | 2300                 | 3250                        | 6800                  | 3700                 | 5250                        |
| 300                            | Basic            | 1500                    | 820                  | 1150                        | 2500                     | 1350                 | 1900                        | 4000                      | 2200                 | 3100                        | 6000                  | 3250                 | 4600                        |
|                                | Reinforced       | 2550                    | 1400                 | 1950                        | 4250                     | 2300                 | 3250                        | 6800                      | 3700                 | 5250                        | 10200                 | 5500                 | 7850                        |
| 600                            | Basic            | 2500                    | 1350                 | 1900                        | 4000                     | 2200                 | 3100                        | 6000                      | 3250                 | 4600                        | 8000                  | 4350                 | 6150                        |
|                                | Reinforced       | 4250                    | 2300                 | 3250                        | 6800                     | 3700                 | 5250                        | 10200                     | 5500                 | 7850                        | 13600                 | 7400                 | 10450                       |
| 1000                           | Basic            | 4000                    | 2200                 | 3100                        | 6000                     | 3250                 | 4600                        | 8000                      | 4350                 | 6150                        | 13600                 | 7400                 | 10450                       |
|                                | Reinforced       | 6800                    | 3700                 | 5250                        | 10200                    | 5500                 | 7850                        | 13600                     | 7400                 | 10450                       | 23000                 | 12500                | 17500                       |

NOTES:

- Any one of the three alternative test voltages can be used.
- Impulse test is the 1.2/50 µs test specified in IEC 60 (minimum of 3 pulses of each polarity, at 1 s min. interval).
- Table lists dielectric strength test voltages derived from IEC 664 (on printed wiring boards).

## 4.2 DIN VDE 0160 or EN50178:

### Safety Requirements for Electronic Equipment For Use In Electrical Power Installations and Their Assembly Into Electrical Power Installations

VDE 0160 is a specification that regulates electronic equipment for use in electrical power installations inside Germany, and EN50178 is an equivalent draft specification authored by CENELEC for Europe. A typical industrial application for optocouplers is inverters, which fall under this standard and specification. At the time of this writing EN50178 is a draft document, but DKE has accepted its contents as current requirements for VDE 0160. This description is a short summary of only the EN50178 optoisolator requirements, and some differences with VDE 0160 compliance are highlighted. EN50178 clearly describes certain requirements for creepage and clearance for printed circuit boards. Because optoisolators isolate the high voltages on the boards, these requirements become external creepage and external clearance requirements for the optoisolator.

### Clearance

The current EN50178 requirements for clearance are outlined in referenced specifications, IEC664-1. To determine the clearance requirement for the optoisolator, certain parameters are needed – the overvoltage category (or application class), basic or reinforced insulation requirement, as well as the incoming line voltage for the equipment. Another parameter is the pollution degree. Since printed circuit boards are usually in pollution degree 2 environment or lower, this summary assumes that

the optoisolator is in a pollution degree 2 environment.

The overvoltage category 2 is applicable for mains supply connected to movable equipment (examples of such equipment are appliances, portable tools, and other household equipment). Whereas, the overvoltage category 3 applies when the equipment is in a fixed installation (examples of such equipment are appliances, portable tools, and other household equipment). Whereas, the overvoltage category 3 applies when the equipment is in a fixed

installation (examples of such equipment are switches in the fixed installation and equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation). A simplification is to say that category 2 means that the equipment has a removable plug connector and category 3 involves hard wiring to the building supply line. Per EN50178 the equipment manufacturer must select using basic insulation or reinforced insulation; basic insulation makes for easier component selection but poses other design issues for the equipment.

**Table 4.2.1 Clearance Requirements vs. Transient Overvoltage**  
Application Class II, Pollution Degree 2

| Line Voltage<br>Vrms or dc | Transient<br>Overvoltage<br>Vrms or dc | Basic<br>Insulation<br>Clearance<br>mm | Reinforced<br>Insulation<br>Clearance<br>mm |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| 120 - 240 V Single Phase   | 1500                                   | 0.5                                    | 1.5   |
| up to 277 V 3 Phase        | 2500                                   | 1.5                                    | 3   |
| up to 400 V 3 Phase        | 4000                                   | 3                                      | 5.5   |
| 1000 V                     | 6000                                   | 5.5                                    | 8   |

**Table 4.2.2 Clearance Requirements vs. Transient Overvoltage**  
Application Class III, Pollution Degree 2

| Line Voltage<br>Vrms or dc | Transient<br>Overvoltage<br>Vrms or dc | Basic<br>Insulation<br>Clearance<br>mm | Reinforced<br>Insulation<br>Clearance<br>mm |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| 120 - 240 V Single Phase   | 2500                                   | 1.5                                    | 3   |
| up to 277 V 3 Phase        | 4000                                   | 3                                      | 5.5   |
| up to 400 V 3 Phase        | 6000                                   | 5.5                                    | 8   |
| 1000 V                     | 8000                                   | 8                                      | 14  |



## Creepage

As with clearance, the EN50178 creepage requirements are described inside the referenced document of IEC 664-1. As above, the pollution level is assumed to be pollution degree 2 for a printed circuit board with an optoisolator. The important parameters that determine creepage are the working voltage and basic versus reinforced insulation requirement. The definition of working voltage is the highest AC rms voltage or DC voltage that is placed across the part when the equipment is correctly operating. All Avago Technologies optoisolators are made using transfer molding compounds that belong to Material group IIIa as defined in IEC 664-1.

## Other Requirements

Creepage and clearance are directly described inside EN50178 and its referenced documents. Other requirements can be associated with EN50178, although the specification might only obliquely mention these other requirements. One example is the impulse voltage test, whereby a 1/50 ms impulse voltage is applied across the part. If the clearances are designed as described above, this routine test can be waived. The impulse test voltages match those for the transient overvoltage.

Per EN50178 the equipment must be subjected to an AC or DC voltage test, both as a qualification and a production test. The test time is 5 seconds for qualification and 1 second for routine testing, and the failure criteria is absence of flash-over. The test voltage is dependent upon the rated insulation voltage, which is the recurring peak value of the highest voltage appearing continuously across any two live parts of the equipment during

**Table 4.2.3 Creepage Requirements vs. Working Voltage**

| Working Voltage<br>Vrms or dc | Creepage Basic<br>Insulation | Creepage Reinforced<br>Insulation |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 200                           | 2                            | 4                                 |
| 250                           | 2.5                          | 5                                 |
| 320                           | 3.2                          | 6.4                               |
| 400                           | 4                            | 8                                 |
| 500                           | 5                            | 10                                |
| 630                           | 6.3                          | 12.6                              |
| 800                           | 8                            | 16                                |
| 1000                          | 10                           | 20                                |

**Table 4.2.4 Rated Insulation vs. Test Voltages**

| Rated Insulation<br>Voltage<br>Vrms | AC Test Voltages with<br>Basic Insulation and<br>Protective Separation<br>Vrms | Ac Test Voltage<br>Between Circuits and<br>Accessible Surface<br>Vrms |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 230                                 | 1100   | 1800  |
| 300                                 | 1200   | 2200  |
| 400                                 | 1350   | 2600  |
| 600                                 | 1650   | 3500  |
| 690                                 | 1800   | 3800  |
| 1000                                | 2250   | 5000  |

operation. The insulation test voltage also varies with the voltage between circuits and accessible surfaces if the surface is not connected to protective earth. The test voltage is represented as AC rms, or the peak AC value can be used for a DC test. Interpolation is permitted.

Another requirement for the EN50178 equipment is to perform a partial discharge test. The requirement is that the equipment is subjected to 1.25 times the rated voltage, which is the recurring peak voltage value. This requirement applies to the optoisolator, and partial discharge free optoisolators are currently available as DIN/VDE 0884 optoisolators. More detailed information regarding DIN/VDE 0884 optoisolators is

available in this handbook. Avago Technologies has a full range of DIN/VDE 0884 optoisolators to meet this requirement.

This specification also refers to an impulse voltage requirement, which can be waived if the clearance requirements are satisfied without reduction or deviation.

### 4.3 International Standard IEC 65: Safety Requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus for household and similar general use

IEC 65 is an International Standard that specifies safety requirements for household equipment intended for domestic and indoor use. Examples of this type of equipment are radios, VCRs, TVs, amplifiers, cable connected remote control device, motor driven devices etc. The standard applies to equipment for use for a 2000 m maximum altitude. This standard does not apply to equipment designed for a rated supply voltage that exceeds 433 V rms (between phases for a 3 phase supply) and 250 V rms in all other cases. Rated supply voltage is the supply mains voltage for which the manufacturer has designed the apparatus.

Attached Table 4.3.1 lists the creepage and clearance requirements versus the peak operating voltage. This voltage is construed as the peak supply mains voltage, which is the power source for the household equipment. For class I equipment, the accessible metal parts are separated from live parts by basic insulation. For class II equipment, the accessible metal parts are separated from live parts by reinforced insulation. The test voltages are applied for 1 minute. The minimum creepage and clearance shall be a minimum of 0.5 mm for basic insulation and 1 mm for reinforced insulation.

Insulation requirement for accessible parts and live parts shall be able to withstand transient surges. The insulation is subjected to 50 discharges at a maximum rate of 12 per minute, from a 1 nF capacitor

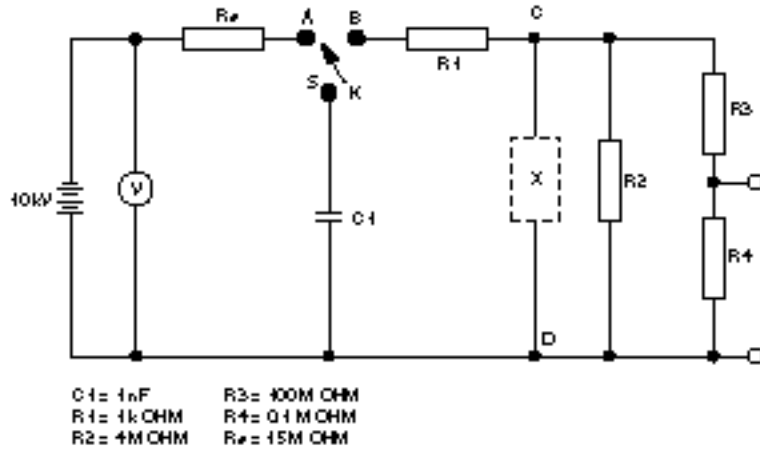


Figure 4.3.1: Circuit for Surge Test IEC 65  
Component Under Test Connected across Terminals C and D

charged to a 10 kV. The test circuit for the surge test is shown in figure 4.3.1. The insulation resistance after the surge test shall not be less than 2 Mohm at 500 V dc.

Apparatus will be able to operate in humid conditions, and compliance is established by test conditions described in IEC 68-2-3: Test Ca: Damp Heat, Steady State (temperature: 40°C, relative humidity: 90% to 95%).

The apparatus is kept in the humidity chamber for:

- 5 days (120 hours) for apparatus to be used under tropical conditions
- 2 days (48 hours) for other apparatus

The insulation resistance is tested with a 500 Vdc and should be a minimum of 2 Mohm for basic insulation and 4 Mohm for reinforced insulation.

For the measurement of dielectric strength, insulation test voltages are either AC peak voltage or dc voltage (see Table 4.3.1). Where corona, ionization charge effects may occur, a dc test voltage is recommended. The test voltages are applied for 1 minute. Compliance is established after the 1 minute test voltage, if insulation resistance specification is met (at the 500 V dc test), and there is no flashover or breakdown.

**Table 4.3.1: IEC 65 Safety Requirements**  
**Safety Requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus**  
**for household and similar general use**

| <b>Supply*<br/>Mains Voltage<br/>V<sub>peak</sub></b> | <b>Insulation</b> | <b>Creepage<br/>mm</b> | <b>Clearance<br/>mm</b> | <b>Test<br/>Voltage<br/>V<sub>peak</sub></b> |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 34  | Basic             | 0.6                    | 0.6                     | 707  |
|   | Reinforced        | 1.2                    | 1.2                     | 1410   |
| 70  | Basic             | 1                      | 1                       | 1000   |
|   | Reinforced        | 2                      | 2                       | 2000   |
| 354   | Basic             | 3                      | 3                       | 2120   |
|   | Reinforced        | 6                      | 6                       | 4240   |
| 500   | Basic             | 4                      | 4                       | 2500   |
|   | Reinforced        | 6                      | 6                       | 4240   |
| 900   | Basic             | 6                      | 6                       | 3000   |
|   | Reinforced        | 6                      | 6                       | 4240   |
| 1200  | Basic             | 7                      | 7                       | 3800   |
|   | Reinforced        | 7                      | 7                       | 4240   |
| 1500  | Basic             | 9                      | 9                       | 4000   |
|   | Reinforced        | 9                      | 9                       | 4240   |
| 2000  | Basic             | 11                     | 11                      | 5000   |
|   | Reinforced        | 11                     | 11                      | 5000   |

Notes:

1: Class I equipment uses Basic Insulations, Class II equipment uses Reinforced Insulations.

\*2: The voltages are determined with the apparatus connected to the rated supply voltage after the steady state has been reached.

#### 4.4 International Standard 601-1: General Safety Requirements for Medical Electrical Equipment

The IEC 601-1 safety standard specifies general requirements for the safety of Medical Electrical Equipment and serves as a basis for particular standards. The particular standards take priority in case of any conflicting requirements of the general standard and a particular standard.

Class I equipment is that equipment that does not rely on basic insulation only, but has additional safety precautions such that any accessible parts do not become live in the event of a failure of the basic insulation. Class II equipment

is that equipment that does not rely on basic insulation only, but additional safety such as double insulation or reinforced insulation is provided.

This safety standard requires that insulation, components, and construction features the failure of which could produce a safety hazard shall be tested for compliance of the standard. Only insulations with a safety function need be subject to testing. Equipment is classified according to:

- a) Type of protection against electric shock and power source
- b) Degree of protection against electric shock
- c) Methods of sterilization recommended by manufacturer
- d) Flammability

- e) Mode of operation (continuous or intermittent)

The equipment in this standard is capable of operating in an ambient temperature range of +10°C to + 40°C, relative humidity range of 30% to 75%, and atmospheric pressure range of 500 hPa to 1060 hPa.

Table 4.4.1 lists the creepage, clearance, and test voltages for basic and reinforced insulation. The dielectric strength of the electrical insulation shall be able to meet the test voltages indicated in the table. The test time for the test voltages is 1 minute. The reference voltage indicated in Table 4.4.1 is the voltage to which an insulation is subjected to in normal use and rated supply voltage (or a voltage as specified by the manufacturer, whichever is greater).

**Table 4.4.1: IEC 601-1 Safety Standard Requirements General Safety Requirements for Medical Electrical Equipment**

| Reference*<br>Voltage<br>dc | Reference*<br>Voltage<br>ac | Insulation | Creepage<br>mm | Clearance<br>mm | Test Voltage<br>( 1 minute )<br>V rms |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 15                          | 12                          | Basic      | 1.7            | 0.8             | 500                                   |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 3.4            | 1.6             | 500                                   |
| 34                          | 30                          | Basic      | 2              | 1               | 500                                   |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 4              | 2               | 500                                   |
| 75                          | 60                          | Basic      | 2.3            | 1.2             | 1000                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 4.6            | 2.4             | 3000                                  |
| 150                         | 125                         | Basic      | 3              | 1.6             | 1000                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 6              | 3.2             | 3000                                  |
| 300                         | 250                         | Basic      | 4              | 2.5             | 1600                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 8              | 5               | 4200                                  |
| 450                         | 380                         | Basic      | 6              | 3.5             | 1900                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 12             | 7               | 4800                                  |
| 600                         | 500                         | Basic      | 8              | 4.5             | 2200                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 16             | 9               | 5400                                  |
| 800                         | 660                         | Basic      | 10.5           | 6               | 2600                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 21             | 12              | 6200                                  |
| 900                         | 750                         | Basic      | 12             | 6.5             | 2800                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 24             | 13              | 6600                                  |
| 1200                        | 1000                        | Basic      | 16             | 9               | 3200                                  |
|                             |                             | Reinforced | 32             | 18              | 7400                                  |

Notes:

\* 1: Reference voltage is the voltage which the relevant insulation is subjected in NORMAL USE and RATED supply voltage, whichever is greater.

2: Class I equipment uses Basic Insulations, Class II equipment uses Reinforced Insulations.

#### 4.5 International Standard IEC 664-1: Insulation Coordination for Equipment Within Low-Voltage Systems

IEC 664-1 safety standard addresses insulation coordination for equipment within low voltage systems. It applies to equipment for use up to 2000 m elevation (extrapolation to higher elevations is allowed), a rated voltage up to 1000 V a.c. with rated frequencies up to 30 kHz or a rated voltage up to 1500 V d.c. This standard specifies the requirements for clearances, creepage distances and solid insulation, and includes methods of electric testing with respect to insulation coordination.

IEC664-1 is a basic safety standard and is a guide for Technical Committees responsible for different equipment in order to rationalize their requirements so that insulation coordination is achieved.

The insulation coordination is the mutual correlation of insulation characteristics of electrical equipment taking into account the expected microenvironments or voltage environments to which the equipment will be subjected to in their normal use. In other words, the insulation coordination indicates the selection of the electric insulation characteristics of the equipment with regard to its application, and takes into account the working voltage, rated voltage, and rated insulation voltage of the equipment.

