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Warning: Counterfeit Power Semiconductors

Attention: ABB Semiconductors' Customers

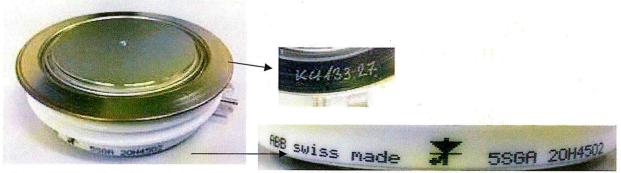
Please be aware that counterfeit power semiconductors frequently appear on the market. Although marked with the ABB brand name and device serial number, these counterfeits are not ABB-made originals, and the performance of such "fake" devices may heavily differ from the original product. This can lead to malfunction of the counterfeit semiconductors, ranging from short circuits up to severe explosions of the ceramic housings with consequent damage to the whole system.

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For your reference, the pictures below provide an example of how ABB affixes its brand name and serial numbers on original ABB semiconductor devices.



Original ABB semiconductor device with printed ABB brand name and engraved device serial number

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Important: In case of doubt regarding the authenticity of a semiconductor device bearing the ABB brand or serial number(s), please take a photo of the suspected device showing the marking and serial number and contact us or your nearest official distributor immediately. We will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

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