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Overcurrent Protection for Industrial Automation

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eFuse – Electronic Fuses



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Protected eRelay and eFuse



Showcases three eFuses for industrial applications:

- NIS5020/NIS3320 Relay Replacement
- NIS5021 Motor Protection
- NIS4461 Power Supply Protection

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GND

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Voltage

Clamp

dV/dt

Control

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Demo description

Innovation

Showcasing eFuse as replacement of traditional fuses as well as relays for industrial automation applications with inbuilt overcurrent, overvoltage, inrush current and over temperature protection in a smaller footprint with faster response and no SOA concerns.

Value Proposition

All the protection features along with programmability as well as fault reporting capability ensures unconditional safety with no SOA concerns.

- ✓ Unconditional safety
- ✓ Programmability
- ✓ Ultra fast response to faults
- ✓ Fault reporting and diagnostics
- ✓ Easy installation
- ✓ Small footprint
- ✓ Ability to synchronize or sequence power up/down





eFuse vs PTC Comparison



The eFuse (left) responds much quicker then the PTC (right), preventing the input rail from sagging during a fault.



eFuse vs Relay Comparison



The eFuse (left) has a controlled and adjustable slew rate, reducing inrush current. The relay (right) produces noise and chatters, resulting in power loss.



eFuse in Motor Protection

- eFuses can be used for motor protection providing protections as well as diagnostics.
- In a locked rotor condition or with partially jammed shaft, the motor enters an overcurrent condition causing the eFuse to trip and shutdown the motor.
- A microcontroller is easily integrated to both read the status of the eFuse and control its output of eFuse.
- Once the fault or jam has been cleared, a signal can be sent to power the eFuse back on.



In additional to current limiting other protection features provided by the eFuse are:

- Over voltage clamping
- Under voltage lock out
- Fault reporting capabilities
- Diagnostics
- Controlled output slew