The insulation coordination uses a preferred series of rated impulse voltages indicated in Table 4.5.1 for equipment energized directly from the low-voltage mains:

IEC 664-1 insulation coordination standard also indicates that consideration shall be given with regard to recurring peak voltages and to

the extent partial-discharge can occur in solid insulation. The micro-environmental conditions are taken into account as quantified by pollution degree. For the purposes of evaluating creepage distances and clearances four degrees of pollution degrees are established:

- a) Pollution Degree 1: No pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution occurs, and pollution has no significant impact. Air-conditioned office environments and labs are an example of pollution degree 1 environment.
- b) Pollution Degree 2: Only non-conductive pollution occurs except that occasionally a temporary conductivity caused by condensation is to be expected. Home environments can be considered pollution degree.
- c) Pollution Degree 3: Conductive pollution occurs or dry non-

**Table 4.5.1: IEC 664-1 Rated Impulse Voltage Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low-Voltage Systems**

| Nominal Voltage of the Supply System<br>V |              | Voltage Line to Neutral<br>a.c. or d.c<br>V | Rated Impulse Voltage<br>V |      |      |       |
|---|--------------|---|----------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Three Phase                               | Single Phase |   | Overvoltage Category       |      |      |       |
|   |              |   | I                          | II   | III  | IV    |
|   |              | 50  | 330                        | 500  | 800  | 1500  |
|   |              | 100   | 500                        | 800  | 1500 | 2500  |
|   | 120-240      | 150   | 800                        | 1500 | 2500 | 4000  |
| 230/400*                                  |              | 300   | 1500                       | 2500 | 4000 | 6000  |
| 277/480*                                  |              | 300   | 1500                       | 2500 | 4000 | 6000  |
| 400/690                                   |              | 600   | 2500                       | 4000 | 6000 | 8000  |
| 1000                                      |              | 1000  | 4000                       | 6000 | 8000 | 12000 |

Notes:

\*1: The / mark indicates a four-wire three-phase distribution system. The lower value is the voltage line to neutral, while the higher value is the voltage line-to-line. Where only one value is indicated, it refers to three wire, three

phase systems and specifies the value line-to-line.

conductive pollution occurs which becomes conductive due to condensation which is to be expected. Industrial warehouses or factory floors may be construed as pollution degree 3 environments.

- d) Pollution Degree 4: The pollution generates persistent conductivity caused by conductive dust or by rain or snow. Areas exposed to outside atmosphere can be classified as pollution degree 4 environments.

Equipment is dimensioned based on overvoltage category according to the expected use of the equipment. Four Overvoltage categories are established: I, II, III, and IV:

- a) Overvoltage Category I: Equipment of overvoltage category I is equipment for connection to circuits in which measures are taken to limit transient overvoltages to an appropriately low voltage. Circuits or equipment in this category are well isolated from mains supply. If the voltage were below 42.4 V it would be considered SELV (safety extra low voltage). Protected electronic circuits fall in this category.
- b) Overvoltage Category II: Equipment of overvoltage category II is equipment that receives its energy or power from a fixed installation or receptacle from power mains. Examples of such equipment or circuits are home appliances and power tools.
- c) Overvoltage Category III: Equipment of overvoltage category III is equipment in fixed installations. Category III is the mains distribution in the building, including duplex outlets. Examples of such equipment are switches in the fixed installation and equipment for industrial use

with permanent connection to the fixed installation.

- d) Overvoltage Category IV: Equipment of overvoltage category IV is for use at the origin of the installation. Examples of such equipment are electricity meters and primary overcurrent protection equipment.

This standard also uses the comparative tracking index (CTI) to classify the insulation materials. Materials are separated into four groups according to their CTI values, as follows:

- Material Group I  
600 < CTI
- Material Group II  
400 < CTI < 600
- Material Group IIIa  
175 < CTI < 400
- Material Group IIIb  
100 < CTI < 175

The test for comparative tracking index (CTI) is according to IEC 112. This test consists of dropping aqueous contaminant on insulation placed on a horizontal surface and determining voltage when electrolytic conduction takes place. This test provides both a qualitative and a quantitative comparison between insulation materials having a tendency to arc or form tracks in the presence of voltages.

#### Dimensioning of Clearances

Clearances shall be dimensioned to withstand the required impulse withstand voltage up to an elevation of 2000 m per tables 4.5.2. and 4.5.3. The clearances of basic insulation shall be as indicated in this table. Clearances of reinforced insulation shall be one step higher in the preferred series of values

that are specified in the table below than that specified for basic insulation. For intermediate values of the impulse withstand values of the preferred series, reinforced values are to withstand 160% of the impulse withstand voltage required for basic insulation. For higher elevation than 2000 meter, this standard also specifies altitude correction factors for clearances.

#### Dimensioning of Creepage Distances

Creepage distances will be according to table 4.5.4, and takes into account the working voltage (long-term r.m.s. value) across the insulation, and also the influence of the micro-environment as indicated by the pollution degree. A creepage distance cannot be less than the associated clearances (shortest creepage is equal to required clearance). There is no physical relationship between the creepage distances and the clearance distance, other than the dimensional limitation indicated. Reinforced insulation will have creepage distances that are twice the value of the voltage specified for basic insulation.

#### Requirements of Solid Insulation

Design of solid insulation requires attention to the partial discharge phenomenon. In particular a solid insulation subjected to high frequencies is more sensitive to partial discharges. Accelerated life testing indicates that time to failure is inversely proportional to the frequency of the applied voltage. According to this standard there is no clear relationship between the thickness of the insulation and failure mechanisms related to frequency of operation or partial discharges, hence the performance of the solid insulation can only be assessed through

**Table 4.5.2: IEC 664-1 Minimum Clearances For Insulation Coordination**  
**Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low-Voltage Systems**

| Required Impulse Withstand Voltage kV | Minimum Clearances in Air up to 2000 m (mm)<br>Basic Insulation(Inhomogenous Electric Fields)<br>Pollution Degrees |      |     |     |
|---------------------------------------|--|------|-----|-----|
|                                       | 1  | 2    | 3   | 4   |
| 0.33 *                                | 0.01   | 0.04 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.4                                   | 0.02   | 0.04 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.5*                                  | 0.04   | 0.04 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.6                                   | 0.06   | 0.2  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.8*                                  | 0.1  | 0.2  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 1                                     | 0.15   | 0.2  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 1.2                                   | 0.25   | 0.25 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 1.5*                                  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 2                                     | 1  | 1    | 1   | 1.6 |
| 2.5*                                  | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| 3                                     | 2  | 2    | 2   | 2   |
| 4*                                    | 3  | 3    | 3   | 3   |
| 5                                     | 4  | 4    | 4   | 4   |
| 6*                                    | 5.5  | 5.5  | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 8*                                    | 8  | 8    | 8   | 8   |
| 10                                    | 11   | 11   | 11  | 11  |
| 12*                                   | 14   | 14   | 14  | 14  |

NOTES:

- \*1: Preferred Values Indicated in Table 4.5.1.
- 2: For printed wiring material, the values for pollution degree 1 apply except that the value shall not be less than 0.04 mm.
- 3: These minimum clearances given for pollution degree 2, 3, 4 are based on experience rather than on fundamental data.

**Table 4.5.3: IEC 664-1 Minimum Clearances For Insulation Coordination**  
**Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low-Voltage Systems**

| Required Impulse Withstand Voltage kV | Minimum Clearances in Air up to 2000 m (mm)<br>Reinforced Insulation(Inhomogenous Electric Fields)<br>Pollution Degrees |      |     |     |
|---------------------------------------|---|------|-----|-----|
|                                       | 1   | 2    | 3   | 4   |
| 0.33*                                 | 0.04  | 0.04 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.4                                   | 0.1   | 0.1  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.5*                                  | 0.1   | 0.2  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.6                                   | 0.15  | 0.15 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 0.8*                                  | 0.5   | 0.5  | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 1                                     | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1.6 |
| 1.2                                   | 1   | 1    | 1   | 1.6 |
| 1.5*                                  | 1.5   | 1.5  | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| 2                                     | 3   | 3    | 3   | 3   |
| 2.5*                                  | 3   | 3    | 3   | 3   |
| 3                                     | 4   | 4    | 4   | 4   |
| 4*                                    | 5.5   | 5.5  | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| 5                                     | 8   | 8    | 8   | 8   |
| 6*                                    | 8   | 8    | 8   | 8   |
| 8*                                    | 14  | 14   | 14  | 14  |
| 10                                    | 25  | 25   | 25  | 25  |
| 12*                                   | 25  | 25   | 25  | 25  |

NOTES:

- \*1: Preferred Values Indicated in Table 4.5.1.
- 2: For printed wiring material, the values for pollution degree 1 apply except that the value shall not be less than 0.04 mm.
- 3: These minimum clearances given for pollution degree 2, 3, 4 are based on experience rather than on fundamental data.

**Table 4.5.4: IEC 664-1 Minimum Creepage Distances versus Working Voltage Insulation Coordination for Equipment within Low-Voltage Systems**

| Working Voltage<br>V rms | Insulation Level | Minimum Creepage Distances (mm)          |   |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|---|
|                          |                  | Pollution Degree 2<br>Material Group III | Pollution Degree 3<br>Material Group III* |
| 100                      | Basic            | 1.4                                      | 2.2                                       |
|                          | Reinforced       | 2  | 3.2                                       |
| 125                      | Basic            | 1.5                                      | 2.4                                       |
|                          | Reinforced       | 2.5                                      | 4   |
| 160                      | Basic            | 1.6                                      | 2.5                                       |
|                          | Reinforced       | 3.2                                      | 5   |
| 200                      | Basic            | 2  | 3.2                                       |
|                          | Reinforced       | 4  | 6.3                                       |
| 250                      | Basic            | 2.5                                      | 4   |
|                          | Reinforced       | 5  | 8   |
| 320                      | Basic            | 3.2                                      | 5   |
|                          | Reinforced       | 6.4                                      | 10  |
| 400                      | Basic            | 4  | 6.3                                       |
|                          | Reinforced       | 8  | 12.5                                      |
| 500                      | Basic            | 5  | 8   |
|                          | Reinforced       | 10                                       | 16  |
| 630                      | Basic            | 6.3                                      | 10  |
|                          | Reinforced       | 12.6                                     | 20  |
| 800                      | Basic            | 8  | 12.5                                      |
|                          | Reinforced       | 16                                       | 25  |
| 1000                     | Basic            | 10                                       | 16  |
|                          | Reinforced       | 20                                       | 32  |

NOTES:

\*1: Material group IIIb is not recommended for application in pollution degree 3 above 630 V and in pollution degree 4.

testing. This standard does not, therefore, specify any minimum thickness of solid insulation to achieve long-term withstand capability. Partial discharge testing is applicable for components or small assemblies or small equipment.

with a voltage having 1.2/50  $\mu$ sec waveform). This test is conducted for a minimum of three impulses of each polarity with an interval of at least 1s between pulses. The table below lists the voltage values for the verification of clearances only.

#### Verification Tests

For verifying clearances the test voltages are in accordance with withstand voltage requirements (rated impulse withstand voltages). An impulse test is only required for clearances smaller than the values listed in tables 4.5.2 and 4.5.3.

An impulse dielectric test is used to verify that clearances will withstand specified transient over-voltages (this test is carried out

**Table 4.5.5 Test Voltages for Verifying Clearances (at sea level)**

| Rated Impulse Voltage<br>kV | Impulse Test Voltage<br>kV |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 0.33                        | 0.35                       |
| 0.5                         | 0.55                       |
| 0.8                         | 0.91                       |
| 1.5                         | 1.75                       |
| 2.5                         | 2.95                       |
| 4                           | 4.8                        |
| 6                           | 7.3                        |
| 8                           | 9.8                        |
| 12                          | 14.8                       |



#### 4.6. International Standard IEC 950: Safety of Information Technology Equipment, Including Electrical Business Equipment

IEC 950 is a well known international standard which specifies the requirements for equipment connected directly to a telecommunication network. This type of equipment includes work stations, personal computers, printers, facsimile machines, cash registers, mail processing machines, document shredders, plotters, postage machines, modems and many more associated with telecommunication. IEC 950 is not limited to, but it is often associated with office equipment. The rated voltage of IEC 950 equipment is not to exceed **600 V** and is applicable to **Installation Category II**. Many country agencies have adopted IEC 950 as their own standard for office and related equipment.

Regarding optocouplers used for insulation, IEC 950 provides its own detailed **creepage** and **clearance** tables, as well as two other requirements which impact the use of optocouplers within the IEC 950 environment: **electric strength test** and **distance through insulation**. These requirements are all interrelated and are affected by not only creepage and clearance of the optocoupler, but also the equipment mains voltage, installation class of the equipment, pollution degree environment, comparative tracking index (CTI) of the optocoupler outermold compound (which categorizes the mold compound to a material group) and insulation level required (operational, basic, supplementary, reinforced). The majority of IEC 950 applications using optocouplers are at the **reinforced** level.

##### Electric Strength Test

“The electric strength of the insulating materials used within the equipment shall be adequate.”

Table 4.6.1 (IEC 950) shows the minimum test voltages for insulation levels and working voltage ranges. Optocouplers need to be capable of meeting the electric strength tests in Table 4.6.1 and are rated according to their dielectric withstand voltage, which is the capability of a device to withstand without breakdown for 60 seconds, a potential difference equal to the dielectric insulation voltage applied between the input and output leads of an optocoupler. A dielectric voltage rating is not to be interpreted as an input-output continuous working voltage.

In Table 4.6.1, “BODY” refers to all accessible conductive parts, shafts of handles, knobs, grips and the like, and metal foil in contact with all accessible surfaces of insulating material (see paragraph 1.2.7.5, IEC 950). Table 4.6.1 has been summarized to include optocoupler working voltages up to 1000 Vrms.

**Table 4.6.1: Test Voltages for Electric Strength Tests, Part 1**

|                                 | Test voltage volts r.m.s. (1 minute, 50 or 60 Hz)<br>Points of application (as appropriate) |                                |                                    |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                 | Primary to BODY<br>Primary to secondary<br>Between parts in PRIMARY CIRCUITS                |                                |                                    | Secondary to BODY<br>Between independent<br>secondaries |  |
| <b>Working Voltage (U)</b>      | ≤130 V<br>r.m.s   | 130 V < U<br>≤ 250 V<br>r.m.s. | 250 V < U<br>≤ 1,000 V<br>r.m.s    | U ≤ 42.4 V<br>peak, or<br>60 V d.c.                     | 42.4 V peak<br>or 60 V d.c.<br>< U ≤ 7 kV<br>r.m. s. |
| <b>Grade of Insulation</b>      |   |                                |                                    |   |  |
| <b>Operational</b>              | 1000  | 1500                           | See Va in<br>Table 4.6.1<br>Part 2 | 500   | See Va in<br>Table 4.6.1<br>Part 2                   |
| <b>Basic,<br/>Supplementary</b> | 1000  | 1500                           | "                                  | No test   | "  |
| <b>Reinforced</b>               | 2000  | 3000                           | 3000                               | No test   | See Vb in<br>Table 4.6.1                             |

Part 2 of Table 4.6.1 lists sequential working voltages and the associated electric strength tests required for those unique working voltages. Avago Technologies optocouplers meet a minimum dielectric withstand voltage of 2500 Vrms, 3750 Vrms and 5000 Vrms. Other condi-

tions influence working voltage (creepage, distance through insulation, material group, pollution degree). Once working voltage is established, the required test voltage can be determined from Part 2. An abbreviated Part 2 table is presented below:

**Table 4.6.1: Test Voltages for Electric Strength Test, Part 2, volts r.m.s.**

| Working Voltage U | Basic Va | Reinforced Vb | Working Voltage U | Basic Va | Reinforced Vb |
|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| 24                | 500      | 800           | 268               | 1531     | 2450          |
| 30                | 558      | 887           | 280               | 1563     | 2500          |
| 37                | 611      | 978           | 305               | 1626     | 260           |
| 43                | 655      | 1048          | 347               | 1726     | 2762          |
| 61                | 771      | 1233          | 395               | 1833     | 2933          |
| 70                | 821      | 1314          | 415               | 1875     | 3000          |
| 102               | 978      | 1565          | 452               | 1951     | 3000          |
| 107               | 1000     | 1600          | 537               | 2114     | 3000          |
| 130               | 1000     | 1751          | 610               | 2242     | 3000          |
| 155               | 1188     | 1900          | 725               | 2429     | 3000          |
| 200               | 1337     | 2139          | 825               | 2579     | 3000          |
| 247               | 1474     | 2359          | 938               | 2738     | 3000          |
| 257               | 1502     | 2403          | 1000              | 2820     | 3000          |

#### Distance Through Insulation

As applied to optocouplers, **distance through insulation** is the shortest direct distance between input and output conductors (usually the direct distance between the photoemitter and photodetector, or the input-output bond wires) inside the optocoupler cavity. Another term for distance through insulation is **internal clearance** when applied to optocouplers. For the time being:

- There is no thickness (distance through insulation) requirement for working voltages not exceeding 50 V ( $71 V_{pk}$  or d.c.).
- A minimum thickness of **0.4 mm** is required for supplementary and reinforced insulation levels.

Although creepage values of an optocoupler may indicate higher

allowable working voltages, any distance through insulation thickness **< 0.4 mm** limits the working voltage maximum to 50 V.

#### Creepage

Table 4.6.2 provides the required minimum creepage distances for associated working voltages for **operational, basic** and **supplementary** insulation. For **reinforced** insulation, the creepage values are twice the values in table 4.6.2 for basic insulation. Pollution Degree (typically 2) and Material Group (CTI) are also needed. Pollution Degree 1 represents a clean room or laboratory with a controlled environment. Components and assemblies are sealed so as to exclude exposure to dust and moisture. Pollution Degree 2 represents the normal office environment. Pollution Degree 3 represents a “dirtier” environment,

where equipment is subject to conductive pollution.

