

## **Power line chokes**

## Cautions and warnings

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- Please note the recommendations in our Inductors data book (latest edition), online catalogs and in the data sheets.
  - Particular attention should be paid to the derating curves, if given. Derating applies in the case the ambient temperature in application exceeds the rated temperature of the component.
  - Ensure the operation temperature of the component in application not to exceed the maximum specified value or the upper climatic category temperature.
  - The soldering conditions should also be observed. Temperatures quoted in relation to wave soldering refer to the pins only. Temperatures specified in relation to reflow soldering can also refer to the pins or terminals for products with larger thermal mass, as in such cases, the temperature difference to the top of the component is too big (e.g., high proportion of core within the component).
- If the components are to be washed varnished it is necessary to check whether the washing varnish agent that is used has a negative effect on the wire insulation, any plastics that are used, or on glued joints. It is possible for washing varnish agent residues to have a negative effect in the long-term on wire insulation.

Washing processes may damage the product due to the possible static or cyclic mechanical loads (e.g., ultrasonic cleaning). They may cause cracks to develop on the product and its parts, which might lead to reduced reliability or lifetime.

- The following points must be observed if the components are potted, sealed, or varnished in customer applications:
  - Many potting, sealing, or varnishing materials shrink as they harden. They therefore exert a pressure on the plastic housing or core. This pressure can have a deleterious effect on electrical properties, and in extreme cases can damage the core or plastic housing mechanically.
  - It is necessary to check whether the potting, sealing or varnishing materials used attack or destroy the wire insulation, plastics, or glue.
  - The effect of the potting, sealing, or varnishing materials may change the high-frequency behavior of the components.
- Magnetic core materials such as ferrites are sensitive to direct impact. This can cause the core material to flake or lead to breakage of the magnetic core material.
- Any type of tension or pressure on the product may result in damage and affect its functionality and reliability.
  - The products are only to be attached to fixings or mounting holes provided for this purpose in accordance with the data sheet.
  - If additional mechanical forces are applied to the component, e.g., application of gap pads, it is necessary to check whether they attack or destroy any part of the component.
  - It is not permitted for the product specified in the data sheet to assume a mechanical function in the final application.
- Inductance value can drop if external metallic or magnetic parts will be put close to the coil or into the air gap of the coil or core or magnetic material.
- Even for customer-specific products, conclusive validation of the component in the circuit can only be carried out by the customer.

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