# SURGE PROTECTIVE DEVICES

## Protecting Your Electronics **\*\*** Protecting Your Home

The 2020 National Electrical Code now requires Surge Protective Devices in new or renovated homes. Learn how these devices protect your home and your electronics.

What is a Surge?

A power surge is a brief **overvoltage event** that can **damage** electrical devices and is a common cause for failure of electrical equipment.

#### SURGES CAN DAMAGE AND REDUCE THE LIFESPAN OF:









**HEATING & AIR** CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

**WASHERS & DRYERS** 

WATER HEATERS

**RANGES &** REFRIGERATORS

LIGHTING

ENTERTAINMENT **SYSTEMS** 

According to the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the average home has \$15,000 worth of equipment that can be damaged by surge.

### **Common Causes of Surge:**

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 80% OF SURGES ARE CAUSED BY INTERNAL SOURCES.



#### Internal Sources

LARGE APPLIANCES TURNING ON/OFF



**FAULTY WIRING OR LOOSE CONNECTIONS** 



**OVERLOADED CIRCUITS, SHORT CIRCUITS, OR GROUND FAULTS** 



**POWER RECOVERY** 

## External Sources



LIGHTNING



**DAMAGE TO POWER LINES** 



**UTILITY POWER GRID SWITCHING** 

## NEW 2020 NATIONAL **ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIREMENTS**

All new and renovated homes are **required** to be protected by Listed and Approved Type 1 or Type 2 Surge Protective Devices.

### Type 1

Permanently connected Surge

Protective Device. Protects against external and internal surges. May be installed inside or outside the home



Type 2

Permanently connected Surge

Protective Device installed in, or next to, breaker box. Protects against internal and external surges.



#### **Extra Protection**

Type 3

**Point of use** Surge Protective Device. Must be used in conjunction with Type 1 or Type 2 SPD to meet 2020 code requirements.



Use Type 1, 2, and 3 SPDs for the best level of protection.









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