Material Group is based on the Comparative Tracking Index (CTI) rating obtained in accordance with IEC 112. All Avago Technologies optocouplers are molded from Material Group IIIa and have a CTI rating of 200:

Material Group I  
 $600 \leq \text{CTI}$

Material Group II  
 $400 \leq \text{CTI} < 600$

Material Group IIIa  
 $175 \leq \text{CTI} < 400$

Material Group IIIb  
 $100 \leq \text{CTI} < 175$

Table 4.6.2 - Minimum Creepage Distances (mm)

| Working Voltage<br>up to and<br>including<br>V r.m.s.<br>or d.c. | Pollution Degree 1<br>Material Group IIIa   |   | Pollution Degree 2<br>Material Group IIIa |      | Pollution Degree 3<br>Material Group IIIa |      |
|--|---|---|---|------|---|------|
|  | O, B, S   | R | O, B, S                                   | R    | O, B, S                                   | R    |
| 50   | Use appropriate<br>Clearance from<br>Table 4.6.3 or<br>Table 4.6.5<br>for Pollution<br>Degree 1 |   | 1.2                                       | 2.4  | 1.9                                       | 3.8  |
| 100  |   |   | 1.4                                       | 2.8  | 2.2                                       | 4.4  |
| 125  |   |   | 1.5                                       | 3.0  | 2.4                                       | 4.8  |
| 150  |   |   | 1.6                                       | 3.2  | 2.5                                       | 5.0  |
| 200  |   |   | 2.0                                       | 4.0  | 3.2                                       | 6.4  |
| 250  |   |   | 2.5                                       | 5.0  | 4.0                                       | 8.0  |
| 300  |   |   | 3.2                                       | 6.4  | 5.0                                       | 10.0 |
| 400  |   |   | 4.0                                       | 8.0  | 6.3                                       | 12.6 |
| 600  |   |   | 6.3                                       | 12.6 | 10.0                                      | 20.0 |
| 1000   |   |   | 10.0                                      | 20.0 | 16.0                                      | 32.0 |

O = Operational Insulation  
 B = Basic Insulation  
 S = Supplementary Insulation  
 R = Reinforced Insulation

## Clearance

IEC 950 provides minimum clearance tables for **primary circuits** (Table 4.6.3) and **secondary circuits** (Table 4.6.5). For **primary circuits**, minimum clearances are specified according to the expected working voltage, nominal mains supply voltage and transient overvoltage ratings according to Installation Category II. Installation Category II includes equipment which derives its power from the building or installation power system, requiring the equipment to be “plugged in”. A primary circuit is an internal circuit which is directly connected to the external supply mains or other equivalent electric power source, such as a motor-generator set.

**Secondary circuits** have no direct connection to primary power and derive their power from a transformer, converter or equivalent isolation device situated within the equipment. Secondary circuits are subject to Installation Category I and the clearance values are specified in Table 5 under similar conditions as Table 4.6.3: expected working voltage, equipment mains supply voltage and transient overvoltage ratings. Clearance values are not as large as those required for primary circuits.

Clearance values in parentheses apply only if the equipment manufacturer has a quality control

program in accordance with Annex R of IEC 950 specification.

If the repetitive peak voltages in a primary circuit exceed the peak values of the mains supply voltage (up to 300 V), then additional clearance must be included according to Table 4.6.4. The voltage values in parentheses apply only if the equipment manufacturer has a quality control program in accordance with Annex R.

**Table 4.6.3: Minimum Clearances for Insulation in primary circuits, and between primary and secondary circuits  
Basic and Reinforced, mm**

| Insulation working voltage up to and including |                  | Circuits subject to installation Category II                          |              |                    |              |  |              |                    |              |   |              |
|--|------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
|  |                  | Nominal mains supply voltage $\leq 150$ V<br>Transient rating 1,500 V |              |                    |              | Nominal mains supply voltage $> 150$ V<br>$\leq 300$ V<br>Transient rating 2,500 V |              |                    |              | Nominal mains supply voltage $> 300$ V<br>$\leq 600$ V<br>Transient rating 4,000V |              |
|  |                  | Pollution degrees 1 and 2   |              | Pollution degree 3 |              | Pollution degrees 1 and 2  |              | Pollution degree 3 |              | Pollution degrees 1, 2, and 3   |              |
| V peak or d.c. V                               | Vr.m.s. (sine) V | B   | R            | B                  | R            | B  | R            | B                  | R            | B   | R            |
| 71   | 50               | 1.0<br>(0.7)  | 2.0<br>(1.4) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 2.0<br>(1.7)   | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 2.0<br>(1.7)       | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 3.2<br>(3.0)  | 6.4<br>(6.0) |
| 210  | 150              | 1.0<br>(0.7)  | 2.0<br>(1.4) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 2.0<br>(1.7)   | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 2.0<br>(1.7)       | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 3.2<br>(3.0)  | 6.4<br>(6.0) |
| 420  | 300              | B 2.0 (1.7) R 4.0 (3.4)   |              |                    |              |  |              |                    |              | 3.2<br>(3.0)  | 6.4<br>(6.0) |
| 840  | 600              | B 3.2 (3.0) R 6.4 (6.0)   |              |                    |              |  |              |                    |              |   |              |
| 1400   | 1000             | B 4.2 R 6.4   |              |                    |              |  |              |                    |              |   |              |

B = Basic Insulation

R = Reinforced Insulation

**Table 4.6.4: Additional clearances for insulation in primary circuits with repetitive peak voltages exceeding the peak value of the mains supply voltage**

| Nominal mains supply voltage $\leq 150$ V |        | Nominal mains supply voltage $> 150$ V<br>$\leq 300$ V |       | Additional clearance mm |                       |     |     |
|---|--------|--|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Pollution degrees 1 and 2                 |        | Pollution degree 3                                     |       | Basic Insulation        | Reinforced Insulation |     |     |
| Maximum repetitive peak voltage V         |        | Maximum repetitive peak voltage V                      |       |                         |                       |     |     |
| 210                                       | (210)  | 210  | (210) | 420                     | (420)                 | 0   | 0   |
| 298                                       | (290)  | 294  | (300) | 493                     | (497)                 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| 386                                       | (370)  | 379  | (390) | 567                     | (574)                 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| 474                                       | (450)  | 463  | (480) | 640                     | (651)                 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 562                                       | (530)  | 547  | (570) | 713                     | (728)                 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| 650                                       | (610)  | 632  | (660) | 787                     | (805)                 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| 738                                       | (690)  | 716  | (750) | 860                     | (881)                 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| 826                                       | (770)  | 800  | (840) | 933                     | (985)                 | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| 914                                       | (850)  | -  | -     | 1006                    | (1035)                | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| 1002                                      | (930)  | -  | -     | 1080                    | (1112)                | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| 1090                                      | (1010) | -  | -     | 1153                    | (1189)                | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| -   | -      | -  | -     | 1226                    | (1266)                | 1.1 | 2.2 |
| -   | -      | -  | -     | 1300                    | (1343)                | 1.2 | 2.4 |
| -   | -      | -  | -     | -                       | (1420)                | 1.3 | 2.6 |

**Table 4.6.5: Minimum clearances in secondary circuits,  
Basic and Reinforced mm**

| Insulation working voltage up to and including |                         | Circuits subject to installation Category I  |              |                    |              |   |              |                    |              |   |              |   |              |
|--|-------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
|  |                         | Nominal mains supply voltage $\leq 150$ V<br>(Transient rating of secondary circuit 800 V) |              |                    |              | Nominal mains supply voltage $> 150$ V $\leq 300$ V<br>(Transient rating of secondary circuit 1500 V) |              |                    |              | Nominal mains supply voltage $> 300$ V $\leq 600$ V<br>(Transient rating of secondary circuit 2500 V) |              | Circuits not subjected to transient overvoltage |              |
| V peak or d.c. V                               | V r.m.s. (sinusoidal) V | Pollution degrees 1 and 2  |              | Pollution degree 3 |              | Pollution degrees 1 and 2   |              | Pollution degree 3 |              | Pollution degrees 1, 2 and 3  |              | Pollution degrees 1 and 2 only                  |              |
|  |                         | B  | R            | B                  | R            | B   | R            | B                  | R            | B   | R            | B   | R            |
| 71   | 50                      | 0.7<br>(0.4)   | 1.4<br>(0.8) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 1.0<br>(0.7)  | 2.0<br>(1.4) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 2.0<br>(1.7)  | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 0.4   | 0.8          |
| 140  | 100                     | 0.7<br>(0.6)   | 1.4<br>(0.8) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 1.0<br>(0.7)  | 2.0<br>(1.4) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 2.0<br>(1.7)  | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 0.7<br>(0.6)                                    | 1.4<br>(1.2) |
| 210  | 150                     | 0.9<br>(0.6)   | 1.4<br>(0.8) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 1.0<br>(0.7)  | 2.0<br>(1.4) | 1.3<br>(1.0)       | 2.6<br>(2.0) | 2.0<br>(1.7)  | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 0.7<br>(0.6)                                    | 1.4<br>(1.2) |
| 280  | 200                     | B 1.4(1.1) R 2.8(2.2)  |              |                    |              |   |              |                    |              | 2.0<br>(1.7)  | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 1.1   | 2.2          |
| 420  | 300                     | B 1.9(1.6) R 3.8(3.2)  |              |                    |              |   |              |                    |              | 2.0<br>(1.7)  | 4.0<br>(3.4) | 1.4   | 2.8          |
| 700  | 500                     | B 2.5 R 5.0  |              |                    |              |   |              |                    |              |   |              |   |              |
| 840  | 600                     | B 3.2 R 5.0  |              |                    |              |   |              |                    |              |   |              |   |              |
| 1400   | 1000                    | B 4.2 R 5.0  |              |                    |              |   |              |                    |              |   |              |   |              |

B = Basic Insulation

R = Reinforced Insulation

#### 4.7 Underwriter Laboratories Inc. Standard for Safety UL 508: Industrial Control Equipment

UL 508 is a safety standard that covers the area of industrial control devices that include devices for starting, stopping, controlling, and protecting electric motors. This standard covers devices rated up to 1500 V or less and intended for use in an ambient of 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F). Examples of other industrial control devices where this standard is applicable are solid state starters and controllers, solid state relays, control circuit switches and relays, programmable controllers, solid state logic controllers, proximity switches, etc.

In order to achieve clearance and creepage requirements UL 508 provides for two options. First option is the requirements listed in the UL 508 standard itself. Second option allows that clearance and creepage distances may be evaluated in accordance with the guidelines of UL 840. The UL 840 is a Standard for Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment. The safety standard requirements summarized in this section are based on the UL 508 standard. The safety requirements or compliance based on the insulation coordination standard UL 840 are summarized in another section of this regulatory guide.

According to UL these requirements are based upon sound engineering principles, research, field experience, installation, and use derived from consultation with

and information obtained from manufacturers. The observance of the requirements of this Standard by a manufacturer is one of the conditions of the continued coverage of the manufacturer's product.

UL 508 safety standard requires a dielectric voltage withstand test for verification purpose. While at its maximum normal operating temperature, industrial control equipment shall withstand 1 minute/ 60 Hz or a d.c. potential without breakdown. The test potential shall be the following values for or 1.414 times the following values for d.c.:

- 500 V - For industrial control equipment rated not more than 50 V
- 1000 V plus twice the rated voltage of the equipment - For all other industrial control

equipment rated more than 50 Volts.

- 1000 V - For industrial control equipment rated more than 50 V but not more than 250 V and intended for use in pollution degree 2.

A surge-controlled circuit shall withstand without breakdown a single 1.2 by 50  $\mu$ sec full-wave impulse with a crest value of 5.0 kV. The transient voltage surge shall not exceed 300 percent of the peak working voltage, or 300 V, whichever is greater (see *Techniques for High Voltage Testing, ANSI/IEEE 4-1978*). Figure 4.7.1 shows a typical impulse generator which can generate the requisite waveform for this test. The impulse generator is connected across the equipment for this test, while the equipment is connected to a single-phase source of supply at rated voltage.

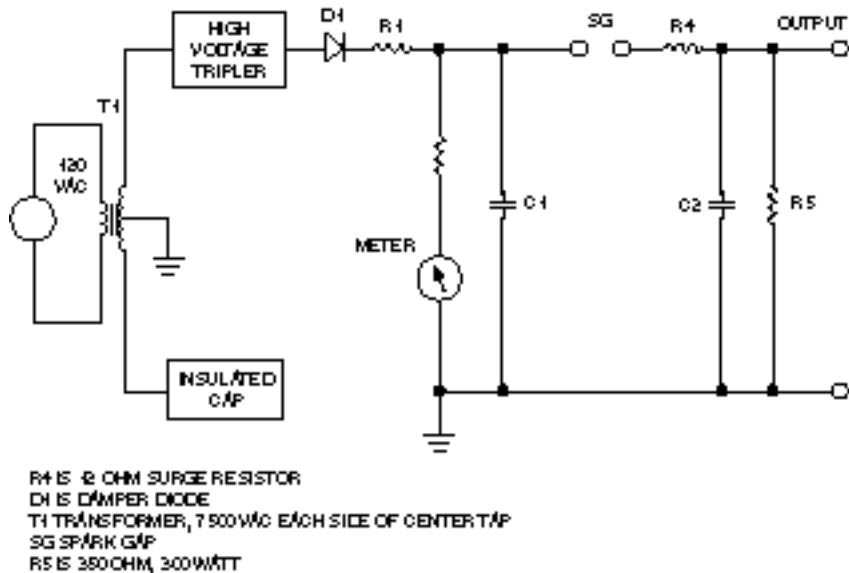


Figure 4.7.1: Typical Impulse Generator

**Table 4.7.1: UL 508 Creepage Requirements Between Traces of Opposite Polarity on Printed Wiring Boards**  
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| Volts**<br>V rms or dc | Transient Voltages<br>Not Limited |                | Transient Voltages<br>Limited*** |                |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|                        | Coated****<br>mm                  | Uncoated<br>mm | Coated****<br>mm                 | Uncoated<br>mm |
| 50                     | 0.18                              | 0.85           | 0.025                            | 0.04           |
| 100                    | 0.25                              | 1              | 0.1                              | 0.16           |
| 125                    | 0.28                              | 1.05           | 0.16                             | 0.25           |
| 160                    | 0.32                              | 1.1            | 0.25                             | 0.4            |
| 200                    | 0.42                              | 1.4            | 0.4                              | 0.63           |
| 250                    | 0.56                              | 1.8            | 0.56                             | 1              |
| 320                    | 0.75                              | 2.2            | 0.75                             | 1.6            |
| 400                    | 1                                 | 2.8            | 1                                | 2              |
| 500                    | 1.3                               | 3.6            | 1.3                              | 2.5            |
| 630                    | 1.8                               | 4.5            | 1.8                              | 3.2            |
| 800                    | 2.4                               | 5.6            | 2.4                              | 4              |
| 1000                   | 3.2                               | 7.1            | 3.2                              | 5              |

## NOTES:

1: This table is derived from Table IV of International Electrotechnical Commission, Publication 664A. Linear interpolation of values is permitted.

\*\*2: Voltage between the traces where spacing is measured.

\*\*\*3: The maximum recurring peak voltages shall not exceed the applicable value specified in Table 6.3 of UL 840 (see Table 4.7.2).

\*\*\*\*4: The coating shall comply with the requirements of the Printed Wiring Board Coating Performance test, Section 12, in UL 840, or another

**Table 4.7.2: UL 508 Maximum Recurring Peak Voltage Related to Creepage on Printed Wiring Boards**  
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| Creepage Distance<br>mm | Maximum Allowable<br>Recurring Peak Voltage |
|-------------------------|---|
| 0.025                   | 330   |
| 0.1                     | 360   |
| 0.2                     | 400   |
| 0.25                    | 450   |
| 0.4                     | 600   |
| 0.5                     | 640   |
| 0.75                    | 800   |
| 1                       | 913   |
| 1.3                     | 1049  |
| 1.5                     | 1140  |
| 1.8                     | 1250  |
| 2                       | 1314  |
| 2.4                     | 1443  |
| 2.5                     | 1475  |
| 3.2                     | 1700  |
| 4                       | 1922  |
| 5                       | 2200  |

## NOTES:

1: This table is derived from Table 6.3 of UL 840.

2: Voltage and creepage values may be interpolated linearly.

3: The maximum recurring peak voltages appearing across creepage distances on printed wiring boards shall be limited per this table.

**Tabel 4.7.3: UL 508 Minimum Acceptable Spacings  
Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Equipment**

| Potential Involved in<br>Vrms or dc  |                                   | Minimum Spacings (mm)                           |         |         |  |         |                          |         |                             |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---------|---------|--|---------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
|  |                                   | A<br>General Industrial<br>Control<br>Equipment |         |         | B<br>Devices having<br>Limited<br>Ratings* |         | C<br>Other<br>Devices ** |         | D<br>All<br>Circuits<br>*** |
|  |                                   | 50-150  | 151-300 | 301-600 | 51-300                                     | 301-600 | 51-150                   | 151-300 | 0-50                        |
| Between any uninsulated live part and an uninsulated live part of opposite polarity, uninsulated grounded part other than the enclosure, or exposed metal part | Through air or oil<br>(Clearance) | 3.2   | 6.4     | 9.5     | 1.6  | 4.8     | 3.2                      | 6.4     | 1.6                         |
|  | Over Surface<br>(Creepage)        | 6.4   | 9.5     | 12.7    | 3.2  | 9.5     | 6.4                      | 6.4     | 1.6                         |
| Between any uninsulated live part and the walls of a metal enclosure including fittings for conduit or armored cable   | Shortest Distance                 | 12.7  | 12.7    | 12.7    | 6.4  | 12.7    | 6.4                      | 6.4     | 6.4                         |

NOTES:

\*1: The spacings specified in column B of Table 4.7.3 are applicable to equipment:  
(1) Rated 1 horsepower (746 W output) or equivalent FLA, or less, 720 volt-amperes break pilot duty or less; or not more than 15 amperes at 51 - 150 volts, 10 amperes at 151 - 300 volts, or 5 amperes at 301 - 600 volts. (2) Of the type described in (1) which controls more than one load provided the total load connected to the line at one time does not exceed 2 horsepower (1492

W output), 1440 volt-amperes, or have a current rating greater than 30 amperes at 51 - 150 volts, 20 amperes at 151 - 300 volts, or 10 amperes at 301 - 600 volts.

\*\*2: The spacings specified in column C of table 4.7.3 apply only to equipment rated at 300 volts or less, and 1 horsepower (746 W output) or less or 2000 volt-amperes or less per pole and to a device that has a current rating per pole of 15 amperes or less at 51 -150 volts, 10 amperes at 301 -600 volts, or both.

\*\*\*3: Spacings apply as indicated, except as specified in (4) and the spacings between the low potential circuit are in accordance with the requirements that are applicable to the high-potential circuit.

4: The primary circuit spacings in industrial control power supplies intended for use in a pollution degree 2 environment shall be at least those specified in tables 4.7.5 and 4.7.6. See section 34 in UL 508. Spacings at field wiring terminal are per this table.



**Table 4.7.4: UL 508 Minimum Acceptable Spacings for Products with Known and Controlled Transient Voltages \*\* Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Equipment**

| Short Circuit Power*  | Peak Working Voltage | Minimum Spacings (mm)  |                         |  |                         |
|---|----------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
|   |                      | Between any uninsulated live part and an uninsulated live part of opposite polarity, uninsulated grounded part other than the enclosure, or exposed metal part |                         | Between any uninsulated live part and the walls of a metal enclosure Including fittings for conduit or armored cable |                         |
|   |                      | Through air or oil (Clearance)   | Over Surface (Creepage) | Through air (Clearance)  | Over Surface (Creepage) |
| More than 10 kVA, for use where transient voltages are known and controlled | 0 - 50               | 0.76   | 0.76                    | 12.7   | 6.35                    |
|   | 51 - 225             | 1.91   | 2.54                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
|   | 226 - 450            | 3.81   | 5.08                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
|   | 451 - 900            | 7.62   | 10.16                   | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
| More than 500 VA but not more than 10 kVA                                   | 0 - 50               | 0.76   | 0.76                    | 12.7   | 6.35                    |
|   | 51 -225              | 1.52   | 1.52                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
|   | 226 -450             | 2.54   | 2.54                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
|   | 451 - 900            | 5.08   | 5.08                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
| 500 VA or less  | 0 - 36               | 0.3  | 0.3                     | 12.7   | 6.35                    |
|   | 37 - 72              | 0.4  | 0.4                     | 12.7   | 6.35                    |
|   | 73 - 100             | 0.76   | 0.76                    | 12.7   | 6.35                    |
|   | 101 - 225            | 1.14   | 1.14                    | 12.7   | 6.35                    |
|   | 226 - 450            | 1.52   | 1.52                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |
|   | 451 - 900            | 2.54   | 2.54                    | 12.7   | 12.7                    |

## NOTES:

\*1: Maximum short-circuit power is the product of the open-circuit voltage and the short circuit current available at the supply terminals when protective devices are bypassed.

\*\*2: The spacings in industrial control equipment in which transient voltages are known and controlled by a transient suppressive device shall not be less than those specified in Table 4.7.4 except that spacings at a field-wiring terminal shall

be in accordance with Table 4.7.3. (the transient suppressive devices shall prevent peak transient voltages from exceeding 300 percent of the instantaneous peak working voltage or 300 V, whichever is greater).

**Table 4.7.5: UL 508 Power Supply Primary -Circuit Spacings Other than at Field-Wiring Terminals Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Devices**

| Potential Involved in Volts |               | Avago Optoisolator Groups* |                         |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| V rms                       | V peak        | Over Surface (Creepage)    | Through air (Clearance) |
| 0 -50                       | 0 - 70.7      | 1.2                        | 1.2                     |
| 51 - 125                    | 72.1 - 176.8  | 1.6                        | 1.6                     |
| 126 - 250                   | 178.2 - 353.6 | 2.4                        | 2.4                     |
| 251 - 600                   | 355.0 - 848.5 | 12.7                       | 9.5                     |

**Table 4.7.6: UL 508 Power Supply Primary-Circuit Spacings at Field-Wiring Terminals Safety Requirements for Industrial Control Devices**

| Potential Involved in Volts Vrms | Avago Optoisolator Product Groups* |  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|                                  | Between Field Wiring Terminals     | Between Field-Wiring Terminals and other Uninsulated parts |                                 |
|                                  |                                    | Through air or over Surface (Creepage or Clearance)        | Not always of the Same polarity |
|                                  |                                    | Over Surface (Creepage)                                    | Through air (Clearance)         |
| 0 - 50                           | A, B, C, D                         | 3.2  | 3.2                             |
| 51 - 250                         | A, B, C                            | 6.4  | 6.4                             |
| 251 - 600                        |                                    | 12.7   | 9.5                             |

#### 4.8 UL 840: Standard for Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment

In order to achieve clearance and creepage requirements, UL 508 provides for two options. First option is the requirements listed in the standard itself. Second option allows clearance and creepage distances may be evaluated in accordance with the guidelines of UL 840. The UL 840 is the Standard for Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment. The safety standard requirements summarized here are based on this second alternative, i.e., per the UL 840 insulation coordination standard.

The UL 840 is an insulation coordination standard that does not contain requirements for a specific product, but the ideas and concepts contained in it are applicable to a wide variety of different products. Thus, the requirements listed in UL 840 can be used if and only if an equipment safety standard covering the product category specifically references UL 840. Since the UL 508 specifically indicates

an alternative approach based on UL 840 is acceptable, we will use the UL 840 safety standard requirements to indicate compliance to the UL 508. End product standards may contain additional requirements that may take precedence over the UL 840.

Further, the UL 840 is based on the International Electrotechnical Commissions IEC 664-1 standard, which is an Insulation Coordination for Equipment Within Low Voltage Systems. Where the low voltage is defined as up to 1000 V ac with rated frequencies up to 30 kHz, or up to 1500 V dc. Since, the UL 840 is based on IEC 664, this allows for design access to both the U.S. and Europe.

Table 4.8.1 indicates various alternative test voltages (AC impulse, AC peak, DC, or AC rms) to evaluate clearances. The test voltage values are the dielectric voltage withstand test values to determine if the clearance is suitable, and are based on the spacings specified in the end product standard.

Table 4.8.2 indicates minimum clearance values to be used where levels of the overvoltages are controlled through overvoltage protection devices (e.g. filters or air gaps). The clearances can be established through measurement per this table, or alternatively can be evaluated by a dielectric voltage withstand test. The dielectric voltage withstand test for verifying clearances in equipment with overvoltage control will be per full lightning impulse test. The voltage is 1.2 by 50 microsecond impulse as indicated in the *Techniques for High Voltage Testing, ANSI/IEEE 4-1978*. Table 4.8.3 lists equivalent other methods to perform this test for verifying clearances.

Tables 4.8.4 and 4.8.5 indicate creepage requirements. Creepage values are dependent upon the operating voltages, comparative tracking index (CTI) of the insulation, and level of pollution. For printed circuit boards recurring peak voltages are evaluated per Table 4.8.6.

**Table 4.8.1: UL 840 Test Voltages for Verifying Clearances  
Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment**

| End-Product<br>Standard Specified<br>Minimum Clearance<br>mm | Test Voltages (kV)                      |               |               |                |                |  |               |               |                |                |
|--|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | AC Impulse, AC peak, or DC              |               |               |                |                | AC rms                                 |               |               |                |                |
|  | Altitude * (m) or [air pressure**, kPa] |               |               |                |                | Altitude* (m) or [air pressure**, kPa] |               |               |                |                |
|  | 0<br>[101.3]                            | 200<br>[98.8] | 500<br>[95.0] | 1000<br>[90.0] | 2000<br>[80.0] | 0<br>[101.3]                           | 200<br>[98.8] | 500<br>[95.0] | 1000<br>[90.0] | 2000<br>[80.0] |
| 0.4  | 1.7                                     | 1.7           | 1.7           | 1.6            | 1.5            | 1.2                                    | 1.2           | 1.2           | 1.2            | 1.1            |
| 0.8  | 2.2                                     | 2.1           | 2.1           | 2              | 1.9            | 1.5                                    | 1.5           | 1.5           | 1.4            | 1.3            |
| 1.2  | 2.75                                    | 2.7           | 2.65          | 2.5            | 2.3            | 1.95                                   | 1.9           | 1.9           | 1.75           | 1.6            |
| 1.6  | 3.3                                     | 3.3           | 3.2           | 3              | 2.7            | 2.4                                    | 2.3           | 2.3           | 2.1            | 1.9            |
| 2.4  | 4.4                                     | 4.3           | 4.1           | 3.9            | 3.5            | 3.1                                    | 3             | 2.9           | 2.8            | 2.5            |
| 3.2  | 5.3                                     | 5.2           | 5             | 4.8            | 4.3            | 3.7                                    | 3.7           | 3.6           | 3.4            | 3              |
| 4.8  | 6.9                                     | 6.8           | 6.6           | 6.2            | 5.6            | 4.9                                    | 4.8           | 4.7           | 4.4            | 4              |
| 6.4  | 8.3                                     | 8.2           | 7.9           | 7.5            | 6.8            | 5.9                                    | 5.9           | 5.6           | 5.3            | 4.8            |
| 9.5  | 10.9                                    | 10.7          | 10.3          | 9.8            | 8.8            | 7.7                                    | 7.7           | 7.3           | 7              | 6.3            |
| 12.7   | 14                                      | 13.7          | 13.2          | 12.5           | 11.2           | 9.9                                    | 9.7           | 9.3           | 8.9            | 7.9            |
| 25.4   | 25.5                                    | 24.6          | 24            | 22.7           | 20.2           | 18.2                                   | 17.6          | 17.1          | 16.2           | 14.4           |

Notes:

\* 1: Next lower specified altitude to be used for intermediate altitudes.

\*\*2: Values of air pressure in kilopascals are provided to permit testing at pressures simulating elevations different from the elevation of the test facility.

3: The withstand capability of a clearance is related to air pressure, therefore, the selection of test voltage is based on the altitude of the test location.

4: Test Voltages indicated in this table may be used to evaluate clearances by conducting a dielectric withstand test,

using a voltage value as specified in Table 4.8.1.

5: Test voltage is given in AC Impulse, AC peak, DC, or AC rms.

**Table 4.8.2: UL 840 Minimum Clearances for Equipment  
Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment**

| Phase-to-ground * rated system voltage (rms and dc)<br>Overvoltage Category |      |      |      | Rated Impulse<br>Withstand Voltage<br>peak, KV** | Clearance (mm)<br>Pollution degree |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|--|------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| I   | II   | III  | IV   |  | 1                                  | 2    | 3    | 4    |
| 50  |      |      |      | 0.33   | 0.01                               | 0.2  | 0.8  | 1.6  |
| 100   | 50   |      |      | 0.5  | 0.04                               | 0.2  | 0.8  | 1.6  |
| 150   | 100  | 50   |      | 0.8  | 0.1                                | 0.2  | 0.8  | 1.6  |
| 300   | 150  | 100  | 50   | 1.5  | 0.5                                | 0.5  | 0.8  | 1.6  |
| 600   | 300  | 150  | 100  | 2.5  | 1.5                                | 1.5  | 1.5  | 1.6  |
| 1000  | 600  | 300  | 150  | 4  | 3                                  | 3    | 3    | 3    |
| 1500  | 1000 | 600  | 300  | 6  | 5.5                                | 5.5  | 5.5  | 5.5  |
|   | 1500 | 1000 | 600  | 8  | 8                                  | 8    | 8    | 8    |
|   |      | 1500 | 1000 | 12   | 14                                 | 14   | 14   | 14   |
|   |      |      | 1500 | 16   | 19.4                               | 19.4 | 19.4 | 19.4 |

NOTES:

\*1: For ungrounded systems or systems with one phase grounded, the phase-to-ground voltage is considered to be the same as the phase-to-phase voltage for purposes of using this table.

\*\*2: Clearance Values to use based on the rating of the overvoltage protection means (controlled overvoltages).

3: Linear interpolation of the values is permitted.

4: This table may be used to evaluate clearances where the levels of overvoltage are controlled.

5: If clearances are selected and measured in accordance with this table the dielectric withstand test is not required.

6: Alternatively, Clearances may be evaluated by the dielectric voltage-withstand test in lieu of measuring clearance. The voltage is to be full lightning 1.2/50  $\mu$ sec impulse in accordance with Techniques for High Voltage Testing ANSI / IEEE 4-1978. See Table 4.8.3 for test details, and alternative equivalent methods.

**Table 4.8.3: UL 840 Test Methods to be Used to Test Clearances\*\*  
Insulation Coordination for Electrical Equipment**

| Type of Test     | Impulse****                   | AC rms                        | AC peak or DC                               | AC peak 1/2 Sine Wave | AC Peak Ramp                              |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Rate of Rise     | 1.2/50                        |                               |   |                       | 6000 V /sec                               |
| Hertz            |                               | 50-60                         | 50-60                                       | 50-60                 | 50-60                                     |
| Duration of Test | 3 Pos and<br>3 Neg*<br>Cycles | 3 Pos and<br>3 Neg*<br>Cycles | 3 Pos and<br>3 Neg.* Cycles<br>DC min 10 ms | 3 Pos and<br>3 Neg*   | 4 -5 mA<br>Leakage Current<br>Detection** |

NOTES:

\*1: The available current is to be limited to 4 -5 mA. The test equipment can be power limited or designed to shut off by the detection of 4 - 5 mA leakage current.

\*\* 2: The measured voltage must exceed the values in Table 4.8.1 and 4.8.2 as appropriate when the leakage current of 4 -5 mA is measured.

\*\*\*3: This table lists alternative tests to verify proper clearances.

\*\*\*\*4: The voltage is to be full lightning 1.2/50 microsecond impulse in accordance with Techniques for High-Voltage Testing ANSI/IEEE 4-1978.

**Table 4.8.4: UL 840 Minimum Acceptable Creepage Distances  
Insulation Coordination For Electrical Systems**

| Operating Voltage Vrms or dc | Pollution degree 1 | Pollution degree 2 | Pollution degree 3 | Pollution degree 4 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 20                           | 0.11               | 0.48               | 1.2                | 1.6                |
| 25                           | 0.125              | 0.5                | 1.25               | 1.7                |
| 32                           | 0.14               | 0.53               | 1.3                | 1.8                |
| 40                           | 0.16               | 1.1                | 1.8                | 3                  |
| 50                           | 0.18               | 1.2                | 1.9                | 3.2                |
| 63                           | 0.2                | 1.25               | 2                  | 3.4                |
| 80                           | 0.22               | 1.3                | 2.1                | 3.6                |
| 100                          | 0.25               | 1.4                | 2.2                | 3.8                |
| 125                          | 0.28               | 1.5                | 2.4                | 4                  |
| 160                          | 0.32               | 1.6                | 2.5                | 5                  |
| 200                          | 0.42               | 2                  | 3.2                | 6.3                |
| 250                          | 0.56               | 2.5                | 4                  | 8                  |
| 320                          | 0.75               | 3.2                | 5                  | 10                 |
| 400                          | 1                  | 4                  | 6.3                | 12.5               |
| 500                          | 1.3                | 5                  | 8                  | 16                 |
| 630                          | 1.8                | 6.3                | 10                 | 20                 |
| 800                          | 2.4                | 8                  | 12.5               | 25                 |
| 1000                         | 3.2                | 10                 | 16                 | 32                 |
| 1250                         | 4.2                | 12.5               | 20                 | 40                 |
| 1600                         | 5.6                | 16                 | 25                 | 50                 |
| 2000                         | 7.5                | 20                 | 32                 | 63                 |

NOTES:

1: Linear interpolation of the values is permitted.

2: Creepage Values shown are for Material Group IIIa only.

3: This table is applicable for equipment subject to long-term stress.

4: Creepage distances will be based on Tables 4.8.4 or 4.8.5.

5: Creepage values are a function of the operating voltage across the insulation, comparative tracking index (CTI), and the level of pollution expected or controlled at the creepage distance.

6: For Printed wiring boards using Table 4.8.5, the existence of recurring voltages is to be evaluated per Table 4.8.6.

**Table 4.8.5: UL 840 Minimum Acceptable Creepage Distance On Printed Wiring Boards  
Insulation Coordination For Electrical Equipment**

| Operating Voltage<br>Vrms or dc | Minimum Creepage (mm) |       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
|                                 | Pollution Degree      |       |
|                                 | 1*                    | 2**   |
| 10-50                           | 0.025                 | 0.04  |
| 63                              | 0.04                  | 0.063 |
| 80                              | 0.063                 | 0.1   |
| 100                             | 0.1                   | 0.16  |
| 125                             | 0.16                  | 0.25  |
| 160                             | 0.25                  | 0.4   |
| 200                             | 0.4                   | 0.63  |
| 250                             | 0.56                  | 1     |
| 320                             | 0.75                  | 1.6   |
| 400                             | 1                     | 2     |
| 500                             | 1.3                   | 2.5   |
| 630                             | 1.8                   | 3.2   |
| 800                             | 2.4                   | 4     |
| 1000                            | 3.2                   | 5     |

NOTES:

1: Linear Interpolation of the values is permitted.

\*2: This column is applicable to Material Group I, II, IIIa, IIIb.

\*\*3: This column is applicable for Material Group I, II, IIIa. For Material Group IIIb use Table 4.8.4.

4: This Table provides values for Pollution degrees 1 and 2. For Pollution Degree 3 and 4 use Table 4.8.4.

5: Creepage values are a function of the operating voltage across the distance, comparative tracking index (CTI), and the level of pollution expected or controlled at the creepage distance.

6: For Printed wiring boards using Table 4.8.5, the existence of recurring voltages is to be evaluated per Table 4.8.6.

7: For pollution degree 2, the CTI of the printed wiring board must be at least 175.

**Table 4.8.6: UL 840 Maximum Recurring Peak Voltages Related to  
Creepage Distances On Printed Wiring Boards  
Insulation Coordination For Electrical Equipment**

| Creepage Distance mm | Maximum Allowable Recurring Peak Voltage | Creepage Distance mm | Maximum Allowable Recurring Peak Voltage |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| 0.025                | 330                                      | 1                    | 913                                      |
| 0.04                 | 336                                      | 1.3                  | 1049                                     |
| 0.063                | 345                                      | 1.5                  | 1140                                     |
| 0.1                  | 360                                      | 1.6                  | 1150                                     |
| 0.16                 | 384                                      | 1.8                  | 1250                                     |
| 0.2                  | 400                                      | 2                    | 1314                                     |
| 0.25                 | 450                                      | 2.4                  | 1443                                     |
| 0.4                  | 600                                      | 2.5                  | 1475                                     |
| 0.5                  | 640                                      | 3.2                  | 1700                                     |
| 0.56                 | 678                                      | 4                    | 1922                                     |
| 0.63                 | 723                                      | 5                    | 2000                                     |
| 0.75                 | 800                                      |                      |  |

NOTES:

1: Voltage and Creepage values may be interpolated linearly.

2: The affect of recurring peak voltages must be considered if the creepage distances on printed wiring boards are used.

3: Creepage values are a function of the operating voltage across the distance, comparative tracking index (CTI), and the level of pollution expected or controlled at the creepage distance.

4: For Printed wiring boards using Table 4.8.5, the existence of recurring voltages is to be evaluated per Table 4.8.6.

5: For pollution degree 2, the CTI of the printed wiring board must be at least 175.

6: Devices having a coated wiring board are tested in the uncoated condition.

7: Maximum recurring peak voltage is tested under operating conditions, over 100 cycles, and voltage over the creepage distance is monitored with an oscilloscope having a bandwidth of at least 1 megahertz.

## 4.9 IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Optoisolator Safety Standard

### Introduction

In most optocoupler applications, where there is a significant potential difference between the isolation barrier, the most important safety parameter becomes the maximum continuous permitted voltage, also called the maximum working insulation voltage ( $V_{iorm}$ ). For IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 approvals, optoisolator components undergo a unique amount of stringent qualification tests that include environmental, mechanical, isolation, and electrical tests. The criterion for passing the components is the partial discharge test with a rigorous limit of 5 pC.

The philosophy underlying the partial discharge testing is that an insulation for safe electrical isolation needs to withstand not only a breakdown voltage, but also a voltage that prevents any imperceptible degradation due to high electrical fields which may cause the insulation to break down over time or over repetitive cycles. Or, to look at this concept in another light, it is not necessarily a thicker insulation that is safer. A thinner insulation may be superior if it has no micro voids, air gaps, impurities, or greater capability to resist erosion or decomposition or degradation. Thus, partial discharge, which is also known as a corona discharge, is symptomatic of incipient damage, which will eventually lead to catastrophic damage over time. Therefore, the dielectric strength of an insulating material is a function of the quality of the insulation and not merely thickness of the insulation.

In addition, the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 optoisolator component standard specifies maximum safety limiting values of input LED current, detector power dissipation, and package/case temperature, that an optocoupler can be exposed to under a single fault condition for safe operation over the lifetime of the equipment. Table 4.9.1 lists the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Approved Avago Technologies Optoisolator Product Groups. This table also lists the VDE 0884 data sheet and parameters that the optocoupler components are rated and approved for under the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 optoisolator safety standard.

**Table 4.9.1: Avago Technologies IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Approved Optocoupler Ratings**

| Description  | Symbol         | IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2            |  |                         |                             | Unit           |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
|  |                | Group A<br>(HCNWXXX)<br>(HCNRXXXX) | Group B<br>(HCPL-7XXX,<br>-JXXX & -XXXJ) | Group C<br>PDIP<br>#060 | Group D<br>SO-8             |                |
| Installation Classification<br>(DIN VDE 0110/1.89, Table 1)<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 1000 V rms<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 600 V rms<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 300 V rms<br>Rated Mains Line Voltage < 150 V rms |                | I - III<br>I - IV                  | I - III<br>I - IV                        | I - III<br>I - IV       | I - II<br>I - III<br>I - IV |                |
| Climatic Classification  |                | 55/100/21                          | 55/100/21                                | 55/100/21               | 55/100/21                   |                |
| Pollution Degree (DIN VDE 0110/1.89)   |                | 2                                  | 2  | 2                       | 2                           |                |
| Maximum Working Insulation Voltage   | Viorm          | 1414                               | 848 / 891                                | 630                     | 560                         | V peak         |
| Production Input to Output Test Voltage,<br>1 second Vpr = 1.875 x Viorm,<br>Partial discharge < 5 pC  | Vpr            | 2652                               | 1590                                     | 1181                    | 1063                        | V peak         |
| Qualification Input to Output Test Voltage,<br>60 second Vpr = 1.5 x Viorm,<br>Partial Discharge < 5 pC  | Vpr            | 2121                               | 1272                                     | 945                     | 840                         | V peak         |
| Maximum Transient Overvoltage<br>t ini = 10 seconds Qualification Test   | Viotm          | 8000                               | 6000                                     | 6000                    | 4000                        | Vpeak          |
| Comparative Tracking Index   | CTI            | 200                                | 175                                      | 175                     | 175                         | V              |
| Isolation group (DIN VDE 0110/1.89,<br>Table 1)  |                | IIIa                               | IIIa                                     | IIIa                    | IIIa                        |                |
| Insulation Resistance at Tsi = 25°C,<br>Vio = 500 V  | Rs             | > 10 <sup>9</sup>                  | > 10 <sup>9</sup>                        | > 10 <sup>9</sup>       | > 10 <sup>9</sup>           | ohms           |
| Safety Limiting Ratings<br>Maximum package/case temperature<br>Maximum LED Input Current<br>Maximum Detector Power Dissipation   | Ts<br>Is<br>Ps | 150<br>400<br>700                  | 175<br>80<br>250                         | 175<br>230<br>600       | 150<br>150<br>600           | °C<br>mA<br>mW |

## \* NOTES:

1: See Table 2.1 for Avago Optoisolator Product Groups:  
Group A = 400 mil Widebody Package (HCNW/HCNR), Group B = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-7XXX/JXXX) and SO-16 package (HCPL-XXXJ), Group C = 300 mil DIP Package (HCPL-XXXX), Group D = SO-8 Package.

2: See Table 2.1 for VDE 0884 approved optoisolators.

3: Climatic Classification of some products in Group B is (40/100/21) and for others it is (40/85/21).

## IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Data Sheet Parameters and Ratings

### Installation Class / Installation Category/ Application Class

The four Installation Classifications or Installation Categories are based on the transient overvoltages that are expected under a rated supply mains voltages. This classification is based on insulation coordination standards such as the DIN/VDE 0110 and/or the IEC 664. Table 4.9.2 lists the installation classification as a function of the rated impulse/transient voltage expected under a nominal power supply system or line voltage or distribution system per IEC 664-1.

As can be seen from this table, highest overvoltage transients are expected at the installation cate-

gory IV and most benign transients are expected at the installation category I. For instance, for a 300 V rms line voltage the maximum transients expected for various installation classes are listed in table 4.9.3 below.

According to IEC 664-1, equipment of overvoltage category IV is for use at the origin of the installation. Examples of such equipment are electricity meters and primary overcurrent protection equipment. Equipment of overvoltage category III is equipment in fixed installations. Examples of such equipment are switches in the fixed installation and equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation. Equipment of overvoltage category II is energy consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installa-

tion. Examples of such equipment are appliances, portable tools and other household and similar loads. Equipment of overvoltage category I is equipment for connection to circuits in which measures are taken to limit transient overvoltages to an appropriately low level. Installation category I includes portable electrical equipment that generally obtain power from secondary voltage of a transformer. Examples are protected electronic circuits, telecommunication circuits, computers, etc.

**Table 4.9.2: Installation Categories and Rated Transient Impulse Voltages**

| Nominal Voltage of the Supply System (V) |              | Voltage Line to Neutral up to and Including V rms or dc | Rated Transient/Impulse Voltages V peak |      |      |       |
|--|--------------|---|---|------|------|-------|
| Three Phase                              | Single Phase |   | Installation/Overvoltage Categories     |      |      |       |
|  |              |   | I                                       | II   | III  | IV    |
|  |              | 50  | 330                                     | 500  | 800  | 1500  |
|  |              | 100   | 500                                     | 800  | 1500 | 2500  |
|  | 120 - 240    | 150   | 800                                     | 1500 | 2500 | 4000  |
| 230/400 277/480                          |              | 300   | 1500                                    | 2500 | 4000 | 6000  |
| 460/690                                  |              | 600   | 2500                                    | 4000 | 6000 | 8000  |
| 1000                                     |              | 1000  | 4000                                    | 6000 | 8000 | 12000 |

**Table 4.9.3: Transient Voltages and Installation Categories**

| Rated Mains Voltage V rms | Transient Voltage V peak Installation Categories |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|--|------|------|------|
|                           | I  | II   | III  | IV   |
| 300                       | 1500   | 2500 | 4000 | 6000 |



### Climatic Classification

The climatic classification and rating in Table 4.9.1 is indicated as 55/100/21 for the HCNW/HCNR products (Group A) and as 55/85/21 for the PDIP devices (Group C). These numbers denote the environmental conditions under which the product was qualified for by the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2. The first number (e.g. 55) represents the lowest maximum storage temperature (low temperature storage at -55°C, two hours). The second number (e.g. 100) represents the maximum operating temperature (dry heat storage, 16 hours). The third number, 21, represents 21 days of constant damp heat conditions at 85% RH and 85°C ambient temperature.

### Pollution Degree

Pollution degree captures the impact of both micro-environment and macro-environment. For the purposes of evaluating creepage distances and clearances, the following four degrees of pollution in the micro environment are established per IEC-664-1.

**(a) Pollution Degree 1:** This is the most benign pollution environment, and implies no pollution or

only dry, non-conductive pollution, which has no real impact. This type of environment can be construed as an air-conditioned clean environment as can be found in laboratory clean rooms or offices.

**(b) Pollution Degree 2:** In this environment only non-conductive pollution occurs except that occasionally a temporary conductivity caused by condensation may be expected. This type of environment could be non-temperature controlled home environment. Thus, any household appliance such as electric cookers, laundry washing machines, dishwashers, stereos, amplifiers, radios, and electric musical instruments will be subjected to.

**(c) Pollution Degree 3:** In this environment pollution occurs or dry non-conductive pollution occurs which becomes conductive due to condensation. This type of environment can be expected in industrial warehouses or other industrial storage or manufacturing areas.

**(d) Pollution Degree 4:** In this environment pollution generates persistent conductivity caused by

dust or by rain or snow. This is the most stringent environment and is generally seen in exposed outside environment.

### Maximum Working Insulation Voltage

The prime voltage that the VDE 0884 qualification testing attempts to extract is the working voltage of the optocoupler component. This is the most important parameter which indicates what the maximum continuous operating voltage that a device or insulation can be exposed to without any danger of the insulation being catastrophically destroyed. For instance, in table 4.9.1 the maximum working voltages for the Avago Technologies optocouplers are listed as summarized in Table 4.9.4 below.

As long as the optocouplers are exposed to voltages up to or below the maximum working insulation voltage, it is expected that no partial discharge takes place, there is no degradation of the insulating material of the optocoupler, and safety imposed limits have not been exceeded. Table 4.9.5 below lists the test voltages vs. the working voltages.

**Table 4.9.4: Maximum Working Voltage for Avago Optocouplers**

| Description                        | Symbol | Rating Group A<br>HCNW<br>HCNR | Rating Group B<br>HCPL-7XXX,<br>-JXXX & -XXXJ | Rating Group C<br>PDIP<br>#060 | Rating Group D SO-8<br>TUV per<br>VDE 0884 | Units  |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--------|
| Maximum Working Insulation Voltage | Viorm  | 1414                           | 848 / 891                                     | 630                            | 560  | V peak |

**Table 4.9.5: Insulation Test Voltages vs. Maximum Working Voltage**

| Working Voltage<br>Vrms | Test Voltage<br>V peak<br>I | Test Voltage<br>V peak<br>II | Test Voltage<br>V peak<br>III | Test Voltage<br>V peak<br>IV |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 50                      | 330                         | 500                          | 800                           | 1500                         |
| 100                     | 500                         | 800                          | 1500                          | 2500                         |
| 150                     | 800                         | 1500                         | 2500                          | 4000                         |
| 300                     | 1500                        | 2500                         | 4000                          | 6000                         |
| 600                     | 2500                        | 4000                         | 6000                          | 8000                         |
| 1000                    | 4000                        | 6000                         | 8000                          | 12000                        |

## Partial Discharge Test Methods per IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2

The IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 standard specifies two test methods for the partial discharge testing. Test Procedure (A) is for type (characterization) and sample testing, and is construed to be a destructive test, as at the test voltages some partial discharge can be assumed to be initiated. Test Procedure (B) is for manufacturer's 100% production testing, and is a non-destructive test procedure. Figures 4.9.1 and 4.9.2 indicate the voltage versus time relationships for the type and production tests respectively. The voltages indicated are Peak AC voltages.

Partial discharge is measured during the voltage indicated as  $V_{pr}$ . For Type testing the magnitude of the partial discharge test voltage ( $V_{pr}$ ) is equal to  $1.5 \times V_{orm}$  for 60 seconds, where the  $V_{orm}$  is the maximum working voltage that is established for the device. For production testing the partial discharge voltage is equal to  $1.875 \times V_{orm}$  for 1 second. The maximum charge that can accumulate during the partial discharge testing, either in type testing or production testing, is 5 pC.

### Maximum Transient Overvoltage - $V_{iotm}$

This is the maximum initial voltage that an optocoupler is subjected to for 10 seconds during the partial discharge qualification testing. In Type testing partial discharge may occur between  $V_{initial}$  (=  $V_{iotm}$ ) and  $V_{pr}$ , but they shall have discontinued when the voltage is reduced to  $V_{pr}$  (see figure 4.9.1). Type testing is considered a destructive test, as the voltages and times may have initiated some partial discharge damage.

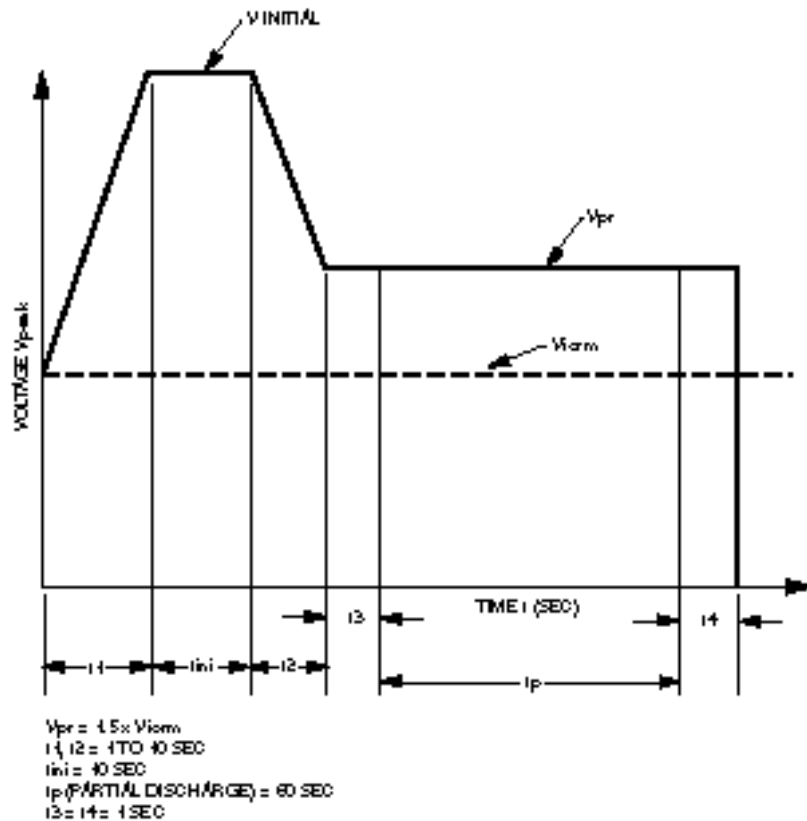


Figure 4.9.1: Type and Sample Testing: Method (A) - Destructive Test

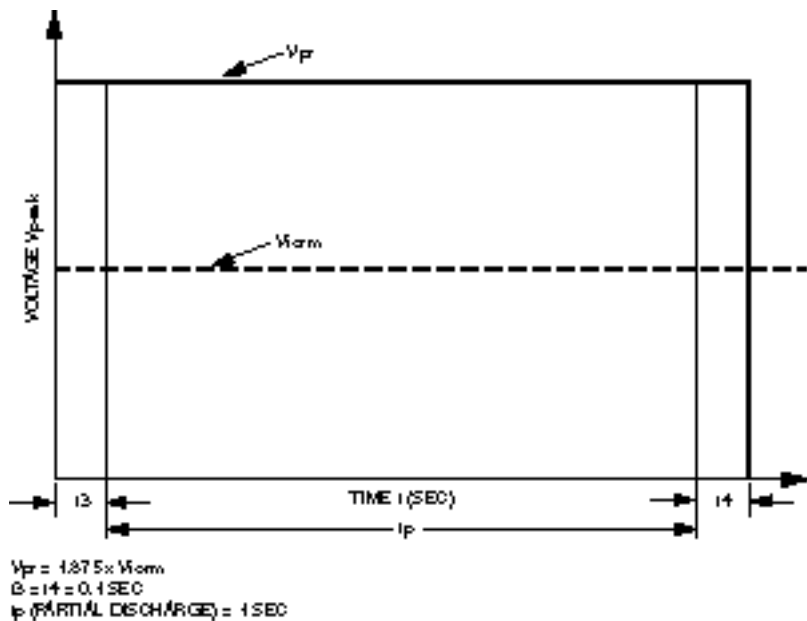


Figure 4.9.2: 100% Production Testing: Method (B) - Non-destructive Test

Thus, the maximum transient overvoltage (Viotm) is the maximum transient voltage that is expected in a particular installation category, and is also the initial voltage during the type testing. Table 4.9.6 summarizes the transient overvoltage ratings for Avago Technologies

IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Optoisolator product families. To comply with the IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 safety standard for optoisolators, the components in a particular application will not be subjected to any transient overvoltage equal to or above this voltage level. If

the transient overvoltage rating is exceeded then it may be expected that some partial discharge damage possibly has occurred which may eventually lead to a failure of the insulation.

**Table 4.9.6: IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Maximum Transient Overvoltages for Avago Optoisolators**

| Description                   | Symbol | Rating Group A<br>HCNW<br>HCNR | Rating Group B<br>HCPL-7XXX<br>and -XXXJ | Rating Group C<br>PDIP<br>Option 060 | Rating Group D<br>SO-8<br>TUV | Units  |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Maximum Transient Overvoltage | Viotm  | 8000                           | 6000                                     | 6000                                 | 4000                          | V peak |

See Table 2.1 for Optocoupler Product Groups

## Creepage and Clearance Spacings

The creepage distance is defined as the shortest distance along the surface of the insulating material between two conductive parts or leads. This shortest distance may be either over the package or under the package or side of the

package. The clearance distance is the shortest distance in the air between two conductive parts or leads. The IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 standard specifies the spacings per DIN VDE 0110 part 1, Tables 2 and 4.

**Table 4.9.7: Creepages and Clearances for Avago Optoisolators**

| Spacing   | Rating Group A<br>HCNW<br>HCNR | Rating Group B<br>HCPL-7XXX,<br>-JXXX & -XXXJ | Rating Group C<br>PDIP<br>Option 060 | Rating Group D<br>SO-8 | Units |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Creepage  | 10                             | 8   | 7.4                                  | 4.8                    | mm    |
| Clearance | 9.6                            | 7.4   | 7.1                                  | 4.9                    | mm    |

See Table 2.1 for Optocoupler Product Groups

## Comparative Tracking Index (CTI)

The insulation materials can be classified according to their comparative tracking indices, which attempts to capture the resistance to leakage currents or resistance to insulation deterioration in the presence of aqueous contaminants when a high voltage is applied to such surface. The test is performed

according to IEC 112. Aqueous contaminants are dropped on the insulating material, and voltage is determined when electrolytic conduction or tracking occurs. Insulating materials are separated into four isolation groups according to their CTI values as follows:

Material Group I  
600 < CTI

Material Group II  
400 < CTI < 600

Material Group IIIa  
175 < CTI < 400

Material Group IIIb  
100 < CTI < 175

### Maximum Safety Limiting Ratings

The maximum safety ratings indicate the absolute maximum power and temperature that an optocoupler can be exposed or subjected to during a single fault condition. Where a single fault condition is defined as a condition in which one means for protection against a hazard is defective. An application circuit configuration must guarantee that the maximum safety ratings will never be exceeded during the single fault condition to prevent damage to the optocoupler or its insulation. These ratings are not normal operating ratings, but values that should not be exceeded. The safety ratings list the maximum case temperature, maximum input LED current, and maximum detector power dissipation, and pertinent derating curves are provided in case of a single failure mode.

### Insulation Resistance / Isolation Resistance

For the insulation resistance test both the input terminals (emitter side) and the output terminals (detector side) are short circuited respectively. The insulation resistance of the optocoupler is determined by applying 500 V across the shorted input terminals and shorted output terminals 60 seconds after application of this high voltage.

### IEC/EN/DIN EN 60747-5-2 Qualification / Type Test Procedure

A total of 130 optoisolators are supplied to the VDE to perform the qualification tests. Five test batches are formed, with batch one consisting of 20 devices, batch two and three consisting of 30 devices each, batch four consisting of 40 devices, and the fifth consisting of

10 devices. All test devices should pass the test requirements of a particular test batch. In case of any failure, the relevant tests are repeated on a further test batch of the same size, and no further failures are allowed. Devices that have been subjected to the type testing are not used again.

The following sequence of tests is performed:

- a) Visual Inspection (n = 80)
- b) Soldering heat withstand (260°C for 5 seconds, n = 80)
- c) Dielectric strength measurement (test voltage =  $1.875 U_{iorm}$  / 1 sec, n = 80)
- d) Functional Check (n = 80)
- e) Insulation Resistance (500 V for 1 minute, n = 80)

#### Test Batch #1, Sample size = 20 devices

- a) Temperature Cycles - Five temperature cycles with a dwell time of 3 hours at the specified minimum and maximum storage temperatures, with subsequent storage times of 2 minutes minimum and 3 minutes maximum at each temperature extreme.
- b) Vibration - Frequency range of vibration is 10 Hz to 500 Hz, Amplitude of vibration is 0.75 mm, maximum acceleration of 10 g, duration of stressing is 10 cycles per axis.
- c) Mechanical Shock - Three shocks in each direction, with an acceleration of 100 g. Duration of each shock is 6 ms, and form of shock is half sine wave.
- d) Dry Heat - Input and Output stressed at not less than working Voltage ( $U_{iorm}$ ) or a minimum of 700 V at not less than 100°C for 16 hours.

- e) Damp Heat - one cycle at 55°C
  - f) Low Temperature - Two hours at the minimum ambient temperature.
  - g) Damp Heat - Stressing period of 21 days at 85 / 85 (85°C at 85% RH).
  - h) Final Measurements - As a pretreatment devices are dried at room temperature for one to two hours. Final measurements are made within 6 hours after the pretreatment according to manufacturer's data sheet at room temperature, and no failures are allowed. Partial discharge test is performed at  $1.5 \times U_{iorm}$ , with a maximum discharge limit of 5 pC. Then insulation resistance is measured at 500 V at room temperature, and this must be greater than  $1 \times 10^{12}$  ohms. After this an Impulse voltage test is performed with 50 discharges at 10,000 V over 1 nF capacitor, with a maximum discharge rate of 12 per minute. Subsequently, an insulation resistance is measured at 500 V, and the insulation resistance ( $R_{i-o}$ ) will not be less than  $1 \times 10^9$  ohms.
- Test Batch # 2, Sample size = 30 devices**
- a) Input Overload Safety Test - Input loaded at safe current and/or power limit for 72 hours (LED If = Is, Ta = Ts).
  - b) Final Test - Partial discharge tested at  $1.2 \times U_{iorm}$ , with a partial discharge maximum limit of 5 pC. Subsequently, Insulation resistance is measured at 500 V and insulation resistance must not be less than  $1 \times 10^9$  ohms.

### Test Batch # 3, Sample Size = 30 devices

a) Output Overload Safety Test - Output is loaded at safe output power for 72 hours, (Output power =  $P_s$ ,  $T_a = T_s$ , input loading may be necessary).

b) Final Test - Partial discharge tested at  $1.2 \times U_{iorm}$ , with a partial discharge maximum limit of 5 pC. Subsequently, insulation resistance is measured at 500 V and insulation resistance must not be less than  $1 \times 10^9$  ohms.

### Test Batch # 4, Sample Size = 40 devices

a) Insulation Resistance at Elevated Temperature - The Insulation resistance is measured at a maximum ambient temperature or a minimum of  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , and also at room temperature. The resistance is measured at 500 V, and the insulation resistance must be higher than  $1 \times 10^{11}$  ohms at high temperature and greater than  $1 \times 10^9$  ohms at  $T_a = T_s$ .

### Test batch # 5, Sample size = 10 devices

a) Creepage and Clearance Spacings - External creepage distances and clearances are measured in accordance with the rated insulation voltage and relevant degree of pollution.

b) Flammability Test - The thermal behavior of insulants is determined in accordance with DIN IEC 695 part 2-2 / VDE 0471 part 2-2. The time of application of the test flame is 10 seconds.

## Partial Discharge Measurement

One method to measure partial discharge consists of a narrow band test method. VDE uses narrow band test method because of their higher accuracy and lower interference or noise levels. Narrow band is defined by VDE to be a 3 dB frequency of the test circuit to be not less than 15 kHz. The center frequency of the measurement circuit, which can be an LC resonance circuit, may be any frequency between 150 kHz and 5 MHz. No measurements are made at the resonance frequency.

Figure 4.9.3 shows a typical narrowband partial discharge circuit. Z is either a current limiting resistor or any other impedance or filter to reduce interference from the a.c. supply voltage. Ck is a coupling capacitor. Zm is the mea-

suring circuit, and in the case of narrow band test method, this consists of an LC resonance circuit. Calibration of the measuring circuit is done so that peak voltage proportional to the partial discharge is observed at the measuring instrument, and can be observed on an oscilloscope. The response of the LC resonance circuit is a damped oscillatory waveform at the resonance frequency.

Calibration of the measurement circuit is done such that the circuit is capable of measuring a charge value as low as 1 pC. Measuring circuit and calibration procedures are in accordance with DIN VDE 0434/05.83.

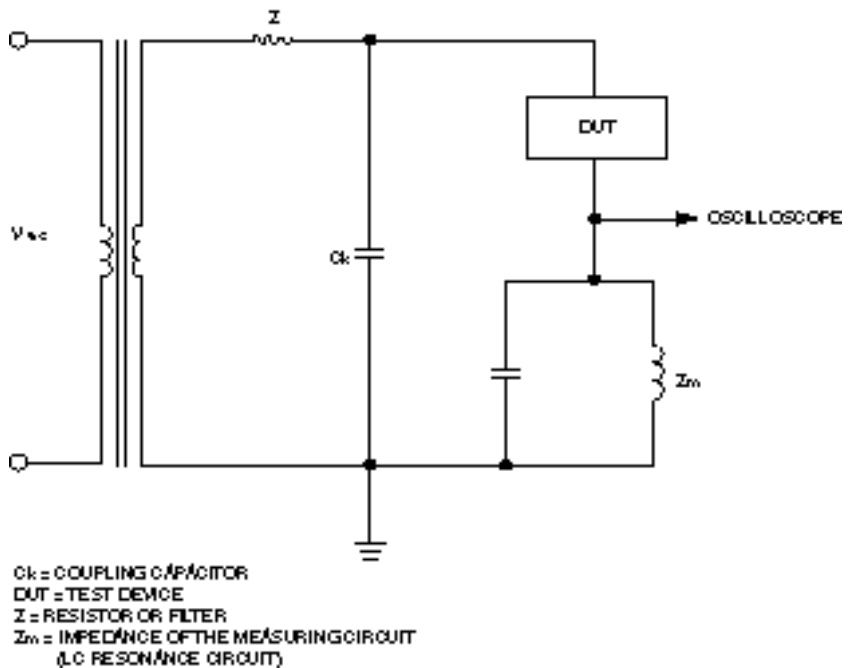


Figure 4.9.3: Narrowband Partial Discharge Test Circuit

#### 4.10 UL 1577 Third Edition, March 31, 1995 (Optical Isolators - Standard for Safety)

UL 1577 is the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standard which covers the insulation requirements for optocouplers; it does not cover electrical properties. The requirements of UL 1577 are also intended for optocouplers used in equipment with a supply voltage not exceeding 600 V ac rms or dc. Successful completion of the requirements and regular follow-up inspections by UL allow these components to be listed in UL's Component Recognition Program. Other terms used for optocouplers are optical isolators, optical couplers or photocouplers.

##### Construction

The construction requirements for optocouplers are straightforward. Optocouplers must provide corrosion protection for their metal leadframes by enameling, galvanizing, plating or other equivalent means. Metal for current carrying parts shall be copper, silver, gold, nickel, aluminum, an alloy of the same materials or an equivalent material.

The insulating material (body molding and internal cavity) must meet the requirements of UL746C, *Standard for Polymeric Materials - Use in Electrical Equipment Evaluations*. Normally, the Dielectric Voltage-Withstand Test is sufficient to evaluate the insulating material, but if the generic temperature rating of the material is exceeded, then the optocoupler must be subjected to a Limited Thermal Aging Test (per UL 746B and Section 12, UL 1577).

External "spacings" are determined by the end product spacing requirements. UL 1577 does not impose any internal or external construction requirements on optocoupler manufacturers. There is no minimum distance through insulation requirement of 0.4 mm minimum for reinforced insulation applications as imposed by some equipment standards. (Distance through insulation distance is the direct distance between the emitter and detector, conductor to conductor, inside the optocoupler cavity.)

##### Performance

The primary test of an optocoupler's insulation capability is the Dielectric Voltage-Withstand test. This is a one minute test where a voltage (ac rms or dc) is applied between the input and output terminals of the optocoupler. This voltage is the rating of the optocoupler's insulation which includes the outer body mold and any other materials used inside the cavity which houses the photo-emitter LED and photo-detector. The Dielectric Voltage-Withstand Rating is a safety parameter, does not mean a continuous voltage rating and is considered a destructive test. Typical withstand voltage ratings range from 2500 Vrms - 5000 Vrms.

Optocoupler qualification testing consists of environmental conditioning which includes storage at the LED maximum rated junction temperature, storage at the maximum rated operating temperature, high humidity storage, low temperature storage, and operating life at 150% of maximum rated power, all followed by the one minute dielectric withstand-voltage test and

visual inspection for no cracking or warping of the encapsulating material.

##### Manufacturing and Production-Line Tests

Each optocoupler is tested at 120% of the rated dielectric insulation voltage for one second.

##### Ratings and Markings

The following ratings shall be provided as a minimum (usually listed in a manufacturer's data sheet or catalog), in either graphic or tabular form:

- Maximum continuous power
- Maximum continuous current
- Voltage rating for the photo-emitter
- Voltage rating for the photo-detector
- Dielectric voltage-withstand rating (Vrms or Vdc)
- Maximum operating temperature, derating specifications

Each optocoupler shall be marked with the manufacturer's name or trademark, and the catalog designation. There is very little room for much else, but usually a datecode is provided for traceability as well as the pin one orientation mark. The backwards UR symbol, which designates a recognized component, is optional and not required to be placed on the optocoupler body. UL symbology or marks are placed on the next level of shipping container. Markings in compliance with UL 1577 are listed in UL's Recognized Component Directory under product category FPQU2.

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- 5.7 Optocoupler Input-Output Endurance Voltage  
Application Note 1074

## Appendix 5.1: Regulatory Standards\* Agency Addresses

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|--|---|
| <p>1. IEC Central Office<br/>Customer Service Center<br/>3, rue de Varembe<br/>P.O. Box 131, 1211 Geneve 20<br/>Switzerland<br/>Telephone: +41 22 919 02 11<br/>Telefax: +41 22 919 03 00<br/>Internet: dn@iec.ch or<br/>ek@iec.ch</p> | <p>4. American National Standards<br/>Institute (ANSI)<br/>105 - 111 South State Street,<br/>Hackensack, New Jersey 07601<br/>Telephone: 212 642 4900<br/>Fax: 212 302 1286</p>   |
| <p>2. The Deutsche<br/>Elektrotechnische Kommission<br/>in the DIN and VDE (DKE)<br/>Berlin Office<br/>Burggrafenstr. 6, 1000<br/>Berlin 30.<br/>Germany</p>   | <p>5. European Committee for<br/>Electrotechnical<br/>Standardization (CENELEC)<br/>35, Rue de Stassartstraat<br/>B-1050 Brussels, Belgium<br/>Phone: +32 2 519 68 71<br/>Fax: +32 2 519 69 19<br/>Email: general@cenelec.org</p> |
| <p>3. American National Standards<br/>Institute (ANSI)<br/>11 West 42nd Street,<br/>New York, New York<br/>10036-8002</p>  | <p>6. Underwriters Laboratories Inc.<br/>333 Pingsten Road<br/>Northbrook, Illinois 60062-<br/>2096<br/>Telephone: 708 272 8800<br/>Fax: 708 272 8129</p>   |

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\* An increasing amount of safety standards related information is readily available on the Internet. A consolidated list of agencies and information is available at Product Safety International's web site at: <http://www.safetylink.com>

Visit the relevant web sites for further information regarding safety standards and agencies:

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|-------------|---|
| a) IEC:     | <a href="http://www.iec.ch/">http://www.iec.ch/</a>   |
| b) VDE:     | <a href="http://www.vde.de/vde/html/e/more/more.htm">http://www.vde.de/vde/html/e/more/more.htm</a> |
| c) CSA:     | <a href="http://www.csa.ca/">http://www.csa.ca/</a>   |
| d) CENELEC: | <a href="http://www.cenelec.org/">http://www.cenelec.org/</a>                                       |
| e) UL:      | <a href="http://www.ul.com/">http://www.ul.com/</a>   |
| f) ANSI:    | <a href="http://www.ansi.org/home.html">http://www.ansi.org/home.html</a>                           |

For further Optoisolator and Regulatory information, please contact Avago Technologies.



## Appendix 5.2: Bibliography

The following bibliography is limited to the safety standards consulted in the preparation of this “Regulatory Guide to Isolation Circuits”:

|     | <b>Standard</b>  | <b>Date</b> | <b>Title</b>  |
|-----|------------------|-------------|---|
| 1.  | IEC 1010 - 1:    | 1990        | Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use.                                    |
| 2.  | IEC 601 -1:      | 1988        | Medical electrical equipment, general requirements for safety.  |
| 3.  | IEC 65 :         | 1985        | Safety requirements for mains operated electronic and related apparatus for household and similar general use.                |
| 4.  | IEC 950:         | 1991        | Safety of information technology equipment, including electrical business equipment.  |
| 5.  | IEC 664 - 1:     | 1992        | Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems.   |
| 6.  | DIN EN 50178:    | 1994        | Safety requirements for electrical equipment for use in   |
| cal |                  | (VDE 0160)  | electrical power installations and their assembly into electrical power installations.  |
| 7.  | UL 508:          | 1995        | Standard for safety, industrial control equipment.  |
| 8.  | UL 840:          | 1995        | Standard for safety, insulation coordination, including clearances and creepage distances for electrical equipment.           |
| 9.  | UL 1577:         | 1995        | Standard for safety, optical isolators .  |
| 10. | DIN VDE 0160:    | 1988        | Electronic equipment for use in electrical power installations and their assembly into electrical power installations.        |
| 11. | DIN EN 60747-5-2 | 2003        | Discrete semiconductor devices and integrated circuits-Part 5-2: Optoelectronic devices-Essential ratings and characteristics |
| 12. | IEC 60747-5-2    | 1997        | Discrete semiconductor devices and integrated circuits-Part 5-2: Optoelectronic devices-Essential ratings and characteristics |
| 13. | EN 60747-5-2     | 2001        | Discrete semiconductor devices and integrated circuits-Part 5-2: Optoelectronic devices-Essential ratings and characteristics |

## Appendix 5.3: Glossary of Terms and Definitions

### Common Safety Terms and Definitions

Since safety terms and definitions may vary a little (based on context) from one safety standard to another, Avago has compiled some common terms and referred to a specification (in parenthesis) from which the definition was taken. The purpose of this compilation is by no means to be exhaustive, but to give a sampling of common safety standards terms that may be of some use or interest to the general reader. The reader is encouraged to consult an appropriate safety standard listed for further details, elaboration, or information:

**1. AIR CLEARANCE** - Shortest path in air between conductive parts (IEC 601-1).

**2. BASIC INSULATION** - Insulation applied to live parts to provide basic protection against electric shock (IEC 664-1).

**3. CLASS I EQUIPMENT**  
- Equipment where protection against electric shock is achieved by:

a) using BASIC INSULATION, and also

b) providing means of connecting to the protective earthing conductor in the building wiring those conductive parts that are otherwise capable of assuming HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES if the BASIC INSULATION fails (IEC 950).

**4. CLASS II EQUIPMENT** - Equipment in which protection against electric shock does not rely on BASIC INSULATION only, but in which additional safety

precautions, such as DOUBLE INSULATION or REINFORCED INSULATION, are provided, there being no provision for protective earthing or reliance upon installation conditions (IEC 950).

**5. CLASS III EQUIPMENT**  
- Equipment in which protection against electric shock relies upon SELV CIRCUITS and in which HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES are not generated (IEC 950).

**6. CREEPAGE DISTANCE** - Shortest path along the surface of insulating material between two conductive parts (IEC 601-1).

**7. DOUBLE INSULATION** - Insulation comprising both basic insulation and supplementary insulation (IEC 664-1).

**8. EXTRA-LOW VOLTAGE (ELV) CIRCUIT** - A SECONDARY CIRCUIT with voltages between conductors, and between any conductor and earth, not exceeding 42.4 V peak, or 60 V d.c., under normal operating conditions, which is separated from HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE by at least BASIC INSULATION, and which meets neither all of the requirements for a SELV CIRCUIT nor all of the requirements for a LIMITED CURRENT CIRCUIT (IEC 950).

**9. FUNCTIONAL INSULATION**  
- Insulation between conductive parts which is necessary only for the proper functioning of the equipment (IEC 664-1).

**10. IMPULSE WITHSTAND VOLTAGE** - The highest peak value of impulse voltage of prescribed form and polarity which does not cause breakdown of insulation under specified conditions (IEC 664-1).

### 11. INSTALLATION CATEGORY (OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY)

- Classification of parts of installation systems or circuits with standardized limits for transient overvoltages, dependent on the nominal line voltage to earth (IEC 1010-1).

### 12. MACRO-ENVIRONMENT

- The environment of the room or other location in which the equipment is installed or used (IEC 664-1).

**13. MAINS VOLTAGE** - Voltage of SUPPLY MAINS between two line conductors of a polyphase system or voltage between the line conductor and the neutral conductor of a single-phase system (IEC 601-1).

### 14. MICRO-ENVIRONMENT

- The immediate environment of the insulation which particularly influences the dimensioning of the creepage distances (IEC 664-1).

### 15. NORMAL CONDITION

- Condition in which all means provided for protection against SAFETY HAZARD are intact (IEC 601-1).

### 16. OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I

- Equipment of overvoltage category I is equipment for connection to circuits in which measures are taken to limit transient overvoltages to an appropriately low level. Examples are protected electronic circuits (IEC 664-1).

### 17. OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II

- Equipment of overvoltage category II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation. Examples of such equipment are appliances, portable tools and

other household and similar loads (IEC 664-1).

### 18. OVERVOLTAGE

**CATEGORY III** - Equipment of overvoltage category III is equipment in fixed installations and for cases where the reliability and the availability of the equipment are subject to special requirements. Examples of such equipment are switches in the fixed installation and equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation (IEC 664-1).

### 19. OVERVOLTAGE

**CATEGORY IV** - Equipment of overvoltage category IV is for use at the origin of the installation. Examples of such equipment are electricity meters and primary overcurrent protection equipment.

### 20. PARTIAL DISCHARGE (PD)

- Electric discharge that partially bridges the insulation (IEC 664-1).

### 21. PARTIAL DISCHARGE EXTINCTION VOLTAGE ( $U_e$ )

- The lowest peak value of the test voltage at which the apparent charge becomes less than the specified discharge magnitude when the test voltage is reduced below a high level where such discharges have occurred (IEC 664-1).

### 22. PARTIAL DISCHARGE INCEPTION VOLTAGE ( $U_i$ )

- The lowest peak value of the test voltage at which the apparent charge becomes greater than the specified discharge magnitude when the test voltage is increased above a low value for which no discharge occurs (IEC 664-1).

**23. PARTIAL DISCHARGE TEST VOLTAGE ( $U_t$ )** - The peak value of the test voltage at which

the apparent charge has to be less than the specified discharge magnitude (IEC 664-1).

**24. POLLUTION** - Any addition of foreign matter, solid, liquid, or gaseous that can result in a reduction of electric strength or surface resistivity of the insulation (IEC 664-1).

### 25. POLLUTION DEGREE

- For the purposes of evaluating CREEPAGE DISTANCES and CLEARANCES the following four degrees of pollution in the micro-environment are established (IEC 664-1)

### 26. POLLUTION DEGREE 1

- No pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no influence (IEC 664-1)

### 27. POLLUTION DEGREE 2

- Only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected (IEC 664-1).

### 28. POLLUTION DEGREE 3

- Conductive pollution occurs or dry non-conductive pollution occurs which becomes conductive due to condensation which is to be expected (IEC 664-1).

### 29. POLLUTION DEGREE 4

- The pollution generates persistent conductivity caused by conductive dust or by rain or snow (IEC 664-1).

**30. PRIMARY CIRCUIT** - An internal circuit which is directly connected to the external supply mains or other equivalent source (such as a motor-generator set) which supplies the electric power. It includes the primary windings

of transformers, motors, other loading devices and the means of connection to the supply mains (IEC 950).

**31. RATED VOLTAGE** - The primary power voltages (for three-phase supply, the phase-to-phase voltage) as declared by the manufacturer (IEC 950).

### 32. REINFORCED INSULATION

- A single insulation system applied to live parts, which provide a degree of protection against electric shock equivalent to double insulation under the conditions specified in the relevant IEC standard (IEC 664-1).

**33. ROUTINE TEST** - A test of one or more samples of equipment (or parts of equipment) made to a particular design, to show that the design and construction meet one or more requirements of this standard (IEC 1010-1).

**34. SAFETY EXTRA-LOW VOLTAGE (SELV)** - Voltage which does not exceed a NOMINAL value of 25 V a.c. or 60 V d.c. at RATED supply voltage on the transformer or converter, between conductors in an earth-free circuit which is isolated from the SUPPLY MAINS by safety EXTRA-LOW VOLTAGE TRANSFORMER or by devices with an equivalent separation (IEC 601-1).

**35. SECONDARY CIRCUIT** - A circuit which has no direct connection to primary power and derives its power from a transformer, convertor or equivalent isolation device situated within the equipment (IEC 950).

**36. SINGLE FAULT CONDITION** - Condition in which a single means for protection against a SAFETY HAZARD in equipment is

defective or a single external abnormal condition is present (IEC 601-1).

**37. SUPPLEMENTARY INSULATION** - Independent insulation applied in addition to basic insulation, in order to provide protection against electric shock in the event of a failure of basic insulation (IEC 664-1).

**38. TRACKING** - The progressive formation of conducting paths on the surface of a solid insulating material, due to the combined effects of electric stress and electrolytic contamination of this surface (IEC 950).

**39. TRANSIENT OVERVOLTAGE** - A short duration overvoltage of a few milliseconds or less, oscillatory or non-oscillatory, usually highly damped (IEC 664-1).

**40. TYPE TEST** - A test of one or more samples of equipment (or parts of equipment) made to a particular design, to show that the design and construction meet one or more requirements of this standard (IEC 1010-1).

**41. WORKING VOLTAGE** - The highest voltage to which the insulation under consideration is, or can be, subjected when the equipment is operating at its RATED VOLTAGE under conditions of normal use (IEC 950).

## **Appendix 5.4: About the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission)**

Since IEC is the truly international or global organization, manufacturers that are operating in the international arena must of necessity take cognizance of the safety standard requirements advised by this organization. The IEC standards are reviewed at maximum intervals of five years by the relevant Technical Committee, to determine whether they should be confirmed, revised, or withdrawn.

IEC is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. All of the IEC standards are listed in the "Catalogue of IEC Publications". Supplements updating the catalogue are published six times a year and are distributed with the IEC Bulletin.

The mission and objectives of the IEC are best captured in their own words, and we quote: "The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the authoritative worldwide body responsible for developing consensus of global standards in the electrotechnical field. It is dedicated to their global harmonization and voluntary adoption in the interests of society in general, supporting the transfer of electrotechnology, assisting certification, and promoting international trade.

The IEC has served the world's electrical industry since 1906, developing international standards to promote quality, safety, performance, reproducibility and environmental compatibility of materials, products and systems. For the past 40 years, it has also set standards for the electronics and telecommunications industries.

The IEC present membership of 51 countries includes most major trading nations. They represent at least 80 percent of the world's population and generate 95 percent of its electricity.

In each member country, a National Committee is expected to represent the full spectrum of electrotechnical interests in that country, including suppliers and users as well as government, trade, professional and scientific bodies. The officers of the IEC and the presidents of national committees govern the Commission, each national member having equal voting rights in all IEC bodies.

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IEC standards are widely adopted as the basis of national or regional electrotechnical standards, and are often quoted in manufacturers' specifications and by users when calling for tenders. For example, nearly 90 percent of the Electrotechnical European Standards (EN) harmonized by CENELEC and adopted in the countries of the European Union and the European Free Trade Area are either identical with or very closely based on the IEC international standards. Equivalent EN reference numbers are included with the appropriate IEC standards in the main list of publications in this catalogue.

This widespread adoption facilitates international trade in the electrical and electronic engineering sectors, already responsible for well over 30 percent of all manufactured goods traded world wide and making up the manufacturing sector with the highest growth rate.

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In the United States, the IEC catalogue can be obtained from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) located in New York. See Appendix 6.1 for their address.

### **Appendix 5.5: UL Organization Mission and Objectives**

The mission and objective of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. is quoted here in full:

“ Underwriters Laboratories Inc., founded in 1894, is chartered as a not-for-profit organization without capital stock, under the laws of the State of Delaware, to establish, maintain, and operate laboratories for the examination and testing of devices, systems and materials to determine their relation to hazards to life and property, and to ascertain, define and publish standards, classifications and specifications of materials, devices, products, equipment, constructions, methods, and systems affecting such hazards.

UL Standards for safety are developed under a procedure which provides for participation and comment from the affected public as well as industry. The procedure takes into consideration a survey of known existing standards and the needs and opinions of a wide variety of interests concerned with the subject matter of the standard. Thus manufacturers, consumers, individuals associated with consumer-oriented organizations, academicians, government officials, industrial and commercial users, inspection authorities, insurance interests and others provide input to UL in the formulating of UL standards for Safety, to keep them consonant with social and technological advances.”

## **Appendix 5.6: VDE Organization Mission and Objectives**

The mission and objective of the VDE (Verband Deutscher Elektrotechniker) is quoted here in full:

### **VDE – The Association of German Electrical Engineers**

“The Association of German Electrical Engineers is a non-profit association for electrical science and technology. It was founded in 1893. More than 35,000 engineers, natural scientists and technicians are members of the VDE. In addition there are some 1,000 corporate members, including all important companies of the electrical and power industry as well as numerous federal authorities. On the regional level the VDE is represented by 34 local sections and 55 branch offices. The registered seat is Frankfurt am Main.

One of VDE’s main tasks is the promotion of technical progress and the application of electrical engineering/electronics, information technology and associated technologies. VDE contributes through the organization of conferences to national and international transfer of technical know-how among experts. Another task of the VDE is to support in a competent and objective manner public discussions dealing with the assessment of consequences of technical development.

### **VDE in its capacity as a scientific organization**

The technical and scientific work is mainly performed by five technical associations, namely the Information Technology Society and the Power Engineering Society within VDE jointly with the Verein Deutscher Ingenieure in the technical societies “Microelectronics”,

“Measurement and Automation Engineering” and “Microelectronics and Precision Engineering”. Important work is done by the numerous committees, e.g. in the area of accident research or education policy. Every five years the VDE submits a study dealing with the topic of the demand for engineers in the field of electrical engineering.

### **German Electrotechnical Commission of DIN and VDE (DKE)**

Standards covering the entire area of electrical engineering are drawn up by the German Electrotechnical Commission of DIN and VDE (DKE), the juridical responsibility for running the DKE being in the hands of the VDE whose registered seat is at the VDE Offices in Frankfurt. The DKE represents and safeguards German interests within the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CELELEC) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). The VDE Specifications (VDE Specifications Code) are issued in the form of DIN VDE Standards, the major part being European Standards. Some 4000 delegates are drawing up standards in approximately 150 committees, 270 sub-committees and 300 working groups.

### **VDE Testing and Certification Institute**

According to the VDE Specifications or other generally acknowledged rules of engineering the VDE Testing and Certification Institute, being a neutral and independent body, carries out about 18,000 tests annually and issues test certificates. About 200,000 types of electrotechnical products, particularly household appliances, luminaires, medical electrical equipment, entertainment electronic equipment, installation material, etc., bear a

VDE Certification Mark certifying compliance with all safety-relevant technical requirements.

### **Technology Center Information Technology**

The VDI/VDE Technology Center Information Technology, Berlin, operated under the joint responsibility of VDE and VDI, is currently coordinating the establishment and enlargement of technology and foundation centers. The purpose of its activities is to facilitate the start of operations for young enterprises in particular.

### **International activities of the association**

VDE’s activities and reputation are not only confined to standardization and certification. It also organizes international and scientific meetings, is a member of EUREL, the Convention of National Societies and Electrical Engineers of Western Europe, and contributes, through the DKE committees’ work, to the drawing-up of IEC and CENELEC Standards.

### **Publications in numerous areas of electrical science and technology**

The “VDE-VERLAG GMBH” (Publishing House) with registered seats in Berlin and Offenbach undertakes the issue of publications in the field of electrical engineering and science among which particular stress is put on the VDE Standards Code, electrotechnical literature as well as national and European technical journals.”

Further information regarding VDE can be found at VDE’s web site at: <http://www.vde.de/vde/html/e/more/more.htm>

# Optocoupler Input-Output Endurance Voltage

## Application Note 1074

### Introduction

A major concern of circuit designers is the reliability of an optocoupler when subjected to repeated and long-term, high-voltage stress between its input and output. Most of the technical data on optocouplers adequately address the capability of an optocoupler to withstand one-time high-voltage transients, but they do not adequately address the issues of:

- a) how long one can apply a steady state ac or dc voltage between the input and output of the optocoupler before degrading the semiconductors or the insulation inside the optocoupler, and
- b) how often one can apply high-voltage transients before degrading the optocoupler.

In attempting to answer these questions, a series of operating life tests were conducted on Avago optocouplers. Several optocoupler lots were subjected to different input-output high-voltage stress tests to examine the failure rate and the time taken to fail. Upon completion of these tests, the test data was analyzed to create safe operating areas for long-term, input-output high-voltage stress.

The boundary of the safe operating areas for the steady-state input-output high-voltage stress is referred to as Endurance Voltage.

Figure 1 describes the concept of Endurance Voltage for one family of Avago optocouplers. As shown in this figure, the bottom region is the safe operating area for steady-state ac and dc input-output voltage stress meant for continuous application of a high-voltage stress. The middle region is the safe operating region for transient voltage stress. Operating outside both of these safe operating regions causes the optocoupler to wear-out either in functionality or in isolation capability, and is not recommended for use.

This application note discusses an Avago input-output voltage stress study that was conducted on Avago optocouplers. The results from these tests indicate that Avago optocouplers are robust for long-term survival in applications where a continuous high-voltage stress is applied across the input-output. Avago optocouplers can safely withstand a continuous voltage up to either 800 Vac, or 1000 Vdc. Before discussing the high-voltage stress test details, it

is worthwhile to define some of the common high-voltage terminology and put that in context with Endurance Voltage.

### High-Voltage Terminology

The basic purpose of an optocoupler is to send signals between two circuits or systems that need electrical insulation from one another. During signal transmission between the two circuits or systems the optocoupler must also have the capability to reject common mode voltages and transients and this capability is referred to as signal isolation. There are several terms used in the industry to define and quantify the signal isolation and electrical insulation capability of an optocoupler. Some of the common terms used in Avago Technologies technical literature are described below.

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### Signal Isolation

The isolation function of an optocoupler is defined by its ability to pass desired signals and reject unwanted signals or transients. Optocoupler isolation capability is largely determined by its input-output capacitance and the electrical design of the detector circuit. Most optocouplers use the common-mode rejection parameter to define and quantify the signal isolation capability.

### Electrical Insulation

When an optocoupler acts as a coupling device between two circuits or systems that have a potential difference, then the insulation capability of the optocoupler is defined by its ability to prevent physical damage to the surrounding circuitry as well as to itself. Electrical insulation is often a safety issue which is regulated by many countries' safety agencies\* at both the component level and at the equipment level. Safety standards are often set up to establish the requirements for the insulation barrier between safe and hazardous voltages within equipment. They also define test, material and dimensional requirements based on conditions which are expected to be encountered. Definitions of safe and hazardous voltage levels vary among countries and equipment. Components like optocouplers, which are often part of the insulation barrier, are sometimes addressed separately in order to simplify equipment level qualification. There are five major ways of defining and quantifying the insulation properties of an optocoupler.

#### *Input-Output Resistance:*

To measure the input-output resistance of an optocoupler, usually 500 Vdc is applied between the optocoupler input and output for a duration of one minute, and the leakage current is measured. With the leakage current value, one can calculate the input-output resistance. The input-output resistance is merely one type of short duration insulation test and it gives the circuit designer an indication of the amount of dc leakage current for a particular input-output voltage.

#### *Input-Output Insulation Voltage or Dielectric Withstand Voltage:*

This is usually defined by a one minute rating for the maximum voltage that can be applied between the input and output of an optocoupler. Either long duration or repeated application of high-voltage stress may cause permanent damage and functional failure of the optocoupler. The one-minute Dielectric Withstand Voltage does not indicate the capability of the optocoupler to withstand long-term application of high-voltage stress nor does it tell you how often and how many times one can apply these high-voltage pulses.

*Internal Clearance:* The shortest direct through-insulation distance between the input and output circuitry within the optocoupler.

*External Clearance:* The shortest air-gap distance between the input and output leads of the optocoupler.

*External Creepage:* The shortest external surface distance between the input and output leads of the optocoupler.

The Internal Clearance, External Clearance, and External Creepage specifications of optocouplers are useful for obtaining component and equipment regulatory insulation safety approvals in various countries, as well as for determining the Working Voltage of an optocoupler, which is defined below.

### Working Voltage

The highest steady-state voltage that can be applied across the input-output insulation of an optocoupler as defined by equipment standards and Regulatory Agency guidelines is called the Working Voltage. Some of the considerations for determining the Working Voltage of an optocoupler are the type of equipment the optocoupler is designed into, the relevant safety issues in the use of the equipment, the mains voltage of the equipment, and the environment in which the equipment is used.

In situations where a Regulatory Agency is not involved, then the Working Voltage is defined by the equipment application. In such a case, the Working Voltage is the maximum input-output steady state voltage that the optocoupler encounters in the circuit application.

### Endurance Voltage

The Endurance Voltage, a term defined by Avago Technologies, is the maximum voltage that can be applied between the input and output terminals of an optocoupler for extended periods of time without damaging the optocoupler. Damage to an optocoupler can include loss of operation or loss of insulation. Endurance Voltage is based on the inherent properties of the optocoupler and is not based on a Regulatory Agency guideline or the equipment application.

\* Examples of Safety Agencies are UL in USA, VDE in Germany, and CSA in Canada.



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Some factors affecting insulation and operating life include input and output biases, applied input-output voltage, temperature, humidity, moisture, mechanical stress and exposure to a variety of chemical agents. For determining the use of an optocoupler in a particular equipment, a designer should consult the regulatory guidelines and the appropriate Working Voltage for that application. For proper use, the Endurance Voltage of an optocoupler must be equal to or greater than the Working Voltage.

### Description of the Avago Internal Input-Output Voltage Stress Study

The objectives for the optocoupler input-output voltage stress tests conducted at Avago included determining which temperature is the worst case temperature for partial discharge related wear-out, establishing data bases for demonstration data to extract ac and dc Endurance Voltages, and voltage and temperature acceleration factors. The following table shows the stress cells that were set up with combinations of temperatures and voltages to satisfy these objectives.

The cells at room temperature and 85°C were intended for the demonstration data base and the cells at 100°C and above were intended for determining the acceleration factors. The cells at 2000 Vac, -40°C were used to test whether room temperature or -40°C cell was the worst case and then to profile data at this temperature.

**Table 1. Stress Cell Matrix**

|          | -40°C | Room Temp. (25°C) | 85°C | 100°C | 125°C | 150°C |
|----------|-------|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1000 Vac |       | ✓                 | ✓•   |       | ✓     | ✓     |
| 1500 Vac | ✓     |                   |      |       |       |       |
| 1800 Vac |       | ✓                 |      |       |       |       |
| 2000 Vac | ✓     |                   |      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     |
| 2500 Vac | ✓     | ✓                 |      |       |       |       |
| 3000 Vac | ✓     |                   |      |       | ✓     | ✓     |
| 3800 Vac |       |                   |      |       |       | ✓     |
| 4000 Vac | ✓     | ✓                 |      |       |       |       |
| 5000 Vac |       | ✓                 |      |       |       |       |
| 2000 Vdc |       |                   | ✓•   |       | ✓•    | ✓•    |
| 2500 Vdc |       |                   |      |       |       | ✓•    |
| 3000 Vdc |       |                   | ✓•   |       |       |       |
| 4000 Vdc |       |                   |      |       | ✓•    |       |
| 5000 Vdc |       | ✓                 |      |       |       | ✓•    |

- ✓ Indicates that a high-voltage stress test was conducted for a group of optocouplers.
- Indicates cells with input and output operating biases.

Only 8-pin P-DIP (7.62 mm wide), and SO-8 plastic optocouplers were used in the input-output high-voltage stress tests. The test units consisted of optocoupler and solid state relay samples from several product families. Refer to Figures 1, 2, and 3 for a full list of products that were subjected to these tests. In general, test units were conditioned prior to stress with a solder dip, 500 temperature cycles and 96 hours of pressure pot sequence. The SO-8 surface mount optocouplers were assembled on ceramic carriers and sent through an infra-red solder reflow process. The intent of the conditioning was to accelerate the aging of the optocoupler that would otherwise occur through its normal operating life.

### Summary of Results of Input-Output High-Voltage Stress Tests

**Input-Output Voltage-ac** The insulation failure rate of optocouplers caused by partial discharge related wear-out was worse at -40°C than at room and higher temperatures. The -40°C wear out is accelerated by at least a factor of three over room temperature tests at the high-voltages.

There was no evidence of systematic parametric drift due to ac input-output voltage found in the cells without operating bias. The failure rate with an operating bias is only slightly higher than for the test without the operating bias.

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The ac Endurance Voltage was set by the results of tests at -40°C as this condition defined the worst case. No failures occurred in all of the 1000 Vac stress cells for the full length of each test group. Some 1000 Vac stress tests were over 15,000 hours.

### Input-Output Voltage-dc

The failure rate for dc input-output voltage stress is greater at high temperatures than at low temperatures. All the dc stress tests were conducted with an operating bias. No failures occurred in the 85°C, 2000 Vdc and 3000 Vdc cells for the entire test periods. Some of these cells were stressed over 5000 hours.

### Recommended Operating Areas

Based on the high-voltage stress study conducted at Avago, Endurance Voltage boundaries, and safe operating areas have been drawn up for different Avago optocouplers. Figures 1, 2, and 3 show the recommended operating areas for input-output voltages that can be applied for three categories of Avago optocouplers. Referring to Figures 1, 2, and 3, the safe operating region below 800 Vac is applicable for long-term continuous high-voltage stress. The safe operating region above 800 Vac is applicable only for transient voltages. The X-axis on these figures shows the maximum cumulative time that can be applied for the high-voltage stress. Exceeding this maximum cumulative time may cause either the optocoupler's insulation or its electrical functionality to fail. The safe operating region guidelines are applicable when the optocoupler is used under normal conditions in a pollution free environment and within the maximum operating conditions. This includes operating the optocoupler within its specified ambient temperature range.

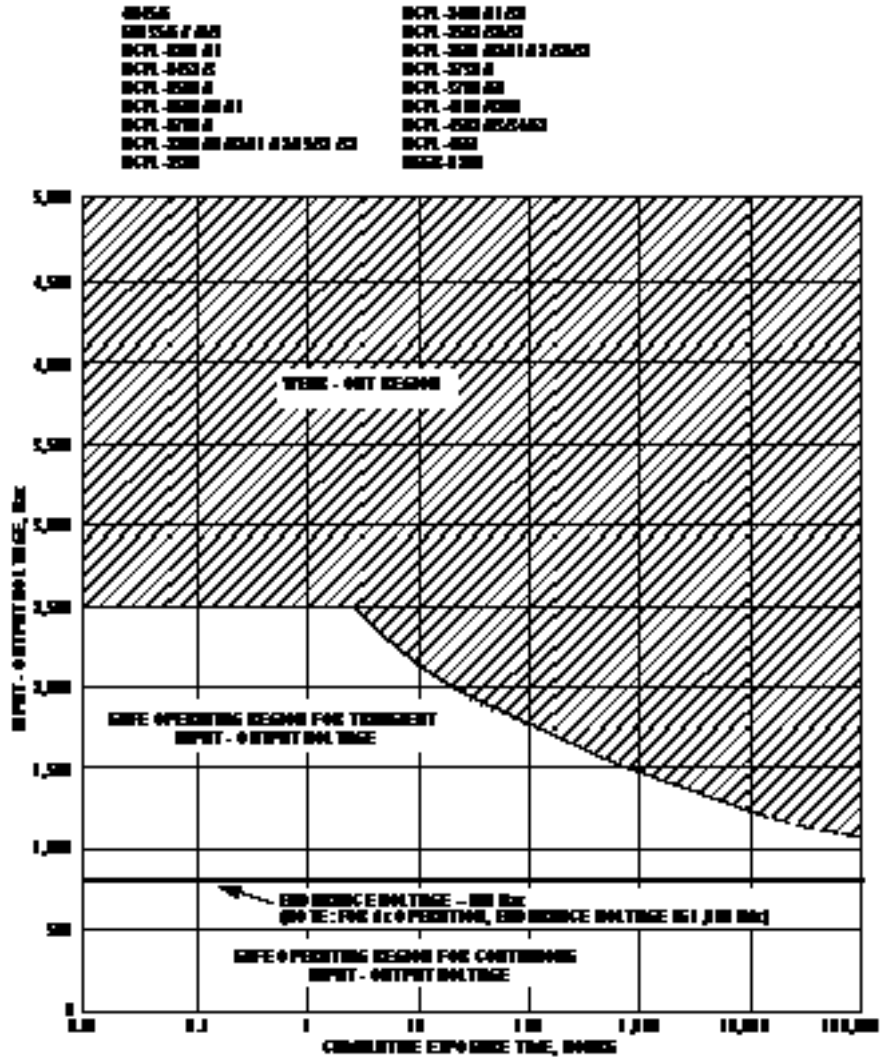


Figure 1. Recommended Safe Operating Area for Input-Output Voltage-Endurance Voltage for Category 1 Optocouplers.

Although the Avago time-to-failure tests were conducted at various temperature and voltage stress combinations after conditioning the test units to simulate end use with temperature cycling, solder processing and exposure to humidity, the test environment was relatively clean, where no condensation, precipitation or accumulation of corrosive or conductive material was expected. Consequently, the Endurance Voltage is primarily an indicator of internal characteristics. For the use of an optocoupler in specific equip-

ment and environment, refer to the appropriate Safety Agencies such as UL and VDE for standards that determine the maximum allowable input-output voltages as defined by the Working Voltage. These standards generally consider attributes such as arc track resistance, corrosion resistance, and physical dimensions (creepage and clearance) for determining the Working Voltage and the maximum transient input-output voltages.

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The Endurance Voltage defines a stable region for operation. Operation within this region for input-output voltage and within the other recommended operating parameters, allows the optocoupler to maintain the performance specified within its data sheet. Operation above the optocoupler Endurance Voltage region may result in damage leading to failure of the optocoupler either in insulation or in electrical functioning.

Temperature is another key factor for operating life. The insulating materials within Avago plastic optocouplers are organic polymers and one would expect that an Arrhenius relationship exists between insulation life and temperature. However, the temperature characteristics are such that the life time of the optocoupler does not appear to be limited by the temperature induced insulation failures if the optocoupler is operated within the Endurance Voltage. This appears to be the case within the recommended operating region. But due to the construction of the optocoupler, a worst case condition exists at the coldest operating temperature that, in turn, defines the maximum acceptable ac Endurance Voltage.

### Conclusion

Technical data specified on an Avago optocoupler is valid at the time of shipment from Avago's factory, or at the beginning of product life. Just like any semiconductor product, an optocoupler can potentially have some parameters degrade over the life of the product even though the optocoupler continues to be functional. The circuit designer who uses an optocoupler must consider any parameter that is likely to degrade over the prod-

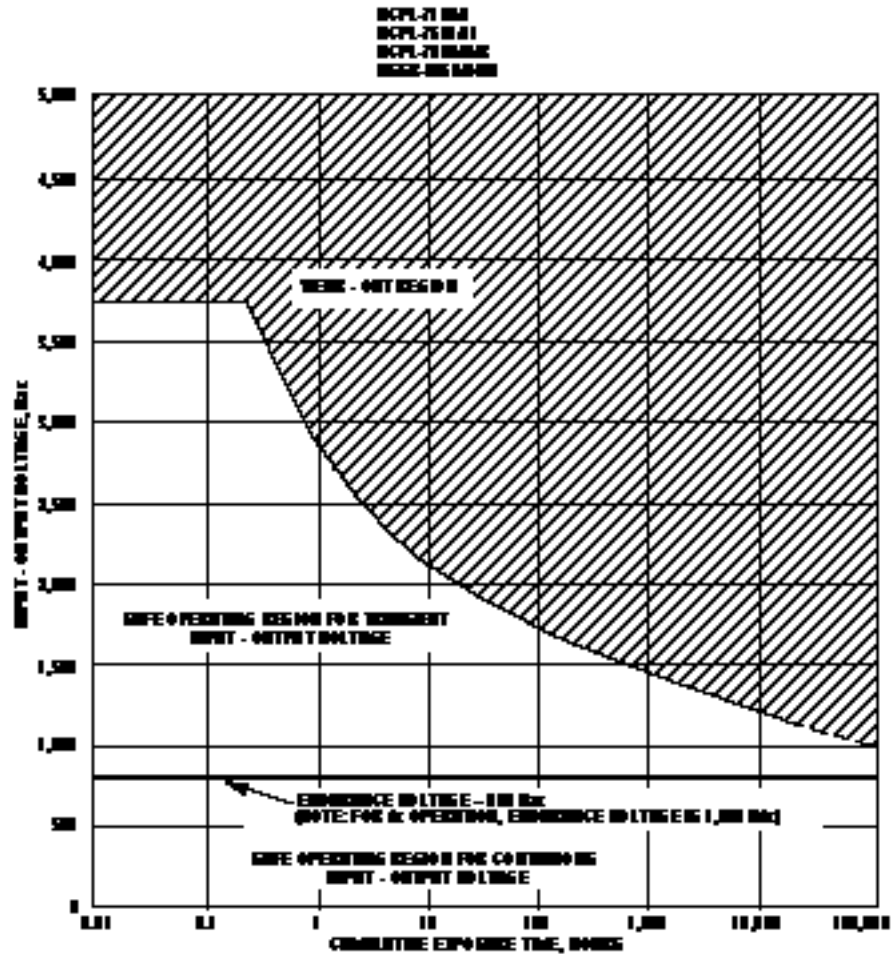


Figure 2. Recommended Safe Operating Area for Input-Output Voltage-Endurance Voltage for Category 2 Optocouplers.

uct life, and must design sufficient margin so that the optocoupler still functions. This application note specifically addresses the insulation capability of an optocoupler as measured by a term called Endurance Voltage. The Endurance Voltage of an optocoupler is defined as the maximum voltage that can be applied between the input and output of an optocoupler for extended periods of time without causing functional failure of the optocoupler. By following the Endurance Voltage guidelines shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3, the opto-

coupler can be operated normally for its useful life without unduly increasing the risk of insulation or electrical failure.

